

## Council Members

R. Gary Allen  
Charmaine Crabb

Travis L. Chambers  
Glenn Davis

Byron Hickey  
Bruce Huff

R. Walker Garrett  
Toyia Tucker

John Anker  
Joanne Cogle

**Clerk of Council**  
Lindsey G. McLemore



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

March 10, 2026  
9:00 AM  
Regular Meeting

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## MAYOR'S AGENDA

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

**INVOCATION:** Offered by Reverend Grace Burton Edwards- St. Thomas Episcopal

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Mayor Skip Henderson

### **MINUTES**

1. Approval of minutes for the February 24, 2026, Council Meeting and Executive Session.

### **PROCLAMATIONS**

2. **Proclamation:** Intellectual and Developmental Disability Awareness Month-

**Receiving:** Chloe Landreth, New Horizons

3. **Proclamation:** Girl Scouts Day

**Receiving:** Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia

### **PRESENTATIONS**

4. Fountain City Classic Update – Presented by Calvin Smyre

5. Regional Prosperity Initiative New 2026-2030 Strategic Plan – Presented by Tabettha Getz, Executive Director of Columbus Ahead

## **CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA**

### **ORDINANCES**

1. **2nd Reading-** An ordinance providing for the demolition of various structures located at:
  - 1) **2317 Forsyth Street** (Trevonte Johnson, Owner);
  - 2) **5 Patton Drive** (Edward Hickey, Owner);
  - 3) **3810 16th Avenue** (Virginia Royal, Owner);
  - 4) **1543 Floyd Road** (Marrina Jo Amerson, Owner);
  - 5) **222 21st Avenue** (W & D Ventures LLC, Owner);
  - 6) **3016 3rd Avenue** (Benjamin Hardy, Owner);
  - 7) **2801 Baldwin Street** (Taryn Daniel Araos, Owner);
  - 8) **1344 16th Street** (William Glenn Perkins, Owner);
  - 9) **928 Lawyers Lane** (Sammie T. Harvey & King Bernice Harvey, Owner); and
  - 10) **828 1st Avenue** (FF Asset Fund I, LLC, Owner) (Mayor Pro-Tem)
2. **2nd Reading-** An Ordinance repealing various ordinances in order to abolish the Civic Center Advisory Board; and for other purposes. (Councilor Crabb)
3. **1st Reading-** REZN-11-25-2091: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **2055 Old Guard Road** (parcel # 074-001-008) from Residential Estate – 1 (RE1) Zoning District to Single Family Residential – 4 (SFR4) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Davis)
4. **1st Reading-**REZN-02-26-0208: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **2045 Old Guard Road** (parcel # 079-001-045) from SFR4 (Single Family Residential 4) Zoning District with conditions to SFR4 (Single Family Residential 4) Zoning District with amended conditions. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.)(Councilor Davis)
5. **1st Reading:** An ordinance amending Article I of Chapter 4 of the Columbus Code to insert a new code section which defines nonprofit community handmade and artisan events sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation; to clarify applicable permit

requirements; to provide for a fee waiver; and for other lawful purposes. (Councilors Cogle and Garrett)

## **PUBLIC AGENDA**

1. Mr. Kirk Holcombe, representing Access 2 Independence, Re: CDBG Funding
2. Dr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: What is a “Gentleman’s Agreement” and why do they exist?
3. Dr. Natalie Nicole, representing Role Model Academy of Arts, Re: Governance Standards and Enforcement Consistency
4. Miss. Emily Downs, Re: Chattahoochee Dam Alarm Notification on Riverwalk
5. Mrs. Darlene Laird, Re: Requesting a Moratorium on Data Centers.
6. Mrs. Leslie Landi, Re: Project Ruby / Overlay Rezoning Proposal
7. Mr. Gregory Foster, Re: Expressing Support for the Project Ruby Data Center
8. Mrs. Kim Hicks, Re: Concerns Regarding Proposed Data Center
9. Mr. Joshua Ferguson, Re: In support of Project Ruby and Choose Columbus for bringing these sorts of opportunities to the area.
10. Ms. Jessica Warchal, Re: Speaking as to the health quality effects of proposed data center campus.
11. Miss. Esther Warchal, Re: Effects on the natural world that I have come to reverence and love.
12. Mr. Liam Warchal, Re: Noise Pollution Concerns
13. Mr. Justin Sellers, Re: Concerns on Data Center Proposal
14. Mrs. Christine DiFeliciantonio, Re: Requesting a Moratorium on Project Ruby.
15. Mr. Jon LeGallais, Re: Opposition to the proposed “Project Ruby” Data Center
16. Ms. Michele Williams, Re: Data Center
17. Mr. Steve Craft, Re: Project Ruby
18. Mrs. Caroline Rowell, Re: Benefit to the Community

# **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

## **1. Street Acceptance –Swedish Ivy Court**

Approval is requested for the acceptance of Swedish Ivy Court, located in Ivy Park Commercial Development.

## **2. Street Designation as a Public Street.**

Approval is requested for the designation of that portion of 5<sup>th</sup> Street between 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue as a public street.

## **3. Surplus Property – 14 Properties in the Liberty District**

Approval is requested to authorize the Community Reinvestment Department to advertise and accept sealed bids for said properties and sell said properties in accordance with the Liberty District section 7-501(1) of the Columbus Charter, and to authorize the Mayor or designee to execute all contracts, agreements, and understandings related to the conveyance of City properties.

## **4. Cooperative Extension MOU Extension**

Approval is requested for Columbus Consolidated Government to renew its contract with the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, on behalf of the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service, to continue providing Extension services to residents of Muscogee County. The agreement maintains current service levels with no change in City funding.

