

Council Members

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Council Chambers
C. E. "Red" McDaniel City Services Center- Second Floor
3111 Citizens Way, Columbus, GA 31906

August 25, 2026
5:30 PM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen, III, Presiding

INVOCATION: Offered by Pastor Carlos Coleman, New Birth Outreach

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Joell Copeland from Kendrick High School

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the August 11, 2026, Council Meeting and Executive Session.

PROCLAMATIONS:

2. **Proclamation:** Steve Brown Day

Receiving: Steve Brown

3. **Proclamation:** International Overdose Awareness Day

Receiving: River City Recovery

PRESENTATIONS:

4. Youth Advisory Council – Presented by Lisa Goodwin, Deputy City Manager

5. Oakland Park Community Emergency Response Team, Chance Corbet, Director of Emergency Management & Homeland Security

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **1st Reading:** REZN-04-26-0739: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **6909 Buena Vista Road** (parcel # 115-008-029) from Single Family Residential – 2 (SFR2) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.)(Delayed 30 days on 1st Reading from 6-9-26, delayed again for 30 days on 1st Reading 7-14-26.)(Councilor Tucker)
2. **1st Reading:** An Ordinance approving a policy concerning Domain/Website purchasing and use as Addendum 7 to the Acceptable and Supportable use of Technology Policy Number 210-1000-004. (Mayor Pro-Tem)
3. **1st Reading:** An ordinance (i) amending the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for General Government Employees and the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for Employees of the Department of Public Safety to reduce the vesting schedule for active participants, add benefit accruals for up to 40 Years of Service, and reduce mandatory contributions for employees hired after July 1, 2012, and (ii) amending the Columbus, Georgia Employees' Deferred Retirement Option Plan to remove the three-year suspension period for new participants. (Councilor Davis)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Mr. Carlton Brantley, representing Georgetown Subdivision, Re: Cat Colony Issue.
2. Dr. Natalie Nicole, representing Role Model Academy, Re: Community Concerns & Elected Accountability.
3. Mr. Lakeithon Coleman, Re: Request for a Public Park on 1st Avenue.
4. Ms. Kim Decker, Re: Transparency and Full Disclosure of "Secret Talks".
5. Mr. Val McGowan, Re: Zoning and Code Enforcement.
6. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Free-Speech Rights and Violations of the Open Records and Open Meetings Acts.

7. Mrs. Darlene Laird, Re: Response to Allegations Regarding Data Center Opposition.
8. Ms. Nargarina Burkley, Re: East Columbus – Forrest Road and Floyd Road Blight.
9. Mr. Gannon Harris, Re: Community Support.
10. Mr. Mick Etchison, Re: Natural Gas Pipeline Usage in Rural Areas of Columbus.
11. Mr. Corie Wilson, Re: Loitering Ordinance.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Acquisition of Property

Approval is requested to authorize the City Manager to execute a Real Estate Agreement for approximately 42.54 acres located at Cusseta Road and 10th Ave.

2. Columbus Airport Commission Funding Support

Approval is requested to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Columbus Airport Commission and the Development Authority to support the economic development activities at the airport and rescind Resolution No. 192-26.

3. Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement Between Columbus Consolidated Government and the Georgia State Historic Preservation Officer Regarding the Demolition of 2610 16th Avenue, Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia

Approval is requested to execute an amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Columbus Consolidated Government and the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) to extend the MOA timeline for the demolition of 2610 16th Avenue, which is contributing to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)-eligible expansion of the NRHP-listed Weracoba - St. Elmo Historic District.

4. Acceptance of a Sidewalk and Maintenance Easement Deed for Additional Right-of-Way Adjacent to Airport Thruway and Manchester Expressway

Approval is requested for an Easement Deed for Sidewalks from CGP COLUMBUS (AIRPORT) TB, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, being in that portion of Land Lot 55, 8th District, 3484.8 sq. ft. (.08 Acres), along and adjacent to Airport Thruway and Whitesville Road.

5. FY27 Inmate Capacity Agreement

Approval is requested to enter into an Inmate Capacity Agreement with the Georgia Department of Corrections for up to and including five-hundred and twenty eight (528) State inmates to be housed at the Muscogee County Prison.

