

Council Members

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

December 16, 2025
5:30 PM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S A G E N D A

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III, Presiding

INVOCATION: Offered by Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Skip Henderson

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the December 9, 2025, Council Meeting and Executive Session.

PROCLAMATIONS

2. **Proclamation:** Retirement of K-9 Frog

Receiving: Assistant Chief Lance Deaton, Columbus Police Department

PRESENTATIONS

3. Columbus Airport Update – Presented by Amber Clark, Columbus Airport Director

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **2nd Reading-** REZN-08-25-1511: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **6839 Mitchell Drive** (parcel # 013-014-009A) from Single Family Residential - 2 (SFR2) Zoning District to Single Family Residential – 4 (SFR4) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.)(Continued on 2nd Reading from 10-28-25) (Councilor Tucker)
2. **2nd Reading-** REZN-10-25-1930: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **2047 Cusseta Road** (parcel # 041-003-003) from Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2) Zoning District to Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Cogle)
3. **2nd Reading-** REZN-10-25-1931: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **2361 South Lumpkin Road** (parcel # 059-053-001) from Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Cogle)
4. **2nd Reading-** REZN-10-25-1941: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **4454 Warm Springs Road** (parcel # 083-028-031) from General Commercial (GC) Zoning District to Light Manufacturing/ Industrial (LMI) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Crabb)
5. **2nd Reading-** REZN-10-25-2079: An ordinance amending various provisions in the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) for Columbus, Georgia pertaining to Single Family Detached structures; and for other purposes. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Mayor Pro-Tem)
6. **2nd Reading-** REZN-11-25-1962: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **100-800 Havenbrook Court** (parcel #040-016-006/7/8/9/010/011/012/013) from Light Manufacturing/ Industrial (LMI) Zoning District to Residential Office (RO) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Cogle)
7. **2nd Reading-** REZN-07-25-1260: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **8828 Veterans Parkway and 4885 Charleston Way** (parcel # 079-002-002A) from Planned Unit Development (PUD) Zoning District to Planned Unit Development (PUD) Zoning District with conditions. (Planning Department recommends approval with conditions. PAC recommends denial.)(Amended on 12-9-25) (Mayor Pro-Tem)

8. **2nd Reading-** An Ordinance amending the budgets for the Fiscal Year 2025 by appropriating amounts in each fund for various operational activities. (Final Amendment)(Budget Review Committee)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Mr. Val McGowan, Re: Afterschool Support for At-Risk Youth
2. Ms. Monica Whatley, Re: De-ICE the New Runway This Winter – Columbus Airport, the Nation’s 9th Busiest ICE Air Hub is Not Safe for Immigrants.
3. Ms. Amy Spencer, Re: Concerns About the Use of the Columbus Airport by ICE.
4. Mr. Howard Turner, Re: What Artificial Intelligence Has Discovered About CCG, CPD and MCSO Regarding Practices and Leadership.
5. Mr. Timothy Veals, Re: The Responsibility of Property Owners to Maintain Their Properties.
6. Mr. Brandon Wilkins, Re: Elevating Public Communication Efforts.
7. Dr. Natalie Nicole, representing Role Model Academy, Re: Public Trust and the Allocation of Leadership Attention
8. Mr. Steve Kelly, Re: Explanation of Strong Mayor/Weak Mayor Form of Government and Why it Matters.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. **Fort Benning Technology Park Tax Allocation District Fund Grant – Newman’s Crossing**

Approval to grant up to \$3,317,340.29 from the Fort Benning Technology Park TAD Fund to provide for infrastructure improvements and financing to provide single-family residential units to a blighted area located at 988 Farr Road.

2. **PURCHASES**

- A. Contract Extension for Post-Accident Drug Screening: After-Hours, Weekends, Holidays
- B. Trolley Bus Refurbishment Services for Metra - Washington State Bus Cooperative Contract Purchase
- C. Repair of 18 Yard Dump Truck for Public Works

3. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Alma Thomas House Update - Elizabeth Walden, Historic Columbus
- B. Comprehensive Pay Update for Elected Officials - Angelica Alexander, Director, Finance
- C. Finance Update - Angelica Alexander, Director, Finance

BID ADVERTISEMENT

DATE: December 16, 2025

TO: Mayor and Councilors

FROM: Finance Department

SUBJECT: Advertised Bids/RFPs/RFQs

December 19, 2025

1. Aerial Ground Ladder and Apparatus Pumps Inspection & Testing Services (Annual Contract) - RFB No. 26-0010

Scope of RFB

Provide aerial and ground ladder inspection and testing services to the Columbus Consolidated Government Fire and EMS Department. This specification applies to all fire apparatus equipped with a fire pump and outlines the procedures for annual pump testing, including requirements for equipment, site selection, test procedures, and documentation.

