

Council Members

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

January 27, 2026
5:30 PM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

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 January 13, 2026, Council Meeting and Executive Session.

PRESENTATIONS

2. Columbus Water Works and Columbus Consolidated Government's Partnership (Presented by: Jeremy Cummings, President of Columbus Water Works)

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **2nd 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)

2. **1st Reading-** REZN-11-25-2127: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **6213 and 6221 Macon Road** (parcel # 111-008-005) from Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Crabb)
3. **1st Reading:** REZN-11-25-2173: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **3233 6th Avenue** (parcel # 014-018-028) from Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1) Zoning District with conditions. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval) (Councilor Garrett)
4. **1st Reading:** REZN CUA: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain portions of a district known as the Conversation Use Valuation Assessment, from RE1 (Residential Estate 1) Zoning District to RE5 (Residential Estate 5) Zoning District. (Planning Department recommends approval.) (Mayor Pro-Tem and Councilor Davis)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Mr. Donald Moeller, Re: Concerns about Columbus Fire & EMS protocols for PTSD diagnosis, monitoring, early intervention, and treatment.
2. Dr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., representing State of Georgia Omega Psi Fraternity, Re: Announcement of Fatherhood Conversation in Columbus, GA.
3. Dr. Natalie Nicole, representing Role Model Academy, Re: Equity, Responsiveness, and Representation in City Governance.
4. Mr. Michael Graddy, Re: Dial-A-Ride inequities and subsequent abject failures.
5. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Anti-Racism Network, Re: Planning, Inspections, Paws Humane, and City of Durham.
6. Mr. Howard Turner, Re: E-Verify is for thee but not for me. What is the purpose when it is a half-baked measure?
7. Ms. Amy Spencer, Re: Initiative to maintain good community and police relations.
8. Rev. Mark Lawrence, representing IMA, Re: Let's look past ourselves.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Director of Human Resources

A resolution authorizing the appointment of Mrs. Ola O. Terrell as Director of the Human Resources Department.

2. Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Fund Capital Reallocation for the Sheriff's Office

Approval is requested to reallocate approximately \$430,000.00 of the Sheriff's Office appropriated Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Fund capital budget to purchase tactical equipment in lieu of vehicles.

3. Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Fund Capital Reallocation for the Fire/Ems Department

Approval is requested to reallocate approximately \$1.8 million of the Fire-EMS Department's appropriated Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Fund capital budget to purchase various equipment in lieu of fire engines.

4. FY27 Holiday Schedule

Approval is requested to approve the Holiday Schedule for the FY27 Budget Year. It is recommended that Thursday, December 24, 2026, be designated as a floating holiday.

5. PURCHASES

- A. Electric Buses for Metra – Washington State Transit Bus Cooperative Contract Purchase
- B. Contract Extension for Comprehensive Generator Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 20-0010

6. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Liberty District Master Plan Update - Robert Scott, Director, Community Reinvestment & Will Johnson, Director, Planning
- B. Finance Update - Angelica Alexander, Director, Finance
- C. Revenue Update - Angelica Alexander, Director, Finance

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

1. **Vacancy Request** – Consideration of a request to declare the seat of Terrance Flowers vacant on the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board, pursuant to Resolution No. 525-02.

2. **Minutes of the following boards**

Board of Elections and Registrations, 10-02-25

Board of Tax Assessors, #43-25

Board of Tax Assessors, #44-25

Board of Tax Assessors, #01-26

Board of Water Commissioners, 12-08-25

Board of Zoning Appeals, 12-03-25

Columbus Golf Course Authority, 12-02-25

Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority, 12-08-25

Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority, 01-12-26

Community Development Advisory Council, 03-14-24

Community Development Advisory Council, 09-12-24

Community Development Advisory Council, 01-09-25

Community Development Advisory Council, 03-13-25

Community Development Advisory Council, 05-08-25

Community Development Advisory Council, 07-10-25

Development Authority of Columbus, 11-13-25

Development Authority of Columbus, 12-04-25

Liberty Theatre Advisory Board, 11-13-25

Planning Advisory Commission, 12-03-25

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

A. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

Vacant

Term Expires: March 24, 2027

Open for Nominations
(Mayor's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	2 Year	Term Limit: n/a
Meetings:	As needed.	
Women:	1	Senatorial District 15: 0
Vacancies:	2	Senatorial District 29: 3

B. CIVIC CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:

Vacant

Term Expires: March 1, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Mayor's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year	Term Limit: 2, except for Hockey Association President
Meetings:	Quarterly – 3rd Thursday (February, May, August & November)	
Women:	3	Senatorial District 15: 5
Vacancies:	3	Senatorial District 29: 4

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

Vacant

Term Expires: March 1, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Mayor's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	4 Year	Term Limit: 2
Meetings:	Monthly – 3 rd Tuesday	
Women:	6	Senatorial District 15: 5

