

## Council Members

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Charmaine Crabb

Travis L. Chambers  
Glenn Davis

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Bruce Huff

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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

June 03, 2025  
5:30 PM  
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 Pastor Wayne Anthony, St. Peter UMC of Columbus, Georgia

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

### **MINUTES**

1. Approval of minutes for the May 27, 2025 Council Meeting and Executive Session.

### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

2. **TAXPAYER BILL OF RIGHTS PUBLIC HEARING:** 6:00 p.m. The budget tentatively adopted by the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, requires a millage rate higher than the rollback millage rate. Therefore, before the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, may finalize the tentative budget and set a final millage rate, Georgia Law requires that three public hearings be held to allow the public an opportunity to express their opinions on this increase.

# **CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA**

## **ORDINANCES**

1. **2nd Reading-** An Ordinance amending Section 11-17.15 of the Columbus Code to revise the definition of division chief positions in the Columbus Department of Fire and Medical Emergency Services; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)
2. **1st Reading and Public Hearing-** An ordinance adopting an operating and capital improvement budget for the Fiscal Year 2026 beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, for certain funds of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, and appropriating the amounts shown in each budget; and for other purposes. (Budget Review Committee)
3. **1st Reading-** An Ordinance adopting non-operating budgets for the fiscal year 2026 beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, for certain funds of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, and appropriating the amounts shown in each budget. (Budget Review Committee)
4. **1st Reading-** An Ordinance providing for contributions to the Columbus, Georgia General Government Employees' Pension Plan for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026. (Budget Review Committee)
5. **1st Reading-** An Ordinance providing for the governmental contributions to the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for employees of the Department of Public Safety for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026. (Budget Review Committee)
6. **1st Reading-** An Ordinance providing for Government funding of a Major Disability Income Plan for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026. (Budget Review Committee)
7. **1st Reading-** An Ordinance providing for Government funding of a Death Benefit Escrow for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026. (Budget Review Committee)
8. **1st Reading-** An Ordinance amending Article VII of Chapter 13 of the Columbus Code Solid Waste Collection and Disposal to update the landfill, residential and commercial waste disposal fees, to update the guidelines for an offset to the residential rate for low-income households; and for other purposes (Budget Review Committee)

## **PUBLIC AGENDA**

*Last Application Received: May 30, 2025, 6:06 a.m. (Online)*

1. Mr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: Termination of City Manager Isaiah Hugley
2. Mr. John Fitzpatrick, Jr., Re: What Now?

3. Miss. Alazjah Bonner, Re: Columbus City Matters.

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

### **1. Memorandum of Agreement- Chattahoochee Riverkeeper, Inc.**

Approval is requested to execute a Memorandum of Agreement between the Columbus Consolidated Government and Chattahoochee Riverkeeper, Inc. to install, maintain, and operate trash traps located at Cooper Creek Park and Dinglewood Park to remove floating litter from tributaries of Chattahoochee River for a period of one year.

### **2. Adoption of the 2025 Liberty District Master Plan**

Approval is requested to approve the 2025 Liberty District Master Plan as submitted by Neil Clark of Hecht Burdeshaw, Inc.

### **3. PURCHASES**

- A. Muscogee County Jail Roof Project – RFB NO. 25-0006
- B. Alcohol Management Services for Columbus Civic Center Locations (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 24-0005
- C. Traffic Incident Management Services and Towing Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 25-0001

## **BID ADVERTISEMENT**

**DATE:** June 3, 2025  
**TO:** Mayor and Councilors  
**FROM:** Finance Department  
**SUBJECT:** Advertised Bids/RFPs/RFQs

### **June 6, 2025**

#### **1. Grant Writing Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 25-0020**

##### **Scope of RFP**

Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is seeking qualified, experienced individuals, groups, or firms to provide Grant Writing Services. The Successful Proposer will secure grant funding through the preparation and submittal of grant proposals to federal, state agencies, and any other applicable entities.

