

Council Members

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

October 22, 2024
5:30 PM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Pastor Sherryl H. King, Peters Chapel AME Church of Columbus, Georgia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the October 8, 2024 Council Meeting and Executive Session.

PRESENTATIONS:

2. Water and Sewer Rate Study (Presented by Jeremy Cummings, President Columbus Water Works)
3. Transitional Audit Report for Recorder's Court (Donna McGinnis Internal Auditor/Compliance Officer)

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **2nd Reading-** REZN-08-24-1826: An ordinance amending Chapter 3 of the Unified Development Ordinance of the Columbus Code to allow Tattoo and Body Piercing Shops as a special exception use in the Central Riverfront District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval) (Councilor Cogle)
2. **2nd Reading-** REZN-9-24-1941: An ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) for Columbus, Georgia to provide definitions and conditions for various uses. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Mayor Pro-Tem)
3. **2nd Reading-** An ordinance adopting changes to the Evergreen Solutions recommended classification and pay plan for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)
4. **2nd Reading-** An ordinance amending Chapter 17 of the Columbus Code so as to revise certain provisions relating to the organizational structure and authorized positions for the Columbus Police Department; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)
5. **1st Reading-** An ordinance establishing and implementing a Paid Maternity and Paternity Leave Policy to enable and support employees in the bonding and caregiving of a child, following birth or adoption. (Councilor Chambers)

RESOLUTION

6. A Resolution concerning the Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia's issuance of bonds to finance a multifamily project at Warren Williams Homes and Rivers Homes located in Columbus, Georgia (Request of Columbus Housing Authority)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, Re: Management Inappropriate Behavior and Political Incompetence.
2. Mr. Paul Olson, Re: 1. Public Agenda 2. TAD District #8 and 3. Gambling Casino.
3. Mr. Nathan Smith, Re: Integrity throughout city leadership.
4. Ms. Simi Barnes, Re: Characteristics of effective leadership.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Buena Vista Road Spiderweb Bridge & Improvements, TIA 1 – Supplemental Agreement #4

Approval is requested to execute an amendment to the contract (Supplemental Agreement No. 4) with the Georgia Department of Transportation for additional funding for the construction phase of the Spiderweb TIA project. The supplemental agreement provides additional funding of \$6,774,600.00 to replace the Bull Creek Bridge while the Spiderweb improvements are under construction.

2. Authorization to Fill Ten (10) Unfunded Police Officer Positions

Approval is requested to authorize the Columbus Police Department to fill Ten (10) unfunded Police Officer positions in FY25 utilizing General Fund and OLOST Fund reserves.

3. A Resolution to Change Park Hours

4. Firehouse Subs Grant

Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$44,099.94 or as otherwise awarded by the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation to fund the purchase of six thermal imaging cameras to replace the current cameras, which have reached the end of their life. There are no matching funds required.

5. PURCHASES

- A. Change Order 2 for Design Services for Fire Station #4 Renovation – RFQ No. 23-0001
- B. Change Order 2 for Design Services for Fire Station #4 Renovation – RFQ No. 23-0001
- C. Brown Household Garbage Carts for Public Works – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase
- D. Cardiac Monitor/Defibrillator and Accessories for Fire & EMS Department – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract
- E. One Ambulance with Accessories for Fire & EMS – HGACBuy Cooperative Contract
- F. Steel Trash Receptacles for Metra (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 25-0002

REFERRALS:

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

1. Email Correspondence from Drale Short, Public Works Director forwarding the resignation of Lori Turner from her seat on the Animal Control Advisory Board.
2. **Minutes of the following boards:**
 - Board of Tax Assessors, #34-24
 - Development Authority, September 12, 2024
 - Pension Fund, Employees' Board of Trustees, April 10, May 8, & June 26, 2024
 - The Medical Center Hospital Authority, October 25, 2023, January 24 & April 24, 2024

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

3. **MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS- ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:**
 - A. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

Armando Fernandez

Seat declared vacant

Term Expires: March 27, 2025

(Mayor's Appointment)

Tamika McKenzie

Seat declared vacant

Term Expires: March 27, 2025

(Mayor's Appointment)

The terms are three years. Board meets quarterly.

