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

April 28, 2026
5:30 PM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Father Kevin Braski - St. Anne Catholic Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Skip Henderson

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the April 14, 2026, Council Meeting.

PROCLAMATIONS:

2. **Proclamation:** Columbus Police Department & District Attorney's Office Appreciation Day

Receiving: CPD & DA's Office

PRESENTATIONS:

3. **MAYOR'S FY2027 BUDGET PRESENTATION:** Mayor Henderson presents the Recommended FY2027 Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **2nd Reading:** REZN-02-26-0189: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **5306 Buena Vista Road** (parcel # 095-045-019) from Single Family Residential – 2 (SFR2) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1) Zoning District with conditions. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.)(As amended on 1st Reading.)(Councilor Tucker)
2. **2nd Reading:** REZN-02-26-0346: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **9055 Veterans Parkway** (parcel # 079-001-034) from Residential Office (RO) Zoning District to Residential Estate - 1 (RE1)(Planning Department and PAC recommend approval)(Councilor Davis)
3. **1st Reading:** REZN-07-25-1259: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **6821 Mobley Road** (parcel # 190-014-020) from Single Family Residential – 1 (SFR1) Zoning District to Single Family Residential – 2 (SFR2) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.)(Continued on 1st Reading from 4-14-26.) (Councilor Davis)
4. **1st Reading:** An ordinance to revise and clarify certain provisions of Chapter 2 of the Columbus Code which provide for meeting dates and procedures for the Columbus Council; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)
5. **1st Reading-** An Ordinance amending Section 2-68 of the Columbus Code to provide that the internal auditor/compliance officer shall be subject to the direction of the Columbus Council acting though a designated member of Council, and for other purposes. (Councilor Tucker)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Mr. George McDowell, Re: Public Trust in Local Governance.
2. Ms. Yaunita Arrington, Re: Concerns regarding due process violations, improper lien placement, and administrative failures related to Code Enforcement actions on my property, and to request corrective action and review.
3. Mr. Mike Watford, Re: Debris on Roaring Branch Creek from Bradley Park Drive. New Apartment Construction.
4. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Developing a Peoples Budget. Access to Healthcare. (*Referral from Mayor's Commission for Persons with Disabilities*)

5. Mr. Gregory Foster, Re: Corrupt Intent.
6. Mr. William Worley, Re: Wheelchair Swings.
7. Mx. Erik Pitzer, Re: Skate Park Upgrade.
8. Mr. Carl Faulk, Re: Waste Pickup.
9. Mr. Marcello Ramirez, Re: Demolition of Property Located at 225 21st Avenue. (*Translator will be accompanying the applicant*)

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Street Acceptance – Lavender Glen, Enclave Court, and Larkspur Place

Approval is requested for the acceptance of Lavender Glen, Enclave Court, and Larkspur Place, located in The Enclave at Cartledge Creek.

2. GDOT Street Lighting Agreement – SR 22/US 80 @ SR 22 SPUR

Approval is requested to enter into an Agreement Between the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and the Columbus Consolidated Government (City) for the purpose of the installation, operation, and maintenance of the lighting system that will be installed within the SR 22/US 80 @ SR 22 SPUR.

3. FY26 Local Road Assistance (LRA)

Approval is requested to submit an application and accept if awarded, FY 26 Local Road Assistance (LRA) from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). The FY 26 LRA allocation for Columbus-Muscogee County from GDOT is \$2,972,701.86 with no local match required.

4. Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Application

Approval is requested to submit a grant application and, if awarded, accept funds up to \$750,000 from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the operation of the Muscogee County Juvenile Court for evidence-based programming and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the grant award and enter into a memorandum of agreement with Evidence-Based Associates, LLC. The grant period is from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027.

5. 2025 Homeland Security Hazmat Grant – Fire/EMS

Approval is requested to accept a grant in the amount of \$6,000.00 or as otherwise awarded, from the Homeland Security Grant Program, for the purchase and maintenance of Hazmat Equipment, with an amendment made to the Multi-Government Fund by the like amount, with no matching funds required.

