

Council Members

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

January 13, 2026
9:00 AM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Reverend Grace Burton Edwards, St. Thomas Episcopal Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Skip Henderson

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the December 16, 2025, Council Meeting.

PROCLAMATIONS

2. **Proclamation:** Major Terry Lee Kee, United States Air Force (*Retired*)

Receiving: Gerry Kee

3. **Proclamation:** Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

Receiving: Law Enforcement

RESOLUTIONS

4. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to adopt a Columbus-Muscogee County Emergency Management Agency & Homeland Security Emergency Operations Plan for 2026-2028.

5. A Resolution authorizing a transition audit of the Engineering Department by the Internal Auditor. *(Requested by Councilor Toyia Tucker, as Chair of the Auditor Committee)*

PRESENTATIONS

6. 2026 Point in Time Count

Presented by: Pat Frey, Vice President of Home for Good
Holli Browder, Director of Parks & Recreation

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **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)(Inconclusive vote on 12-16-25) (Mayor Pro-Tem)
2. **1st Reading-** An ordinance amending the budgets for the Fiscal Year 2026 by appropriating amounts in each fund for various operational activities. (FY26 MID-YEAR BUDGET AMENDMENT) (Budget Review Committee)

RESOLUTIONS

3. A Resolution authorizing Sunday Sales of alcoholic beverages at all On-Premises locations within Columbus on Sunday February 8, 2026. (Councilor Cogle)
4. A Resolution establishing qualifying fees for county offices of the Consolidated Government to be filled in the 2026 elections. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Mr. Samuel Whit, Re: LGBTQ+ Resources and Representation
2. Dr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: The Charter; Once again is the bane of all our problems.
3. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Mauldin & Jenkins Report.

4. Ms. Arreasha “Z” Lawrence, representing Music Entertainment Council and Columbus Creative Collective, Re: Request for members of Council to have offices and additional resources.
5. Mrs. Laketha Ashe, representing Still Standing Organization and Justmyne, Re: Standing Still organization overview and upcoming arts and cultural initiative.
6. Mr. Mark Lawrence, representing IMA, Re: Closing loose ends before moving forward.
7. Mr. Steve Kelly, Re: City Employees’ Pay and Cost of Living.
8. Mr. Ric Rivera, representing Indivisible Columbus, Re: DeFlock Columbus.
9. Dr. Natalie Nicole, representing Role Model Academy, Re: Equity, Responsiveness, and Representation in City Governance.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Fort Benning Technology Park Tax Allocation District Fund Grant – Columbus Housing Initiative, Inc. Development Agreement

Approval is requested to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Columbus Housing Initiative, Inc. to provide Fort Benning Technology Park Tax Allocation District (TAD) Funds to support the development of a new single-family residential subdivision known as Newman’s Crossing in an amount not to exceed three million three hundred seventeen thousand three hundred forty dollars and twenty-nine cents (\$3,317,340.29).

2. Real Estate Agreement with Historic Columbus Foundation, Inc.

Approval is requested to authorize the Mayor or his designee to enter into an agreement with Historic Columbus Foundation, Inc. for the relocation and restoration of the Alma Thomas House to 815 5th Ave.

3. Standing Boy Preserve Management Agreement Amendment

Approval is requested to authorize the Mayor or his designee to execute an amendment to the Management Agreement with Standing Boy, Inc. for the construction and maintenance of a viewing tower at the Standing Boy Preserve.

4. Ignite Pro Hockey, L.L.C. Agreement Amendment

Approval is requested to amend Section 2 of the Ignite Pro Hockey, L.L.C. Agreement to correct the contract term dates so that the five-year agreement expires on June 1, 2030.

5. 2026 Legislative Agenda Items – Additional Proposed Items

Consideration is requested of the resolutions for the 2026 Legislative Session of the Georgia General Assembly.

6. FY26 - FY27 – Solicitor General Crime Victim Assistance Grant

Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, a Federal VOCA (Victims of Crimes Act) Grant in the amount of \$57,483 or as otherwise awarded from the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the Solicitor General’s Victim Assistance Program, with the local match requirement waived, and amend the Multi Governmental Fund (0216) to reflect these revenues and expenses to fund one Victim Advocate position and benefits.

7. PURCHASES

- A. Industrial, Medical and Special Gases (Annual Contract) – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase
- B. Contract Extension For Course Instructors For The Department Of Human Resources/The Learning Center (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 19-0003
- C. Two (2) Ford Transit Vans For Public Works – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase
- D. Cellular Connection Service For Emergency Telephones Installed in Elevators at Various City Locations (Annual Contract) – GSA Cooperative
- E. Electronic Monitoring Equipment and Services For Detainees (Annual Contract) – GSA Cooperative Contract
- F. Soft Body Armor – The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) Cooperative Purchase
- G. Three (3) Ford Transit Vans for Public Works – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase
- H. Fast Fare Fareboxes For METRA
- I. Mobile/Automatic License Plate Readers Associated Software/Equipment For The Sheriff’s Office – GSA Cooperative Purchase
- J. Replacement Ice Plant Condenser For The Civic Center

8. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. AJ McClung Update - Scott Allen, Vice President, Architecture, Commercial with 2WR + Partners
- B. Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and Tiny Homes Update - Will Johnson, Director, Planning

CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

1. **Resignation:** Delois Dee Marsh has submitted a resignation from her seat on the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board.
2. **Travel Authorization Request:** Authorization is being requested for Councilor Toyia Tucker to attend the 2026 NACo Legislative Conference during the month of February 2026.

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

Board of Tax Assessors #42-25

Board of Water Commissioners 11-10-25

Board of Zoning Appeals 11-05-25

Hospital Authority of Columbus 07-29-25

Hospital Authority of Columbus 08-28-25

Hospital Authority of Columbus 09-30-25

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. 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

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 Expired: October 31, 2025

**Not interested in serving another term.*

Open for Nominations
(*District 5 – Crabb*)

Scott Taft

Not Eligible

Term Expired: 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: _____

6. APPOINTMENTS – CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL:

A. AIRPORT COMMISSION:

Art Guin

Does Not Desire Reappointment

Term Expires: December 31, 2025

**The Airport Commission has nominated Philip Thayer.*

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

7. 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)
Term Expires: October 15, 2026
Recommendations are submitted by a licensed animal shelter.

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

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. 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

D. 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

E. PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:

Yolanda Sumbry Sewell

Not Eligible

(Regular Member 4)

Term Expired: December 31, 2025

**Councilor Huff is nominating Antron Murray.*

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 expired: December 31, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Vacant

(Alternate Member 5)

Term expired: 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

UPCOMING BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

A. Historic & Architectural Review Board (BHAR) (Council's Appointment)

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