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

## **CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA**

### **ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED**

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

Board of Tax Assessors, #17-25

### **BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED**

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

A. **COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:**

**New Member**  
**(Certified Public Accountant)**

Open for Nominations  
**(Mayor’s Appointment)**

**New Member**  
**(Law Enforcement Representative)**  
*Ex Officio/Non-Voting Member*

Open for Nominations  
**(Mayor’s Appointment)**

*The terms are three years, with the terms beginning July 1, 2025, and the term expiration of the first appointments being staggered pursuant to Ordinance 25-011.*

**Women: 1**  
**Senatorial District 15: 1**  
**Senatorial District 29: 3**  
**Vacancies: 11**

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)**

*The terms are four years. Meets monthly.*

**Women:** 4

**Senatorial District 15:** 9

**Senatorial District 29:** 2

**Vacancies:** 1

**C. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

Mayor's Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – READY FOR CONFIRMATION:**

**A. 457 DEFERRED COMPENSATION BOARD:** Rhonda T. Davis was nominated to serve another term. *(Councilor Crabb's nominee)* Term expires: May 31, 2028

**B. AUDIT COMMITTEE:** Michael Bruder was nominated to serve another term. *(Councilor Davis's nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2027

**C. BOARD OF FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES:** Chandler Padgett was nominated to serve another term. *(Councilor Crabb's nominee)* Term Expires: June 30, 2028

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

**A. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

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*Vacant*

Term Expires: March 27, 2026

*(District 1 – Hickey)*

*The terms for the Mayor's Appointments are three years and Council's Appointments are two years. Meets quarterly.*

Women: 4  
Senatorial District 15: 9  
Senatorial District 29: 2  
Vacancies: 2

**B. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

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

*\*Councilor Garrett (District 8) is nominating Kalel Le Denney, Jordan High School.*

**5. APPOINTMENTS – NOMINATIONS ARE CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL:**

**A. COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:**

<b><u>New Member</u></b> (RiverCenter Representative) <i>*Councilor Cogle is nominating Jim Rutland</i>	RiverCenter's Nomination (Confirmed by Council)
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*The terms are three years, with the terms beginning July 1, 2025, and the term expiration of the first appointments being staggered pursuant to Ordinance 25-011.*

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

**A. COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:**

<b><u>New Member</u></b> (Promotional Entity – Professional Hockey) <i>Ex Officio/Non-Voting Member</i> <i>*The previous appointment resided outside Muscogee County.</i>	Open for Nominations (Council's Appointment)
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*The terms are three years, with the terms beginning July 1, 2025, and the term expiration of the first appointments being staggered pursuant to Ordinance 25-011.*

**B. DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:**

**Ernest Smallman, IV**

*(Council's Appointment)*

*Not Eligible to succeed – Currently serves on Board of Zoning Appeals*

Term Expired: August 15, 2023

*\*Councilor Cogle is nominating Bruce McPherson*

*(Council's Appointment)*

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*Vacant*

Term Expired: August 15, 2023

*The terms are four years. Ordinance No. 11-23 removes the limitation of two full consecutive terms for this authority.*

**Women: 0**

**Senatorial District 15: 3**

**Senatorial District 29: 3**

**Vacancies: 1**

**C. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:**

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*Vacant*

**(Senatorial District 15)**

Term Expires: June 30, 2027

Open for Nominations  
*(Council's Appointment)*

*The terms are three years. Meets every other month.*

**Women: 4**

**Senatorial District 15: 5**

**Senatorial District 29: 3**

**Vacancies: 2**

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

**Judge David Ranieri**

*Does not desire reappointment*

Term Expires: June 30, 2025

Open for Nominations  
(Council's Appointment)

*The terms are three years. Meets every other month.*

**Women:** 2

**Senatorial District 15:** 3

**Senatorial District 29:** 1

**Vacancies:** 0

**G. RETIREES' HEALTH BENEFITS COMMITTEE:**

**Cheryl B. Tate**– *Interested in serving another term*

*Eligible to serve another term*

Term Expires: June 30, 2025

Open for Nominations  
(Council's Appointment)

**Thomas Barron**

*Not Eligible*

Term Expires: June 30, 2025

Open for Nominations  
(Council's Appointment)

*The term of the Mayor's appointee is two years. The terms of Council's appointees are four years. Meets once a month.*

**Women:** 4

**Senatorial District 15:** n/a

**Senatorial District 29:** n/a

**Vacancies:** 0

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