

Council Members

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

July 08, 2025
9:00 AM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S A G E N D A

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Youth Pastor Mitchell Harris, Pleasant Grove Baptist Church of Columbus, Georgia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Skip Henderson

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the June 17, 2025 Council Meeting and Executive Session.

PRESENTATIONS

2. Introduction of Missy Kendrick, President & CEO of Choose Columbus
– Selvin Hollingsworth, Chairman of the Development Authority of Columbus

CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **2nd Reading:** An Ordinance providing for the levy, assessment, and collection of taxes for the public school system of Columbus, Georgia; and for other purposes. (Budget Review Committee)
2. **1st Reading-** An Ordinance amending Chapter 14 pertaining to Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions of the Columbus Code to insert a code section 14-24 to provide for fees for lift assistance service calls made by the Columbus Department of Fire and Medical Emergency Services to licensed healthcare and affiliated facilities; to provide penalties for violations thereof; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)
3. **1st Reading-** An Ordinance amending the Columbus Code to add a new Article V to Chapter 11 to require safety standards pertaining to powered bicycles, powered mobility devices and storage batteries; and for other purposes. (Councilor Cogle)

RESOLUTIONS

4. A Resolution updating the Travel Policy for members of the Columbus, Georgia Council. (Councilor Tucker)

PUBLIC AGENDA

Last Application Received: July 3, 2025, 1:39 p.m. (Online)

1. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, Re: Political Shenanigans, Staff Appreciation, and Uplifting the East Wynnton Campaign.
2. Mr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: Attorney Fees Paid for by Taxpayers.
3. Miss. Ashlee Williams, Re: Unanswered Questions, Unethical Use of Power and Mismanagement of Money.
4. Mrs. Kathryn Bailey, Re: Corruption.
5. Mr. Tim Mason, Re: PAWS Humane Animal Control Services.
6. Mr. Randy Foster, Re: PAWS Humane Animal Control Services.
7. Mr. Gregory Foster, representing the Chatham Woods Neighborhood Association, Re: Department of Inspections and Code.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Service Agreement with Public Consulting Group, LLC

Approval is requested to enter into a three-year agreement with Public Consulting Group to facilitate a managed care reimbursement program for Columbus Fire & EMS. The City will pay 10% of any supplemental Medicaid payments received as a result of PCG's efforts. There are no upfront fees or costs if no reimbursement is secured.

2. GA Medicaid Fee for Service – Ground Ambulance Upper Payment Limit – Supplemental Payment Program

Approval is requested to participate in the Georgia Medicaid Fee for Service Upper Payment Limit Supplemental Payment Program and authorize the payment of service fees via intergovernmental transfer (IGT) to the State of Georgia, as required, based on formulaic calculations derived by the Department of Community Health (DCH). The required amount will be a percentage of the total payment based on the Medicaid federal match rate. The DCH will notify the city of the IGT amount required. Upon receipt of the IGT by the State of Georgia, DCH will draw federal matching funds and make the full Medicaid supplemental payment to the city.

3. Flint Energies Foundation Grant

Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$410,465.35 or as otherwise awarded from the Flint Energies Foundation grant program, to help fund the purchase of a public safety robot, Spot. There are no matching funds required.

4. PURCHASES

- A. Fuel Purchases for Fiscal Year 2026
- B. Federal and State Mandated Fees for Fiscal Year 2026
- C. Vehicle Buildout Services for the Sheriff's Office
- D. Contract Amendment for NeoGov Application Management Tracking System for Human Resources
- E. Amendment 21 for Construction Manager as General Contractor Services for Columbus Government Center Complex - RFQ No. 20-0002

EMERGENCY PURCHASES

- 1. Information Only: Exigent "Off the Lot" Vehicle Purchases – Resolution No. 354-24

5. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Safe Streets 4 All – Alex Henry, Benesch
- B. South Lumpkin Road Improvements – Kathy Stallard, Heath-Linebeck
- C. Cooper Creek Study - Jeff Keefe, Moon Meeks and Associates, Inc, Binita Shrestha, Waggoner Engineering

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

1. Minutes of the following boards:

Board of Tax Assessors, #19-25

Board of Tax Assessors, #20-25

Board of Tax Assessors, #21-25

Board of Tax Assessors, #22-25

Board of Water Commissioners, 05.12.25

Columbus Airport Commission, 04.23.25

Columbus Airport Commission, 05.28.25

Columbus Golf Authority, 02.11.25

Columbus Golf Authority, 03.25.25

Columbus Golf Authority, 05.28.25

Columbus Iron Works Convention & Trade Center Authority, 05.22.25

Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners, 05.21.25

New Horizons Community Service Board, 05.12.25

Pension Fund, Employees Board of Trustees, 01.08.25

Pension Fund, Employees Board of Trustees, 02.12.25

Pension Fund, Employees Board of Trustees, 03.12.25

ADD-ON: A resolution excusing the absence of Councilor R. Walker Garrett from the July 8, 2025, Council Meeting.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

A. COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:

New Member
(Certified Public Accountant)

Open for Nominations
(Mayor’s Appointment)

New Member
(Law Enforcement Representative)
Ex Officio/Non-Voting Member

Open for Nominations
(Mayor’s Appointment)

The terms are three years, with the terms beginning July 1, 2025, and the term expiration of the first appointments being staggered pursuant to Ordinance 25-011.

Women: 1
Senatorial District 15: 1
Senatorial District 29: 3
Vacancies: 11

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

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

A. **CIVIC CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:**

Johnson Trawick – *Not interested in serving*
Eligible to succeed
Term Expired: March 1, 2025

(District 8 – Garrett)

The terms are two years. Meets quarterly.

Women:	3
Senatorial District 15:	8
Senatorial District 29:	4
Vacancies:	0

B. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

Vacant
Term Expires: March 27, 2026

(District 1 – Hickey)

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

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

C. **YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

District 2 Nominee: _____
District 3 Nominee: _____
District 5 Nominee: _____
District 7 Nominee: _____

District 9 Nominee: _____

District 10 Nominee: _____

***Nomination(s):** *Councilor Davis is nominating Eli Davis from Calvary Christian School as his District 2 Representative.*

4. DESIGNATED SEATS – NOMINATIONS ARE CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL:

A. BOARD OF ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION:

U.D. Roberts

(Republican Party Representative)

Term Expires: December 31, 2025

Muscogee County Republican Party's Nomination

(Confirmed by Council)

***Nomination(s):** *Mr. U.D. Roberts is being renominated to continuing serving as the Republican Party Representative.*

The terms are four years. Ordinance No. 11-023 removes the limitation of two full consecutive terms for this board. Meets monthly.

Women: 3

Senatorial District 15: 2

Senatorial District 29: 3

Vacancies: 0

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

A. DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

Vacant

Term Expired: August 15, 2023

(Council's Appointment)

The terms are four years. Ordinance No. 11-23 removes the limitation of two full consecutive terms for this authority.

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

B. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:

Vacant
(Senatorial District 15)
Term Expires: June 30, 2027

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

The terms are three years. Meets every other month.

Women: 4
Senatorial District 15: 5
Senatorial District 29: 3
Vacancies: 2

C. 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

D. RETIREES' HEALTH BENEFITS COMMITTEE:

Thomas Barron

Not Eligible

Term Expired: June 30, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

The term of the Mayor's appointee is two years. The terms of Council's appointees are four years. Meets once a month.

Women: 4

Senatorial District 15: n/a

Senatorial District 29: n/a

Vacancies: 0

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