

Council Members

R. Gary Allen
Charmaine Crabb

Travis L. Chambers
Glenn Davis

Byron Hickey
Bruce Huff

R. Walker Garrett
Toyia Tucker

Judy W. Thomas
Joanne Cogle

Clerk of Council
Sandra T. Davis



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

February 11, 2025
9:00 AM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Pastor Wayne Anthony, St. Peter UMC of Columbus, Georgia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Skip Henderson

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the January 28, 2025, Council Meeting and Executive Session.

PUBLIC HEARING

2. **PUBLIC HEARING:** HB581 – Intent to Opt-Out of Homestead Exemption. 9:00 a.m.

PRESENTATIONS

3. FY24 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report – David Irwin, External Auditor, Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC
4. Underserved and Inmate Healthcare Program Update – Bob Paskowski, Principal, PYA, P.C. and Jane Jerzack, Principal, PYA, P.C.
5. Columbus Police Department Update - Police Chief Stoney Mathis

6. Development Authority of Columbus Update - Selvin Hollingsworth, Chairman
7. Accountability Court – Dayna Soloman, Director of Accountability Courts
8. Transitional Audit Report for Inspection & Codes - Donna McGinnis, Internal Auditor/Compliance Officer

CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **2nd Reading-** REZN-10-24-2232: An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **1126 30th Street** (parcel # 029-013-001) from Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily - 1 (RMF1) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Garrett)
2. **2nd Reading-** REZN-11-24-2363- An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **425 3rd Avenue** (parcel #002-015-002) from Historic (HIST) Zoning District to Residential Office (RO) Zoning District with Conditions. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval with conditions.) (Councilor Cogle)
3. **2nd Reading-** REZN-11-24-2362: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **2311 Fort Benning Road** (parcel # 062-037-003) from General Commercial (GC) Zoning District to Residential Office (RO) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Cogle)
4. **1st Reading-** REZN-12-24-2485: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **3114 6th Avenue** (parcel # 014-032-005) from Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1) Zoning District with conditions. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Garrett)
5. **1st Reading-** REZN-12-24-2514: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at 1641 3rd Avenue (parcel # 005-006-001) from General Commercial (GC) Zoning District to Uptown (UPT) Zoning District with conditions. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval with conditions.) (Councilor Cogle)

RESOLUTIONS

6. A Resolution authorizing Sunday sales of alcoholic beverages at all on-premises locations within Columbus, Georgia on Sunday February 9, 2025. (Councilor Tucker)

7. A Resolution imposing insurance requirements on any vendor contracting with any department, board, commission or authority of the consolidated government for vendor services, to include the delivery or installation of purchased goods, independent of the Purchasing Division of the Finance Department. (Councilors Crabb and Tucker)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: CCG Elected Officials and Staff must be held accountable.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) GDOT Street Lighting Agreement

Approval is requested enter into an Agreement Between Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and Columbus Consolidated Government for purpose of the installation, operation and maintenance of the lighting for the Bradley Park Drive Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI).

2. Georgia County Internship Program (GCIP) Grant

Approval is requested to apply for and accept a grant in the amount of \$3,259.50, or as otherwise awarded, from the ACCG Civic Affairs Foundation to promote a community-based “Risk and Safety Day” by the amount awarded.

3. Juvenile Accountability Court State Grant Request

Approval is requested to submit a grant application and if awarded, accept funds from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the operation of the Muscogee County Juvenile and Family Drug Courts up to \$500,000.00, or as otherwise awarded, and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the grant award. The grant period is from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

4. PURCHASES

- A. One (1) Ditch Witch for Public Works Department – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase
- B. Golf Carts for Sheriff’s Office

5. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. South Lumpkin Road Streetscape – Kathy Stallard, Senior Project Manager, Heath & Lineback
- B. Liberty District Master Plan - Neil Clark, Hecht Burdeshaw Architects, Inc.
- C. Integrated Waste Update - Drale Short, Director, Public Works

BID ADVERTISEMENT

DATE: February 11, 2025
TO: Mayor and Councilors
FROM: Finance Department
SUBJECT: Advertised Bids/RFPs/RFQs

February 19, 2025

1. Business License Tax/Revenue Collection Services – RFP No. 25-0015

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting proposals to establish a contract for the consulting services to provide business license tax/revenue collection services for the city.

The contract term shall be for three (3) years with an option to renew for five (5) additional twelve-month periods.

CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

- 1. Email from Attorney Jack P. Schley, requesting the seat of Ernest Smallman be declared vacant on the Hospital Authority of Columbus.
- 2. Letter from Mr. Doug Jefcoat, resigning from his seat on the Board of Zoning Appeals.
- 3. Travel Authorization Request for Councilor Bruce Huff to attend the ACCG Annual Conference during the month of April 2025.

