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

September 08, 2026
9:00 AM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Chaplain Matthew Miller, Fort Benning

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Miles Branscomb, Midland Academy

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the August 25, 2026, Council Meeting and Executive Session.

PROCLAMATIONS

2. **Proclamation:** Direct Support Professionals Week

Receiving: Mary Star Hannify, Clinical Director of New Horizons

3. **Proclamation:** National Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month

Receiving: Lois Williams & Jadya Bryan, Association of Sickle Cell, Lower Chattahoochee Region

4. **Proclamation:** National Diaper Need Awareness Week

Receiving: Junior League of Columbus

5. **Proclamation:** Public Safety Week

Receiving: Wayne Anthony, House of Heroes

6. **Proclamation:** National Preparedness Month

Receiving: Chance Corbett, Director of Emergency Management & Homeland Security

PRESENTATIONS

7. Housing Solutions Group Report – Pat Frey, Vice President of Home for Good
8. Special Presentation – Georgia Municipal Association

CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **2nd Reading:** REZN-04-26-0739: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **6909 Buena Vista Road** (parcel # 115-008-029) from Single Family Residential – 2 (SFR2) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.)(Delayed 30 days on 1st Reading from 6-9-26, delayed again for 30 days on 1st Reading 7-14-26, 1st Reading held 8-25-26.)(Councilor Tucker)
2. **2nd Reading:** An Ordinance approving a policy concerning Domain/Website purchasing and use as Addendum 7 to the Acceptable and Supportable use of Technology Policy Number 210-1000-004. (Mayor Pro-Tem)
3. **2nd Reading:** An ordinance (i) amending the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for General Government Employees and the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for Employees of the Department of Public Safety to reduce the vesting schedule for active participants, add benefit accruals for up to 40 Years of Service, and reduce mandatory contributions for employees hired after July 1, 2012, and (ii) amending the Columbus, Georgia Employees’ Deferred Retirement Option Plan to remove the three-year suspension period for new participants. (As amended on 1st Reading)(Councilor Davis)
4. **1st Reading:** REZN 07-26-1357: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **3604 Arkansas Drive** (parcel # 068-023-001) from Single Family Residential – 2 (SFR2) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.)(Councilor Crabb)
5. **1st Reading:** REZN 07-26-1395: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district

located at **1119 Neill Drive** (parcel # 031-045-007) from Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1) Zoning District with Conditions. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Garrett)

6. **1st Reading:** REZN-08-26-1510: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **4803 Ingram Ave** (parcel # 032-016-017) from General Commercial (GC) Zoning District to Single Family Residential – 4 (SFR4) Zoning District.(Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Garrett)
7. **1st Reading: REZN-08-26-1543** An ordinance amending various sections of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.)(Mayor Pro-Tem.)
8. **1st Reading:** An ordinance providing for the demolition of various structures located at:
 - 1) 345 Liberty Avenue (Jessica Torres, Owner)
 - 2) 61 Patton Drive (Jonathan Roy Dillon, Owner)
 - 3) 3032 Drake Street (Dewey Tew, Owner)
 - 4) 2711 Peabody Avenue (Ernestine Byrd Deadwyler, Owner)
 - 5) 515 6th Street (Dedivine F & G LLC, Owner)
 - 6) 2502 4th Avenue (Tommy Jones Jr., Owner)
 - 7) 1124 43rd Street (Brian Cotugno, Owner)
 - 8) 2220 6th Street (Charlie F & Mable Bass, Owner)
 - 9) 1821 St. Elmo (Amy M. Ourso & Bickerstaff II, Owner)

and for demolition services for the Inspections and Code Department in accordance with the attached Tabulation of Bid sheet. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

9. **1st Reading:** An Ordinance amending Chapter 2 of the Columbus Code to increase the number of members of the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission; and for other purposes. (Councilor Chambers)
10. **1st Reading:** An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 26-021, the budget for the fiscal year 2027, beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, to reclassify positions in Juvenile Court; and for other purposes. (Councilor Garrett)

RESOLUTIONS

11. A Resolution authorizing the execution of Federal Aviation Administration Grant No. 3-13-0035-064-2026 Master Plan Update Phase III. (Request of Columbus Airport Commission.)