## **5. Hazard Mitigation Grant Program – Outdoor Warning Sirens**

Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program grant award, in the amount of \$368,809.00, or as otherwise awarded, for the purchase, installation and programming of six additional outdoor warning sirens, compatible with the existing 47 sirens and controls, with a local match requirement of \$92,202.25, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.

## **6. Congressionally Directed Spending Grant – Fire & EMS**

Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$412,154.95 or as otherwise awarded from the Congressionally Directed Spending program to go toward the purchase of a public safety robot. There are no matching funds required.

## **7. Muscogee County Sheriff's Office Back the Blue Act Donation**

Approval is requested to accept a donation in the amount of \$5,735.28 from the Georgia Sheriff's Association, Inc as part of the 2025 disbursement from the Back the Blue Act funds defined in O.C.G.A. 40-2-26.1

## **8. PURCHASES**

- A. Three (3) Chevrolet Silverado Trucks for Fire & EMS Department – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase
- B. Ten (10) Ford Explorer Interceptors for Sheriff's Office – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase
- C. Four (4) Ford Explorer Interceptors for Columbus Police Department – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase
- D. One (1) Ford Explorer Interceptor for Columbus Police Department – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase
- E. Contract Extension for Inmate Medical & Pharmacy Services for Muscogee County Prison (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 18-0022
- F. Traffic Light Preemption System (Including Software and Equipment) for Fire & EMS – State of Georgia/Department of Transportation (GDOT) Cooperative Contract Purchase
- G. Ambulances for Fire & EMS – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase
- H. Cardiac Monitor Defibrillators with Accessories for Fire & EMS – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase
- I. Power Load Stretchers with Components for Fire & EMS – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase

## **9. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS**

- A. AJ McClung Stadium Update – Holli Browder, Director, Parks & Recreation, Scott Allen, Senior Principal, Partner, 2WR
- B. Finance Update - Angelica Alexander, Director, Finance

## **CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA**

### **ENCLOSURES - INFORMATION ONLY**

- 1. Upcoming Board Appointments: Development Authority
- 2. Upcoming Board Appointments: Housing Authority of Columbus

**ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED**

3. Request to Declare Vacancy: Memo from the Clerk of Council requesting Council declare the seat of Mike Welch, District 9 Representative, vacant on the Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC).

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

Airport Commission 01-28-26

Board of Tax Assessors #06-26

Board of Tax Assessors #07-26

Columbus Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) 01-21-26

Golf Authority 02-09-26

Hospital Authority of Columbus 01-27-26

Planning Advisory Commission (PAC) 07-16-25

Planning Advisory Commission (PAC) 08-20-25

Planning Advisory Commission (PAC) 10-01-25

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED**

5. **MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS – ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:**

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

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*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 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	
Women:	6	Senatorial District 15: 5
Vacancies:	1	Senatorial District 29: 5

B. **PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES’ BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

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*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<sup>st</sup> Wednesday  
Women: 4 Senatorial District 15: 9  
Vacancies: 1 Senatorial District 29: 2

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

**A. AIRPORT COMMISSION:**

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*Vacant*  
Term Expires: December 31, 2026

Waiting on Nominee  
*(Confirmed by Council)*

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 5 Year Term Limit: n/a  
Meetings: Monthly – 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday  
Women: 1 Senatorial District 15: 3  
Vacancies: 1 Senatorial District 29: 1

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

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*Vacant*  
**Board of Realtors**  
Term Expires: January 31, 2026  
*\*Councilor Crabb is nominating Tracy N. Dean*

Waiting on Nominee  
*(Confirmed by Council)*

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*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<sup>nd</sup> Monday  
 Women: 5 Senatorial District 15: 7  
 Vacancies: 2 Senatorial District 29: 2

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

**A. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

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*Vacant* Open for Nominations  
 Term Expires: March 27, 2026 *(District 1 – Hickey)*

**Tracy Belt** Open for Nominations  
*Not Eligible* *(District 4 -Tucker)*  
 Term Expires: March 27, 2026

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*Vacant* Open for Nominations  
 Term Expires: March 27, 2026 *(District 5 – Crabb)*

**Mike Welch** Open for Nominations  
*Eligible* *(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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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** Open for Nominations  
*Eligible* *(District 5 – Crabb)*  
 Term Expired: October 31, 2025  
 \*Not interested in serving another term.

**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 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday		
Women:	3	Senatorial District 15:	4
Vacancies:	0	Senatorial District 29:	3

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

**A. ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:**

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*Vacant*  
**(Georgia Veterinary Technician)**  
Term Expires: October 15, 2025

Open for Nominations  
*(Council’s Appointment)*

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*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<sup>th</sup> Wednesday  
Women: 4 Senatorial District 15: 0  
Vacancies: 1 Senatorial District 29: 5

**C. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:**

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*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

**D. LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:**

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*Vacant*

Term Expired: August 14, 2026

Open for Nominations  
*(Council’s Appointment)*

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*Vacant*

Term Expired: August 14, 2026

Open for Nominations  
*(Council’s Appointment)*

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*Vacant*

Term Expired: August 14, 2027

Open for Nominations  
*(Civic Center Director Recommendation / Confirmed by Council)*

Membership and Meeting Information

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

**E. 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 – 2nd Monday	
Women:	2	Senatorial District 15: 2
Vacancies:	0	Senatorial District 29: 1

**F. PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:**

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*Vacant*

**(Alternate Member 1)**

Term expires: December 31, 2027

Open for Nominations  
*(Council's Appointment)*

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*Vacant*

**(Alternate Member 2)**

Term expires: December 31, 2027

Open for Nominations  
*(Council's Appointment)*

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*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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