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

Audit Committee, November 20, 2024

Board of Tax Assessors, #02-25 and #03-25

5. RESOLUTION - A resolution excusing Councilor Judy W. Thomas from the February 11, 2025, Council Meeting. **(Add-On)**

6. Travel Authorization Request for Councilor Toyia Tucker to attend the ACCG Annual Conference during the month of April 2025. **(Add-On)**

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

7. **COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS- READY FOR CONFIRMATION:**

A. **BOARD OF TAX ASSESSORS:** Doug Jefcoat was nominated to fill the unexpired term of the late Trey Carmack. *(Councilor Crabb's nominee)* Term expires: December 31, 2025

B. **BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS:** Alissa Neal was nominated to fill the unexpired term of Alfred Hayes, Jr. *(Councilor Crabb's nominee)* Term expires: March 31, 2026

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

A. **BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:**

Renne Sturkie

Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: March 24, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Mayor's Appointment)

The terms are two years. Meets as needed.

Women: 2

Senatorial District 15: 2

Senatorial District 29: 3

B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:

Anthony Montgomery

(Mayor's Appointment)

Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: March 27, 2025

Denise M. Cambridge

(Mayor's Appointment)

Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: March 27, 2025

Benjamin Link

(Mayor's Appointment)

Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: March 27, 2025

The terms are three years. Meets quarterly.

Women: 5

Senatorial District 15: 21

Senatorial District 29: 3

C. CRIME PREVENTION BOARD:

Danny Arencibia

(Mayor's Appointment)

(Chairperson)

Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: March 31, 2025

Rocky Marsh

(Mayor's Appointment)

(Fort Moore Liaison)

Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: March 31, 2025

Dr. Angela Vickers

(Mayor's Appointment)

(Education Community)

Not Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: March 31, 2025

Asst. Chief Joyce Dent-Fitzpatrick

(Mayor's Appointment)

(Law Enforcement Agency)

Not Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: March 31, 2025

These terms are three years; Law Enforcement Rep. is two years. Meets quarterly.

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

9. **COUNCIL’S APPOINTMENTS – ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:**

A. CIVIC CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:

Charles E. Huff, Jr. (District 1 – Hickey)
Eligible to succeed
Term Expires: March 1, 2025

Daniel T. Woodward (District 2 – Davis)
Eligible to succeed
Term Expires: March 1, 2025

Gregory Blue (District 3 – Huff)
Eligible to succeed
Term Expires: March 1, 2025

Terrance T. Little, Sr. (District 4 – Tucker)
Eligible to succeed
Term Expires: March 1, 2025

Romeo Byll (District 7 – Cogle)
Eligible to succeed
Term Expires: March 1, 2025

Johnson Trawick (District 8 – Garrett)
Eligible to succeed
Term Expires: March 1, 2025

The terms are two years. Meets quarterly.

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

10. **COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS- ANY NOMINATIONS WOULD BE LISTED FOR THE NEXT MEETING:**

A. BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS:

Shaun Roberts

Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: March 31, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

The terms are three years. Meets monthly.

Women: 2

Senatorial District 15: 1

Senatorial District 29: 4

B. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

Johnny W. Byrd, II

Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: March 24, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Tyler R. Martindill

Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: March 24, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

The terms are two years. Meets as needed.

Women: 2

Senatorial District 15: 2

Senatorial District 29: 3

C. COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND CULTURAL LIAISON ENCOUNTERS (CIRCLE):

Samantha Wooden

Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: March 1, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Natasha Banks

Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: March 1, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

The terms are two years. Meets as needed.

Women: 7

Senatorial District 15: 5

Senatorial District 29: 5

D. CRIME PREVENTION BOARD:

Ericka N. Cottingham
(Senatorial District 29)

Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: March 31, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Marcus Gibson
(Senatorial District 15)

Not Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: March 31, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Lane Jimmerson
(At-Large)

Not Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: March 31, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

These terms are three years; Law Enforcement Rep. is two years. Meets quarterly.

Women: 3

Senatorial District 15: 2

Senatorial District 29: 4

E. PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:

Dennis Walsh
(Alternate Member 1)

Not Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: December 31, 2024

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Willie L. Belfield, Jr.
(Alternate Member 2)

Appointed to Regular Member seat

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Term Expires: December 31, 2024

Donna D. Baker

(Alternate Member 3)

Appointed to Regular Member seat

Term Expires: December 31, 2024

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

The terms are three years. Meets monthly.

Women: 4

Senatorial District 15: 5

Senatorial District 29: 5

F. PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION:

Dr. Xavier McCaskey

Not Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: March 31, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Ralph King

Not Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: March 31, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Larry Derby

Not Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: March 31, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

The term is three years. Meets twice a month.

Women: 2

Senatorial District 15: 7

Senatorial District 29: 2

G. VALLEY PARTNERSHIP JOINT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

Monte Galbraith

Resigned

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

The term is four years. Meets every other month beginning in February.

Women: 0

Senatorial District 15: 2

Senatorial District 29: 1

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