Women: 1

Senatorial District 15: 6

Senatorial District 29: 4

4. **COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS- READY FOR CONFIRMATION:**

- A. **BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS:** Ms. Rozalind Hall was nominated to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Beautie Moore (*At-Large Seat*). (*Councilor Huff's nominee*)
Term expires: July 1, 2025

5. **COUNCIL'S DISTRICT SEAT APPOINTMENT- ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:**

A. **RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD:**

James "Jay" Wilkoff

(Council District 2- Davis)

Does not desire reappointment

Term Expired: December 31, 2021

Carl Brown

(Council District 9- Thomas)

Not Eligible to succeed

Term Expired: December 31, 2022

VACANT

(Council District 3- Huff)

Term Expired: December 31, 2023

These are five-year terms. Board meets monthly.

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

A. **ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:**

Sabine Stull

(Animal Rescue Representative)

Not Eligible to succeed

Term Expired: April 11, 2024

*Open for Recommendation
by Animal Rescue*

(Council's Appointment)

Nancy Anderson

(Resigned)

Term Expires: October 15, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council’s Appointment)

Councilor Crabb is nominating Matthew Gilbert for the seat of Nancy Anderson.

Councilor Crabb is nominating Elizabeth Kirven Boyce for the seat of Lori Turner.

These are two-year terms. Board meets as needed.

Women: 6

Senatorial District 15: 3

Senatorial District 29: 3

B. COLUMBUS AQUATICS COMMISSION:

Timothy Crabb

Does not desire reappointment

Term Expired: June 30, 2024

Open for Nominations
(Council’s Appointment)

Richard Leary

Cols. Hurricane Rep.

Does not desire reappointment

Term Expired: June 30, 2024

Open for Nominations
(Council’s Appointment)

Janet Bussey

Not Eligible to succeed

Term Expired: June 30, 2024

Open for Nominations
(Council’s Appointment)

Bruce Samuels

Not Eligible to succeed

Term Expired: June 30, 2022

Open for Nominations
(Council’s Appointment)

These are two-year terms. Board meets quarterly.

Women: 1

Senatorial District 15: 2

Senatorial District 29: 1

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

John Jackson

No longer serving

Term Expires: March 1, 2027

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

The term is six years. Meets quarterly.

Women: 5

Senatorial District 15: 2

Senatorial District 29: 3

D. COOPERATIVE EXTENSION ADVISORY BOARD:

Lawanna Williams (Vacant)

Does not desire reappointment

Term Expired: December 31, 2023

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

VACANT

Does not desire reappointment

Term Expires: December 31, 2028

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

The term is six years. Meets quarterly.

Women: 3

Senatorial District 15: 1

Senatorial District 29: 2

E. TREE BOARD:

Frank Tommey

(Residential Development Seat)

Not eligible to succeed

Term Expired: December 31, 2020

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Robert Hecht
(Commercial or Industrial Development Seat)
Seat declared vacant
Term Expired: December 31, 2020

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Jeremy Cummings
(Public Utility Representative)
Resigned
Term Expires: July 1, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Farah Dewsbury
(At-Large Seat)
Seat declared vacant
Term Expires: December 31, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

These are four-year terms. Meets as needed.

Women: 5
Senatorial District 15: 5
Senatorial District 29: 6

UPCOMING BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

- A. Airport Commission - (Commission / Council' Confirmation)
- B. Board of Elections & Registration - (Democratic Party / Council)
- C. Cooperative Extension Advisory Board - (Council's Appointment)
- D. Personnel Review Board - (Council's Appointment)
- E. Recreation Advisory Board - (Council District Seat Appointments)
- F. The Medical Center Hospital Authority – (Council's Nomination / Authority)

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