Vacancies: 1

Senatorial District 29: 5

D. PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES' BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

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

Open for Nominations
(Mayor's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 4 Year Term Limit: n/a
Meetings: Monthly – 1st Wednesday
Women: 4 Senatorial District 15: 9
Vacancies: 1 Senatorial District 29: 2

4. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – LISTED FOR CONFIRMATION:

- A. PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:** Antron Murray was nominated to succeed Yolanda Sumbry Sewell as the Regular Member #4 on the Personnel Review Board. *(Councilor Huff's nominee)*
Term expires: December 31, 2028
- B. PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:** Lakesha Stringer was nominated to fill the vacant seat designated as Alternate Member #5 on the Personnel Review Board. *(Councilor Tucker's nominee)*
Term expires: December 31, 2028

5. NOMINATIONS – CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL:

A. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD:

Emily Flournoy
Not eligible for reappointment
Uptown Business Association
Term Expires: January 31, 2026

Waiting on Nominee
(Confirmed by Council)

Vacant
Board of Realtors
Term Expires: January 31, 2026
**Waiting on potential nominee's application.*

Waiting on Nominee
(Confirmed by Council)

Vacant

Columbus Homebuilders Association

Term Expires: January 31, 2028

Waiting on Nominee
(Confirmed by Council)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year	Term Limit: 2
Meetings:	Monthly – 2 nd Monday	
Women:	5	Senatorial District 15: 7
Vacancies:	2	Senatorial District 29: 2

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

A. CIVIC CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:

Vacant

Term Expires: March 1, 2028

Open for Nominations
(District 8 – Garrett)

Vacant

Term Expires: March 1, 2026

Open for Nominations
(District 9 – Anker)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year	Term Limit: 2, except for Hockey Association President
Meetings:	Quarterly – 3 rd Thursday (February, May, August & November)	
Women:	3	Senatorial District 15: 5
Vacancies:	3	Senatorial District 29: 4

B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:

Vacant

Term Expires: March 27, 2026

Open for Nominations
(District 1 – Hickey)

Vacant

Term Expires: March 27, 2026

Open for Nominations
(District 5 – Crabb)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year (Mayor Appts); 2 Year (Council Appts)	Term Limit: 2
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Meetings:	Quarterly – 2nd Thursday (March, June, September & December)	
Women:	4	Senatorial District 15: 7
Vacancies:	2	Senatorial District 29: 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*)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year	Term Limit: 2
Meetings:	Monthly – 3 rd Thursday	
Women:	3	Senatorial District 15: 4
Vacancies:	0	Senatorial District 29: 3

D. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:

District 9 Nominee: _____

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*)

***Note:** The Animal Control Advisory Board is currently developing recommendations for Council's consideration regarding the board's composition.*

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	2 Year	Term Limit: 2
Meetings:	Semiannually	
Women:	7	Senatorial District 15: 3
Vacancies:	3	Senatorial District 29: 4

B. BOARD OF HEALTH:

Yasmine Cathright

Not Eligible

Term Expires: December 31, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	5 Year	Term Limit: 2
Meetings:	Monthly – 4 th Wednesday	
Women:	4	Senatorial District 15: 0
Vacancies:	1	Senatorial District 29: 5

C. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

Vacant

Term Expires: March 24, 2027

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	2 Year	Term Limit: n/a
Meetings:	As needed.	
Women:	1	Senatorial District 15: 0
Vacancies:	2	Senatorial District 29: 3

D. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (BHAR):

Fran Poole Carpenter

Eligible for reappointment

Term Expires: January 31, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Shea E. Spencer
Eligible for reappointment
Term Expires: January 31, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year	Term Limit: 2
Meetings:	Monthly – 2 nd Monday	
Women:	5	Senatorial District 15: 7
Vacancies:	2	Senatorial District 29: 2

E. 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)

Vacant (Civic Center Director Recommendation / Confirmed by Council)
Term Expired: August 14, 2027

Open for Nominations

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	4 Year	Term Limit: 3
Meetings:	Bimonthly – 2 nd Thursday (January, March, May, July, September & November)	
Women:	5	Senatorial District 15: 4
Vacancies:	3	Senatorial District 29: 4

F. 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)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year	Term Limit: n/a
Meetings:	Monthly – 2 nd Monday	
Women:	2	Senatorial District 15: 2

Senatorial District 29: 1

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*)

Terms:	3 Year	Term Limit: 2
Meetings:	Monthly – 3rd Wednesday	
Women:	4	Senatorial District 15: 2
Vacancies:	4	Senatorial District 29: 4

- A. Board of Zoning Appeals
- B. Building Authority of Columbus
- C. Civic Center Advisory Board
- D. Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC)
- E. Commission on International Relations & Cultural Liaison Encounters (CIRCLE)
- F. Planning Advisory Commission (PAC)

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