12. A Resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia approving the Third Amended and Restated Articles of organization for Valley Partnership - Joint Development Authority (Councilor Garrett)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Ms. Kim Decker, Re: Transparency and Full Disclosure of “Secret Talks”. (*Rescheduled from 08-25-2026*)
2. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Bad Behavior of Council Members.
3. Mr. Gregory Foster, Re: Stop Blaming Government for Your Failings.
4. Ms. Loretta Wright, Re: Environmental Pollution.
5. Mrs. Robina Adams, Re: Cat Colony at Georgetown.
6. Ms. Laura Bencosme, Re: Relocation of Cat Colony at Georgetown.
7. Mrs. Digna Peterson, Re: Community Concerns – Cats.
8. Ms. Allie Johnson, Re: Open Meeting Requirements and City Council Involvement in Animal Issues.
9. Ms. Meg Givans, Re: Cat Colony at Georgetown.
10. Ms. Becky Carter, representing Animal SOS, Re: Community Cat Program.
11. Ms. Renee Matthews, Re: Community Cat Caregiver Appreciation.
12. Mrs. Jordan Frost, Re: The Proposed Removal of the Georgetown Community Cat Colony.
13. Ms. Deborah Coleman, representing Georgetown Subdivision, Re: Cat Colony Problem and Signed Petition.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. **Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Columbus, the Juvenile Court of Muscogee County, and the Georgia Office of the Child Advocate**

Approval is requested to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the Columbus Consolidated Government (“CCG”), the Juvenile Court of Muscogee County, and the Georgia

Office of the Child Advocate (“OCA”) for participation in its Quality Legal Representation IV-E Program to allow the City to receive reimbursement for a percentage of fees paid by the Juvenile Court to attorneys for parents and children in dependency cases.

2. 2026 Georgia Trauma Commission EMT Grant

Approval is requested to accept a grant in the amount of \$12,000.00 or as otherwise awarded, from the Georgia Trauma Commission, with an amendment made to the Multi-Government Fund by the like amount, with no matching funds required. The state is providing for new Rescue equipment and training.

3. Firehouse Subs Grant

Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$18,400.00, or as otherwise awarded, from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation for the acquisition of twenty stationary bikes, and to amend the multigovernmental fund by said amount. No matching funds are required.

4. Dero Fixit Stations Donation

Approval is requested to accept the donation of four Dero Fixit Stations for bicycle repairs on the Dragonfly Trail provided jointly by River Valley Regional Commission, Bicycle Columbus and Dragonfly Trails, Inc.

5. PURCHASES

- A. Elevator Maintenance & Repair Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 26-0001
- B. Five (5) Cab Tractors with Two (2) Flexwing Cutters for Public Works- Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase
- C. Purchase of CXT Prefabricated Bathrooms for Parks and Recreation Locations – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase
- D. Foundation Pads for Three (3) CXT Prefabricated Bathrooms for Parks and Recreation Locations
- E. Project Management Services for Columbus Parks and Recreation SPLOST Park Renovation Projects
- F. Repair of Grapple Truck for Public Works
- G. Election Equipment, Supplies and Services
- H. Comer Recreation Center Splashpad
- I. Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) and Accessories for Risk Management (Annual Contracts) – BuyBoard Cooperative Purchase

6. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Revenue Update - Angelica Alexander, Finance Director

BID ADVERTISEMENT

DATE: September 8, 2026
TO: Mayor and Councilors
FROM: Finance Department
SUBJECT: Advertised Bids/RFPs/RFQs

September 9, 2026

1 Used & Confiscated Firearms for Credit or Swap – RFB No. 27-0004

Scope of Bid

The Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) Police Department is offering used and confiscated firearms for sale to a licensed firearms dealer who can issue a credit to purchase or swap for Heckler & Koch MR556 A4 SBR 11” Part No. 81001048 rifles with accessories.