6. DOJ FY 2026 Bridging Immigration-Related Deficits Experienced Nationwide (“BIDEN”) Program

Approval is requested for submission, acceptance, and expenditure of any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, a grant from the Department of Justice’s (DOJ) FY 2026 Bridging Immigration-Related Deficits Experienced Nationwide (BIDEN) Program, to increase investigations and prosecutions of crimes by individuals unlawfully present and drug/human trafficking cases.

PURCHASES

- A. Liberty Theater Electrical Work and Temporary Lighting
- B. 7 Yard Dump Truck for Public Works – Georgia Statewide Cooperative Contract Purchase
- C. One (1) F-450 Flatbed Dump Truck for Public Works - Georgia Statewide Cooperative Contract Purchase
- D. One (1) Water Truck 4,000 Gallon for Public Works – Omnia Partners Cooperative Contract Purchase
- E. One (1) New Way Viper 11 Yard Rear Loader Refuse Body for Public Works – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase
- F. One (1) D3 Bulldozer for Public Works – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase
- G. Contract Extension for Portable Toilet Rental and Service (Annual Contract) - RFB No. 20-0054
- H. Contract Extension for Leather Items (Annual Contract) - RFB No. 20-0013
- I. Fifteen (15) Z930 Zero Turn Mowers for Public Works – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase
- J. Three (3) Ford Explorers for State Court Solicitor – Georgia Statewide Cooperative Contract Purchase
- K. One (1) Mini Excavator for Public Works – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase
- L. One (1) Inmate Detail Van for Public Works – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase
- M. Amendment 22 for Construction Manager as General Contractor Services for Columbus Government Center Complex – RFQ No. 20-0002
- N. Custom Mobile Drone Command and Control Van for Fire & EMS

- O. (1) Purchase - Thirty-Eight (38) 2027 Ford Interceptors for the Police Department; (2) GMA Lease for Thirty-Eight (38) 2027 Ford Interceptors for the Police Department
- P. (1) Purchase - Thirty-Eight (38) Vehicle Buildout Packages for the Police Department; (2) GMA Lease for Thirty-Eight (38) Vehicle Buildout Packages for the Police Department
- Q. (1) Purchase - Vehicle Graphics for Thirty-Eight (38) Patrol Vehicles for the Police Department; (2) GMA Lease for Vehicle Graphics for Thirty-Eight (38) Patrol Vehicles for the Police Department
- R. (1) Purchase - Thirty-Eight (38) Hand-Held Electronic Citation/Summons Printers for the Police Department; (2) GMA Lease for Thirty-Eight (38) Hand-Held Electronic Citation/Summons Printers for the Police Department

BID ADVERTISEMENTS

DATE: August 25, 2026
TO: Mayor and Councilors
FROM: Finance Department
SUBJECT: Advertised Bids/RFPs/RFPs

September 2, 2026

1 Portable Toilet Rental and Service (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 26-0036

Scope of RFP

The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia (the City) is seeking vendors to provide portable toilets, hand washing stations, and grey water collection containers at various City location sites.

The contract will be for two (2) years with an option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods. Contract renewal shall be contingent upon the mutual agreement of the City and the Contractor.

2 Plumbing & Irrigation Supplies (Annual Contract) – RFB 27-0007

Scope of Bid

Columbus Consolidated Government to establish an annual contract with qualified vendors to provide plumbing & irrigation supplies on an “as needed basis”

The contract will be for two (2) years with an option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods. Contract renewal shall be contingent upon the mutual agreement of the City and the Contractor.

September 9, 2026

1 Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System – RFP No. 27-0008

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is seeking proposals from qualified vendors to provide a fully integrated Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system and related implementation services. The proposed system shall modernize financial, human resource, and administrative operations through a secure, scalable, and integrated solution.

2 Used & Confiscated Firearms for Credit or Swap – RFB No. 27-0004

Scope of Bid

The Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) Police Department is offering used and confiscated firearms for sale to a licensed firearms dealer who can issue a credit to purchase or swap for Heckler & Koch MR556 A4 SBR 11” Part No. 81001048 rifles with accessories.