6. 2025 Homeland Security GSAR (Georgia Search and Rescue) Grant – Fire/EMS

Approval is requested to accept a grant in the amount of \$55,230.00 or as otherwise awarded, from the Homeland Security Grant Program, to support the purchase, maintenance, and training associated with equipment utilized by the West Central Georgia Search and Rescue (GSAR) Team, with an amendment made to the Multi-Government Fund by the like amount with no matching funds required.

7. PURCHASES

- A. Service Contract for Various Types of Transmissions for METRA (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 26-0031
- B. Alternators & Starters for METRA (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 26-0029
- C. Contract Extension for Leather Items (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 20-0013
- D. Amendment 9 for Space Planning and Programming & Design Professional Services for Columbus Consolidated Government Center Project – RFQ No. 20-0001

8. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. PAWS Animal Services Division Contract Update - Courtney Pierce, Executive Director, PAWS & Donna McGinnis, Contract Administrator, Columbus Consolidated Government
- B. Jail Update - Ryan Pruett, Director, Inspections & Code, Douglas Kleppin, AIA, LEED AP - Principal, The S/L/A/M Collaborative, Doug Shaw, AIA - Managing Member/Owner, Jericho Design Group, LLC, and Henry Painter - Senior Project Executive, Gilbane Building Company
- C. FY26 Sheriff's Office Budget Update - Sheriff Greg Countryman

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - INFORMATION ONLY

- 1. Upcoming Board Appointments: Board of Family & Children Services
- 2. Upcoming Board Appointments: Columbus Golf Authority
- 3. Upcoming Board Appointments: Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority
- 4. Upcoming Board Appointments: New Horizons Behavioral Health- Mental Health, Addictive Diseases & Developmental Disabilities- Community Service Board

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

5. Resolution: A Resolution changing the regularly scheduled Council meetings for the month of June 2026. (These changes are made annually to ensure compliance with requirements necessary for the adoption of the fiscal year budgets.)

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

Board of Tax Assessors #13-26

Board of Tax Assessors #14-26

Board of Zoning Appeals 03-04-26

Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority 03-09-26

Pension Board 10-08-25

Pension Board 11-12-25

Planning Advisory Commission 03-04-26

Planning Advisory Commission 03-18-26

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

A. **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

B. **YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

Mayor's Nominee: _____

8. **NOMINATIONS – CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL:**

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

Vacant

Columbus Homebuilders Association
Term Expires: January 31, 2028

Waiting on Nominee
(Confirmed by Council)

Vacant

Uptown Business Association
Term Expires: January 31, 2029

**Alan Udy is unable to serve currently. (Confirmed 02-10-2026)*

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:	1	Senatorial District 29: 2

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

A. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

Vacant

Term Expires: March 27, 2026

Open for Nominations
(District 1 – Hickey)

Tracy Belt

Not Eligible

Term Expires: March 27, 2026

Open for Nominations
(District 4 -Tucker)

Vacant

Term Expires: March 27, 2026

Open for Nominations
(District 5 – Crabb)

Vacant

Open for Nominations
(District 9 -Anker)

Term Expires: March 27, 2026

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:	4	Senatorial District 15: 7
Vacancies:	2	Senatorial District 29: 3

B. 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

C. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:

District 1 Nominee: _____	District 6 Nominee: _____
District 2 Nominee: _____	District 7 Nominee: _____
District 3 Nominee: _____	District 8 Nominee: _____
District 4 Nominee: _____	District 9 Nominee: _____
District 5 Nominee: _____	District 10 Nominee: _____

10. 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: 1

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 3 Year Term Limit: n/a
Meetings: Monthly – 2nd Monday
Women: 2 Senatorial District 15: 2
Vacancies: 0 Senatorial District 29: 1

G. 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

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