

Council Members

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Glenn Davis

Byron Hickey
Bruce Huff

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Toyia Tucker

John Anker
Joanne Cogle

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

June 10, 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 Dr. Ralph Huling, St. James Missionary Baptist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Skip Henderson

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the June 03, 2025, Council Meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING:

2. **TAXPAYER BILL OF RIGHTS PUBLIC HEARING:** 9:00 a.m. The budget tentatively adopted by the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, requires a millage rate higher than the rollback millage rate. Therefore, before the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, may finalize the tentative budget and set a final millage rate, Georgia Law requires that three public hearings be held to allow the public an opportunity to express their opinions on this increase.

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **2nd Reading-** An ordinance adopting an operating and capital improvement budget for the Fiscal Year 2026 beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, for certain funds of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, and appropriating the amounts shown in each budget; and for other purposes. (Budget Review Committee)
2. **2nd Reading-** An Ordinance adopting non-operating budgets for the fiscal year 2026 beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, for certain funds of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, and appropriating the amounts shown in each budget. (Budget Review Committee)
3. **2nd Reading-** An Ordinance providing for contributions to the Columbus, Georgia General Government Employees' Pension Plan for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026. (Budget Review Committee)
4. **2nd Reading-** An Ordinance providing for the governmental contributions to the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for employees of the Department of Public Safety for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026. (Budget Review Committee)
5. **2nd Reading-** An Ordinance providing for Government funding of a Major Disability Income Plan for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026. (Budget Review Committee)
6. **2nd Reading-** An Ordinance providing for Government funding of a Death Benefit Escrow for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026. (Budget Review Committee)
7. **2nd Reading-** An Ordinance amending Article VII of Chapter 13 of the Columbus Code Solid Waste Collection and Disposal to update the landfill, residential and commercial waste disposal fees, to update the guidelines for an offset to the residential rate for low-income households; and for other purposes (Budget Review Committee)
8. **1st Reading:** REZN-04-25-0678: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at 1012 31st Street (parcel # 015-008-023) from Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2) to Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Garrett)
9. **1st Reading-** REZN-004-25-0706: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at Schley Road and River Road (part of parcel # 175-001-001, Lots PS20 and PS30) from Residential Estate – 10 (RE10) Zoning District to Residential Estate – 1 (RE1) Zoning District. (Planning Department and Staff recommend approval) (Councilor Davis)

- 10. 1st Reading:** REZN-04-25-0743: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at 101 23rd Street (parcel # 007-026-0145) from Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2) Zoning District to Single Family Residential – 4 (SFR4) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Cogle)
- 11. 1st Reading-** An Ordinance providing for the establishment of taxing districts, including a county-wide general services district and three (3) urban services districts and three (3) Business Improvement Districts (BID); providing for the levy, assessment, and collection of taxes for Columbus, Georgia within such districts for the year 2025 as provided under the Charter of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia; providing penalties for violations of the provisions of said ordinance; and for other purposes. (Budget Review Committee)

RESOLUTIONS

- 12.** A Resolution approving a special exception to allow an existing building located at 2510 Wynnton Road that are greater than 5,000 square feet under roof in a Neighborhood Commercial (NC) zoning district be granted a special exception to lift the 5,000 square feet use limitation. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval) (Councilor Huff)
- 13.** A Resolution amending and restating Res. No. 127-25 to provide an additional exception to its requirements for situations where a third-party broker has been awarded a contract under the management of the purchasing Division of the Finance Department and that broker in turn is authorized to procure services for the consolidated government. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Ms. Annette Adams, Re: Appreciation and Suggestions for CPD
2. Ms. Radiah Mallard, Re: Observations as a Transplant and Community Advocate.
3. Mr. Antonio Hardge, representing Primetime Barbershop, LLC, Re: Denial of ARP Grant Application.
4. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, Re: City Manager Firing and Pension Plan.
5. Mr. John Michael Watford, Re: Mud Built Up on Roaring Branch Road.
6. Mr. Lucas Melton, Re: Flat Rock Cleanup and City Personnel Changes.
7. Rev. Johnny Flakes, III, representing IMA, Re: The IMA's Position on the City Manager's Termination.
8. Mr. Mark Lawrence, Re: Working Things Out.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Marathon First Responder Grant

Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$ 4,652.27 or as otherwise awarded from the Marathon Community Investment Programs for the purchase of a Hemisphere nozzle package to support fire operations and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the award amount. There are no matching funds required.

2. Norfolk Southern Safety-First Grant – Fire/ EMS

Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$15,000.00 or as otherwise awarded from the Norfolk Southern Safety-First grant program to help fund the purchase of a public safety robot – Spot. There are no matching funds required.

3. Columbus Police Department: K-9 Ballistic Vests Donation

Approval is requested to accept a donation from Dr. David Horichi and Dr. David Taylor for two (2) new ballistic vests for 2 of the new K-9s recently purchased for the department.

4. PURCHASES

- A. Amendment 8 for Space Planning and Programming and Design Professional Services for Columbus Consolidated Government Center Project – RFQ No. 20-0001
- B. Contract Extension for Concessionaire Services for Government Center Complex – RFP No. 19-0013
- C. IPlanTables Workstations for the Engineering Department

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

1. Minutes of the following boards:

Board of Tax Assessors, #18-25

Columbus Board of Health, 02.26.25

Columbus Board of Health, 03.26.25

Columbus Board of Health, 04.23.25

Crime Prevention 05.14.25

Hospital Authority of Columbus, Georgia, 04.29.25

Personnel Review Board 05.21.25

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

C. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:

Mayor's Nominee: _____

3. APPOINTMENTS – NOMINATIONS ARE CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL:

A. COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:

New Member

(Trade Center Representative)

**Councilor Cogle is nominating Morgan Moore.*

Trade Center's Nomination

(Confirmed by Council)

New Member

(Fort Benning Representative)

Fort Benning Garrison Command's Nomination

(Confirmed by Council)

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.

4. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – READY FOR CONFIRMATION:

A. DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: Bruce McPherson was nominated to succeed Ernest Smallman, IV. *(Councilor Cogle's nominee)* Term expires: August 15, 2025. **Note: In accordance with established term dates, Mr. McPherson will be listed as eligible for reappointment in July.*

B. RETIREES' HEALTH BENEFITS COMMITTEE: Cheryl Tate was renominated to serve another term. *(Councilor Crabb's nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2029

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

A. 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

B. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:

District 1 Nominee: _____

District 2 Nominee: _____

District 3 Nominee: _____

District 4 Nominee: _____

District 5 Nominee: _____

District 7 Nominee: _____

District 9 Nominee: _____

District 10 Nominee: _____

**Councilor Tucker is nominating Javi Moore, Shaw High School to represent District 4.*

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

A. COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:

New Member

(Promotional Entity – Professional Hockey)

Ex Officio/Non-Voting Member

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

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

B. DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

(Council's Appointment)

Vacant

Term Expired: August 15, 2023

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

C. 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

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

Judge David Ranieri

Does not desire reappointment

Term Expires: 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

E. RETIREES' HEALTH BENEFITS COMMITTEE:

Thomas Barron

Not Eligible

Term Expires: 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

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