September 23, 2026

1 Dragonfly Trail – River Road Segment (S.R. 219) – RFP No. 27-0006

Scope of Bid

This project consists of constructing a new trail beginning near Cascade Road in Columbus, Georgia. The trail will run south along River Road (SR 219) and continue west to the existing riverwalk at Lake Oliver Road. The project length is approximately 5,026 lf and includes a 10' wide concrete trail, pedestrian bridge, landscape improvements, stormwater improvements, and trail amenities. Additional work associated with the project includes minor demolition and clearing, erosion control, grading, and signage. Portions of the project are located on state right-of-way. A GDOT encroachment permit has been obtained by the City of Columbus. A dbf goal of 10% has been established for this project.

2 Portable Toilet Rental and Service (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 26-0036

Scope of RFP

The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia (the City) is seeking vendors to provide portable toilets, hand washing stations, and grey water collection containers at various City location sites.

September 30, 2026

**1 On-Call Plumbing Installation and Maintenance Services (Annual Contract) – RFP
No. 27-0003**

Scope of RFP

It is the intent of the Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) to establish an annual contract with a Primary and a Secondary contract to provide all labor, equipment and materials for on-call plumbing installation and maintenance services during normal business hours and after hours on an “as needed basis”, on all buildings and structures for Columbus Consolidated Government.

**2 On-Call Painting, Pressure Washing and Waterproofing Services (Annual Contract)
– RFP No. 27-0004**

Scope of RFP

It is the intent of the Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) to establish an annual contract with a qualified Primary and Secondary contractor to provide all labor, equipment and materials for the provision of on-call Painting, Pressure Washing, and Waterproofing Services for buildings and structures for Columbus Consolidated Government. on an as-needed basis.

**3 On-Call Electrical Installation and Maintenance Services (Annual Contract) – RFP
No. 27-0009**

Scope of RFP

It is the intent of the Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) to establish an annual contract with a Primary and a Secondary contractor to provide all labor, equipment and materials for the provision of on-call Electrical installation and maintenance services during normal business hours and after hours on an “as needed basis”, on all buildings and structures for Columbus Consolidated Government.

The contract term will be for two (2) years with the option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods.

**4 On-Call Irrigation Installation and Maintenance Services (Annual Contract) – RFP
No. 27-00010**

Scope of RFP

It is the intent of the Columbus Consolidated Government (City) to establish an annual contract with a Primary and a Secondary contractor to provide all labor, equipment and materials to install/troubleshoot irrigation systems for on-call installation and maintenance services during normal business hours and after hours on an “as needed basis”, throughout the City.

The contract term will be for two (2) years with the option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods.

October 7, 2026

1 Tennis Court Resurfacing at Lakebottom Park and Double Churches Park – RFB No. 27-0011

Scope of Bid

Provide all labor, equipment, and materials to resurface the tennis courts at Lakebottom Park and Double Churches Park.

October 14, 2026

1 Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System – RFP No. 27-0008

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is seeking proposals from qualified vendors to provide a fully integrated Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system and related implementation services. The proposed system shall modernize financial, human resource, and administrative operations through a secure, scalable, and integrated solution.

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - INFORMATION ONLY

1. Upcoming Board Appointments: Board of Honor
2. Upcoming Board Appointments: Columbus Ironworks Convention & Trade Center (*Attachment Pending*)
3. Upcoming Board Appointments: Housing Authority of Columbus
4. Upcoming Board Appointments: Land Bank Authority (*Attachment Pending*)
5. Upcoming Board Appointments: Public Safety Advisory Commission (*Attachment Pending*)
6. Upcoming Board Appointments: Uptown Façade Board (*Attachment Pending*)

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

7. Inter-City Leadership Conference – Transportation Expenses: Memo from the Clerk of Council requesting authorization for the Columbus Consolidated Government to cover transportation/airfare expenses, at an estimated total cost of \$2,600, for Councilors Simi

Barnes, Travis Chambers, and Cathy Cook, and Councilor-Elect Sherrie Arron to attend the 2026 Inter-City Leadership Conference in Spartanburg, South Carolina, September 29 – October 2, 2026.