The contract period shall be for two (2) years, with the option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods.

2. 24ft Rolling Scaffolding for METRA- RFB 26-0014

Scope of RFB

METRA Transit System in Columbus, Georgia is seeking bids for one (1) Heavy-Duty 24' Rolling Maintenance Scaffolding in order to perform rooftop maintenance and access on large transit buses. The large transit buses are 30', 35' and 40' in length. The scaffolding must also be able to provide rooftop access to electric bus batteries for the purpose of maintenance and replacement.

3. Muscogee County Board of Elections & Registration Voting Equipment Delivery Services (Re-Bid) (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 26-0010

Scope of RFP

Muscogee County Board of Elections and Registration is seeking proposals from qualified moving firms to deliver voting equipment to voting sites before the scheduled election events, and to retrieve the same equipment after the election event. The election schedule consists of up to five

election events in a presidential election cycle, up to four election events in a mid-term election cycle, and the possibility of special elections in odd-numbered years. Deliveries vary from county-wide (25 precincts) to district elections (as few as five) based on the type of election.

Note: The first election expected to be serviced under this contract, if awarded, will be May, 2026.

The contract term shall be for two (2) years with the option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods.

January 14, 2026

1. Dump Truck Rental (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 25-0025

Scope of RFB

Provide rental of tandem dump trucks, **with operator**, on an “as needed” basis, with a requested availability of six (6) trucks (minimum) at all times, swing gate and lift gate compatible. The trucks will be used by the Public Works Department for various projects, and will be awarded to both a Primary Contractor, and a Secondary Contractor. The contract term will be for two (2) years, with the option to renew for three additional twelve-month periods.

CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - INFORMATION ONLY

1. 2026 Council Meeting Schedule - (*NOTE: The meeting schedule is subject to change by resolution, with notice given as required under the Georgia Open Meetings Act.*)

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

2. Resolution – A Resolution excusing the absence of Councilor Toyia Tucker from the December 16, 2025, Council Meeting.
3. **Minutes of the following boards:**
 - Board of Tax Assessors #37-25
 - Board of Tax Assessors #41-25
 - Board of Zoning Appeals 02-05-20
 - Board of Zoning Appeals 11-04-20
 - Board of Zoning Appeals 12-02-20
 - Board of Zoning Appeals 08-04-21
 - Board of Zoning Appeals 09-01-21

Board of Zoning Appeals 03-02-22

Board of Zoning Appeals 04-06-22

Board of Zoning Appeals 05-04-22

Board of Zoning Appeals 11-02-22

Board of Zoning Appeals 07-05-23

Board of Zoning Appeals 09-06-23

Board of Zoning Appeals 10-04-23

Board of Zoning Appeals 08-07-24

Board of Zoning Appeals 09-04-24

Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board 09-11-25

Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board 11-13-25

Planning Advisory Commission 11-19-25

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

4. MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS – ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:

A. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

Vacant

Term Expired: March 24, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Mayor's Appointment)

Terms are two years. Meets as needed.

Women:	1
Senatorial District 15:	0
Senatorial District 29:	3
Vacancies:	2

B. PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES' BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Vacant
(Business Community)
Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Mayor's Appointment)

The terms are four years. Meets monthly.

Women: 4
Senatorial District 15: 9
Senatorial District 29: 2
Vacancies: 1

5. VOTE TABULATION: **NOTE: Carried over from the December 9, 2025, Council Meeting.*

A. BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS: At the November 18, 2025, Council Meeting two nominees were submitted for the seat of Wes Kelley (*Not Eligible*).

- **Councilor Anker nominated Brooks Yancey.**
- **Councilor Cogle nominated Ernie Smallman.**

(NOTE: Each member of Council will vote for one of the nominees submitted when their name is called. The nominee that receives the most votes will then be confirmed.)

6. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – READY FOR CONFIRMATION:

A. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (BHAR): Chris Henson was nominated to fill the vacant seat of the Historic District Preservation Society Representative. (*Councilor Cogle's nominee*) Term Expires: January 31, 2028

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

A. CIVIC CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:

Vacant
Term Expires: March 1, 2026

Open for Nominations
(District 9 – Anker)

The terms are three years. Meets quarterly.

Women: 3
Senatorial District 15: 5
Senatorial District 29: 4
Vacancies: 3

B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:

Vacant

Term Expires: March 27, 2026

****NOTE: Nominee confirmed on November 4, 2025, does not reside in District 8.***

Open for Nominations
(District 8 – Garrett)

*The terms for the Mayor's Appointments are three years and Council's Appointments are two years.
Meets quarterly.*

Women: 4
Senatorial District 15: 7
Senatorial District 29: 1
Vacancies: 3

C. PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:

Paul T. Berry, III

Eligible

Term Expires: October 31, 2025

****Not interested in serving another term.***

Open for Nominations
(District 5 – Crabb)

Scott Taft

Not Eligible

Term Expires: October 31, 2025

Open for Nominations
(District 9 – Anker)

The terms are three years. Meets monthly.

Women: 3
Senatorial District 15: 4
Senatorial District 29: 3
Vacancies: 0

D. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:

District 9 Nominee: _____

8. APPOINTMENTS – CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL:

A. AIRPORT COMMISSION:

Art Guin

Does Not Desire Reappointment

Term Expires: December 31, 2025

Open for Nominations

(Commission's Nominee/Confirmed by Council)

(NOTE: On December 9, 2025, Council approved Resolution No. 395-25, requesting that the Airport Commission provide a nominee from Council's recommendations for each of the next three vacancies. This resolution has been forwarded to the Airport Commission.)

The Commission submits one (1) nominee for consideration and confirmation. Ordinance No. 11-23 removes the two-term limit previously in place for board members.

Terms are five years. Meets monthly.

Women: 1

Senatorial District 15: 3

Senatorial District 29: 2

Vacancies: 0

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

A. ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:

Vacant

(Georgia Veterinary Technician)

Term Expires: October 15, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Vacant

(Animal Rescue Shelter Representative)

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Term Expires: October 15, 2026
Recommendations are submitted by a licensed animal shelter.

The terms are two years. Meet as needed.

Women: 7
Senatorial District 15: 3
Senatorial District 29: 4
Vacancies: 3

B. BOARD OF HEALTH:

Yasmine Cathright

Not Eligible

Term Expires: December 31, 2025

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

The terms are five years. Meets monthly.

Women: 4
Senatorial District 15: 0
Senatorial District 29: 5
Vacancies: 1

C. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD:

Vacant

(Historic District Preservation Society Rep.)

Term Expires: January 31, 2028

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

**Councilor Cogle is nominating Chris Henson.*

The terms are three years. Meets monthly.

Women: 4
Senatorial District 15: 6
Senatorial District 29: 1
Vacancies: 2

D. LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:

Vacant

Term Expired: August 14, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Vacant

Term Expired: August 14, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

The terms are four years. Meets every other month.

Women: 5

Senatorial District 15: 7

Senatorial District 29: 4

Vacancies: 2

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

Judge David Ranieri

Does not desire reappointment

Term Expired: June 30, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

The terms are three years. Meets every other month.

Women: 2

Senatorial District 15: 3

Senatorial District 29: 1

Vacancies: 0

F. PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:

Yolanda Sumbry Sewell

Not Eligible

(Regular Member 4)

Term Expires: December 31, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

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 expires: December 31, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Vacant
(Alternate Member 5)
Term expires: December 31, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

The terms are three years. Meets monthly.

Women: 3
Senatorial District 15: 3
Senatorial District 29: 3
Vacancies: 4

G. UPTOWN FACADE BOARD:

Vacant
(Uptown Business Improvement District)
Term Expires: October 31, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Vacant
(Uptown Business Improvement District)
Term Expires: October 31, 2027

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Vacant
(Uptown Columbus)
Term Expires: October 31, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Terms are five years. Meets monthly.

Women: 4
Senatorial District 15: 3
Senatorial District 29: 3
Vacancies: 3

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