September 23, 2026

1 Dragonfly Trail – River Road Segment (S.R. 219) – RFP No. 27-0006

Scope of Bid

This project consists of constructing a new trail beginning near Cascade Road in Columbus, Georgia. The trail will run south along River Road (SR 219) and continue west to the existing riverwalk at Lake Oliver Road. The project length is approximately 5,026 lf and includes a 10' wide concrete trail, pedestrian bridge, landscape improvements, stormwater improvements, and trail amenities. Additional work associated with the project includes minor demolition and clearing, erosion control, grading, and signage. Portions of the project are located on state right-of-way. A GDOT encroachment permit has been obtained by the City of Columbus. A dbf goal of 10% has been established for this project.

September 30, 2026

1 On-Call Plumbing Installation and Maintenance Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 27-0003

Scope of RFP

It is the intent of the Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) to establish an annual contract with a Primary and a Secondary contract to provide all labor, equipment and materials for on-call plumbing installation and maintenance services during normal business hours and after hours on an “as needed basis”, on all buildings and structures for Columbus Consolidated Government.

The contract will be for two (2) years with an option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods. Contract renewal shall be contingent upon the mutual agreement of the City and the Contractor.

2 On-Call Painting, Pressure Washing and Waterproofing Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 27-0004

Scope of RFP

It is the intent of the Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) to establish an annual contract with a qualified Primary and Secondary contractor to provide all labor, equipment and materials for the provision of on-call Painting, Pressure Washing, and Waterproofing Services for buildings and structures for Columbus Consolidated Government. on an as-needed basis.

The contract will be for two (2) years with an option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods. Contract renewal shall be contingent upon the mutual agreement of the City and the Contractor.

3 On-Call Electrical Installation and Maintenance Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 27-0009

Scope of RFP

It is the intent of the Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) to establish an annual contract with a Primary and a Secondary contractor to provide all labor, equipment and materials for the provision of on-call Electrical installation and maintenance services during normal business hours and after hours on an “as needed basis”, on all buildings and structures for Columbus Consolidated Government.

The contract will be for two (2) years with an option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods. Contract renewal shall be contingent upon the mutual agreement of the City and the Contractor.

4 On-Call Irrigation Installation and Maintenance Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 27-00010

Scope of RFP

It is the intent of the Columbus Consolidated Government (City) to establish an annual contract with a Primary and a Secondary contractor to provide all labor, equipment and materials to install/troubleshoot irrigation systems for on-call installation and maintenance services during normal business hours and after hours on an “as needed basis”, throughout the City.

The contract will be for two (2) years with an option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods. Contract renewal shall be contingent upon the mutual agreement of the City and the Contractor.

CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - INFORMATION ONLY

1. **Meeting Schedule:** Council Meeting Schedule for the remainder of 2026.

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

2. **Resignation:** Correspondence from Anna-Claire Daniels, resigning from her seat on the Animal Control Advisory Board.
3. **Resolution:** A Resolution excusing Councilor R. Walker Garrett from the August 25, 2026, Regular Council Meeting.

4. **Minutes of the following board:**

Board of Children & Family Services 07-22-26

Board of Elections and Registration 06-22-26

Board of Tax Assessors #29-26 & 30-26

Board of Water Commissioners 07-20-26

Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority 07-13-26 & 08-10-26

Development Authority of Columbus 07-09-26

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

5. **MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS – ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:**

- A. **AUDIT COMMITTEE:**

Vacant

Finance/Accounting or Governmental Rep.

Term Expires: June 30, 2027

Open for Nominations
(*Mayor’s Appointment*)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 2 Year Term Limit: 3

Meetings: Meets as needed.