8. Request for Declaration of Vacancy: Memo from the Clerk of Council requesting that Council declare the seats held by Zerome Lakey and Patrick Steed on the Planning Advisory Commission (PAC) as vacant due to unexcused absences.
9. Resignation: Email correspondence from Irene Pate, resigning from her seat on the Recreation Advisory Board.

10. **Minutes of the following boards**

Board of Tax Assessors #31-26 & 32-26

Crime Prevention Board 08-05-26

Downtown Development Authority 06-11-25

Employee Benefits Committee 02-25-26, 04-07-25 & 04-22-26

Hospital Authority of Columbus 06-30-26 & 07-28-26

Retiree Health Benefits Committee 05-20-26

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

A. **AUDIT COMMITTEE:**

Vacant

Finance/Accounting or Governmental Rep.

Term Expires: June 30, 2027

Open for Nominations
(*Mayor's Appointment*)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 2 Year Term Limit: 3

Meetings: Meets as needed.

Women: 1 Senatorial District 15:

Vacancies: 1 Senatorial District 29:

B. COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:

Vacant

Certified Public Accountant (CPA)

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*Mayor's Appointment*)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year	Term Limit:	2
Meetings:	Monthly		
Women:	2	Senatorial District 15:	4
Vacancies:	1	Senatorial District 29:	5

C. 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 – 1 st Wednesday		
Women:	4	Senatorial District 15:	9
Vacancies:	1	Senatorial District 29:	2

12. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – LISTED FOR CONFIRMATION:

- A. **TREE BOARD:** Dawson Buchanan was nominated to fill a vacant seat for an at-large representative. (*Councilor Cogle's nominee*) Term expires: December 31, 2026

13. NOMINATIONS – CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL:

- A. **HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (BHAR):**

Vacant

Uptown Business Association

Term Expires: January 31, 2029

Open for Nominations
(*Confirmed by Council*)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year	Term Limit: 2
Meetings:	Monthly – 2 nd Monday	
Women:	4	Senatorial District 15: 6
Vacancies:	2	Senatorial District 29: 2

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

A. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:

Vacant

Term Expired: March 27, 2026

Open for Nominations
(District 1 – Barnes)

Membership and Meeting Information

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

B. PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:

Vacant

Term Expired: October 31, 2026

Open for Nominations
(District 2 – Davis)

Vacant

Term Expired: October 31, 2028

Open for Nominations
(District 3 – Huff)

Vacant

Term Expired: October 31, 2026

Open for Nominations
(District 4 – Tucker)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year	Term Limit: 2
Meetings:	Monthly – 3 rd Thursday	
Women:	1	Senatorial District 15: 5

Vacancies: 3

Senatorial District 29: 2

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

A. 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 – 4th Wednesday

Women: 4 Senatorial District 15: 0

Vacancies: 1 Senatorial District 29: 5

B. 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: 1

Vacancies: 1 Senatorial District 29: 3

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

Sandra Gill

Does not desire reappointment

Term Expired: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Nancy Schroeder

Does not desire reappointment

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

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 – 2nd Monday	
Women:	2	Senatorial District 15: 3
Vacancies:	0	Senatorial District 29: 1

D. PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:

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*)

Membership and Meeting Information

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

E. REGION SIX REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH & DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES:

Dr. Janet C. Bussey

Does not desire reappointment

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 3 Year

Term Limit: 2

Meetings: Bimonthly – 2nd Wednesday (Odd months)

Women: 4

Senatorial District 15: 3

Vacancies: 0

Senatorial District 29: 1

F. TREE BOARD:

Vacant

(At-Large)

Term expires: December 31, 2028

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Vacant

(At-Large)

Term expires: December 31, 2028

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Vacant

(Residential Development)

Term expires: December 31, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Vacant

(Commercial or Industrial Development)

Term expires: December 31, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Vacant

(Public Utility Representative)

Term expires: July 1, 2028

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year	Term Limit: 2
Meetings:	Meets as needed.	
Women:	4	Senatorial District 15: 4
Vacancies:	6	Senatorial District 29: 1

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