Women: 1 Senatorial District 15:

Vacancies: 1 Senatorial District 29:

B. COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:

Vacant

Certified Public Accountant (CPA)

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Mayor's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year	Term Limit: 2
Meetings:	Monthly	
Women:	2	Senatorial District 15: 4
Vacancies:	1	Senatorial District 29: 5

C. PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES' BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Vacant

(Business Community)

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Mayor's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	4 Year	Term Limit: n/a
Meetings:	Monthly – 1 st Wednesday	
Women:	4	Senatorial District 15: 9
Vacancies:	1	Senatorial District 29: 2

6. NOMINATIONS – CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL:

A. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (BHAR):

Vacant

Uptown Business Association

Term Expires: January 31, 2029

Open for Nominations
(Confirmed by Council)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year	Term Limit: 2
Meetings:	Monthly – 2 nd Monday	
Women:	4	Senatorial District 15: 6
Vacancies:	2	Senatorial District 29: 2

7. **COUNCIL DISTRICT SEAT APPOINTMENTS- ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:**

A. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:

Vacant

Term Expired: March 27, 2026

Open for Nominations
(District 1 – Barnes)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 3 Year (Mayor Appts); 2 Year (Council Appts) Term Limit: 2

Meetings: Quarterly – 2nd Thursday (March, June, September & December)

Women: 3 Senatorial District 15: 7

Vacancies: 2 Senatorial District 29: 4

B. PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:

Vacant

Term Expired: October 31, 2026

Open for Nominations
(District 2 – Davis)

Vacant

Term Expired: October 31, 2028

Open for Nominations
(District 3 – Huff)

Vacant

Term Expired: October 31, 2026

Open for Nominations
(District 4 – Tucker)

Vacant

Term Expired: October 31, 2028

Open for Nominations
(District 5 – Crabb)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 3 Year Term Limit: 2

Meetings: Monthly – 3rd Thursday

Women: 1 Senatorial District 15: 5

Vacancies: 4 Senatorial District 29: 2

8. **COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – ANY NOMINATIONS WOULD BE LISTED FOR THE NEXT MEETING:**

A. BOARD OF HEALTH:

Yasmine Cathright

Not Eligible

Term Expires: December 31, 2025

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 5 Year Term Limit: 2

Meetings: Monthly – 4th Wednesday

Women: 4 Senatorial District 15: 0

Vacancies: 1 Senatorial District 29: 5

B. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

Vacant

Term Expires: March 24, 2027

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 2 Year Term Limit: n/a

Meetings: As needed.

Women: 1 Senatorial District 15: 1

Vacancies: 1 Senatorial District 29: 3

C. NEW HORIZONS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH – MENTAL HEALTH, ADDICTIVE DISEASES AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES- COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARD:

Sandra Gill

Does not desire reappointment

Term Expired: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Nancy Schroeder

Does not desire reappointment

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Judge David Ranieri

Open for Nominations

Does not desire reappointment
Term Expired: June 30, 2025

(Council's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year	Term Limit: n/a
Meetings:	Monthly – 2nd Monday	
Women:	2	Senatorial District 15: 3
Vacancies:	0	Senatorial District 29: 1

D. PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:

Vacant
(Alternate Member 1)
Term expires: December 31, 2027

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Vacant
(Alternate Member 2)
Term expires: December 31, 2027

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Vacant
(Alternate Member 3)
Term expires: December 31, 2027

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Delano Leftwich
Not Eligible
(Alternate Member 4)
Term expired: December 31, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year	Term Limit: 2
Meetings:	Monthly – 3rd Wednesday	
Women:	4	Senatorial District 15: 2
Vacancies:	4	Senatorial District 29: 4

E. REGION SIX REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH & DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES:

Dr. Janet C. Bussey
Does not desire reappointment
Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year	Term Limit:	2
Meetings:	Bimonthly – 2nd Wednesday (Odd months)		
Women:	4	Senatorial District 15:	3
Vacancies:	0	Senatorial District 29:	1

F. TREE BOARD:

Vacant
(At-Large)
Term expires: December 31, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Vacant
(At-Large)
Term expires: December 31, 2028

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Vacant
(At-Large)
Term expires: December 31, 2028

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Vacant
(Residential Development)
Term expires: December 31, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Vacant
(Commercial or Industrial Development)
Term expires: December 31, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Vacant
(Public Utility Representative)
Term expires: July 1, 2028

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year	Term Limit: 2
Meetings:	Meets as needed.	
Women:	4	Senatorial District 15: 4
Vacancies:	6	Senatorial District 29: 1

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