

Council Members

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

August 11, 2026
9:00 AM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S A G E N D A

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Rev. John Hamilton, St Thomas Episcopal Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Serenity Powell from Hannan Elementary

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the July 28, 2026, Council Meeting.

PROCLAMATIONS

2. **Proclamation:** Ridgcrest Rehab & Skilled Nursing Day

Receiving: Britt Hayes, President/CEO Hospital Authority of Columbus

PRESENTATIONS

3. River Valley Regional Commission Update - Jim Livingston, Executive Director, RVRC, and Hon. Carvel Lewis
4. Engineering Department Operational Internal Audit Report – Donna McGinnis, Internal Auditor/Compliance Officer

CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **2nd Reading:** REZN 05-26-0955: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at 3849 N Linden Drive (parcel # 087-028-012) from Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District to Single Family Residential – 2 (SFR2) Zoning District.) (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Barnes)
2. **2nd Reading:** An ordinance amending Article XIV of Chapter 13 of the Columbus Code to revise and modernize the Article; to adopt current state rules and regulations; to provide for a penalty for violations; and for other purposes. (Request of Muscogee County Board of Health) (Mayor Pro Tem)
3. **2nd Reading:** An Ordinance amending Chapter 5 of the Columbus Code to rename and update the provisions pertaining to the Animal Services Advisory Board; and for other purposes. (Councilors Tucker, Crabb, and Garrett)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Mr. Tim Mason, Re: PAWS Humane. *(Rescheduled from 07-14-2026.)*
2. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Pay Equity – Speaking up for Women.
3. Mx. Mary Reynolds, Re: Opposition to ICE Cooperation.
4. Mr. Gregory Foster, Re: Support for Sheriff Greg Countryman.
5. Ms. Kim Decker, Re: Public Comment Decorum and Sign Regulations.
6. Ms. Sanquetta Requena, representing Xi Mu Upsilon Sorority Incorporated, Re: Community Baby Shower Event.
7. Dr. Natalie Nicole, representing Role Model Academy, Re: Community Concerns & Elected Accountability.
8. Mr. Corie Wilson, Re: Department Oversight & Accountability.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Street Acceptance – Flame Street, that portion of Georgia Fire Street, and that portion of Confetti Blush Drive

Approval is requested for the acceptance of Flame Street, that portion of Georgia Fire Street, and that portion of Confetti Blush Drive located in Old Town, a Mixed Community.

2. GDOT Street Lighting Agreement

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 GDOT P.I.0019535 Round-a-bout SR 22/US 80 at Schomburg Road & Blackmon Road – TIA Project.

3. Intergovernmental Agreement with the Columbus Water Works

Approval is requested to authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Board of Water Commissioners d/b/a Columbus Water Works to transfer the property located at 1125 Alexander Street (188 020 006) and beneficial use and improvements of portions of 1331 Alexander Street (188 020 005) & 1315 Alexander Street (188 020 008). These tracts will provide future opportunities for CWW Administrative, Environmental Service, Field Service, and Maintenance personnel.

4. State of Georgia Department of Community Affairs Georgia Rehoused Application (Valley Healthcare)

Approval is requested to apply, and if awarded, accept the State of Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Acute Homeless Response and Prevention Services Grant through Georgia Rehoused on behalf of Valley Healthcare in the amount of \$250,000 and amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount awarded. The grant will be utilized by Valley Healthcare Systems, Inc. to cover the cost of two (2) intensive case managers and case management resources for unsheltered homeless populations for two (2) years.

5. PURCHASES

- A. One (1) 2026 Chevrolet Suburban 2WD 4DR LS for Muscogee County Prison – Georgia Statewide Cooperative Contract Purchase
- B. FY27 Sidewalk Construction and Repairs for Engineering
- C. Onsite Imaging and Indexing Services for Clerk of Superior Court – OMNIA Partners Cooperative Contract Purchase
- D. Rescue Pumper For Fire And Ems Department – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase

- E. E-1 Three (3) Sutphen Heavy Duty Custom Pumpers for Fire and EMS Department – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase/ E-2 GMA Lease for Three (3) Sutphen Heavy Duty Custom Pumpers for Fire and EMS Department
- F. Laundry Room Renovations for Muscogee County Prison

EMERGENCY PURCHASES

1. Emergency Purchases – Information Only

On July 28, 2028, the Engineering Director, R. Vance Beck, identified the need for repairs to a portion of the retaining wall on the Riverwalk. The repairs will stabilize a section of the wall where a brick has fallen. This will prevent the structure from failing and avoid potential injury to citizens.

The Engineering Department received a quote for the repair from Brasfield & Gorrie in the amount of \$70,000.00. Brasfield & Gorrie is one of the vendors awarded the contract for On-Call General Contractor Services (Annual Contract), RFP No. 25-0003, per Res. No. 460-24 dated November 19, 2024.

The City Manager approved the emergency purchase on July 28, 2026

Funds are available in the FY27 budget: LOST-Infrastructure Fund – Engineering – Infrastructure-LOST – General Construction – Riverwalk Renovations; 0109-250-9901-LOST-7661-94003-20270.

On Saturday, July 4, 2026, Warden Walker at Muscogee County Prison reported an unidentifiable person had breached the MCP property inside of the guard line. The civilian was on a bike and rode down the driveway, then turned around at the 4-way stop. Once out of sight, MCP had no way to determine exactly where the person went. Rutledge State Prison was also notified to be on the lookout. Due to this incident, Warden Walker requested an emergency purchase for additional rear-facing surveillance cameras to help prevent such occurrences, which could involve contraband introductions.

The department received a quote from Adapttosolve/Minuteman, in the amount of \$51,478.78. Adapttosolve/Minuteman is the City's annual contracted vendor to provide Security Surveillance and Security Access Equipment (RFP No. 23-0002).

The Mayor approved the emergency purchase on July 4, 2026.

6. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Operational and Performance Assessment Presentation - David Roberts, Partner, Mauldin & Jenkins
- B. Outdoor AED Project Update - Lauren McIntosh - Risk Management & Compliance Officer

BID ADVERTISEMENT

DATE: August 11, 2026
TO: Mayor and Councilors
FROM: Finance Department
SUBJECT: Advertised Bids/RFPs/RFPs

August 12, 2026

1. Portable Toilet Rental & Service (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 26-0036

Scope of RFB

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

August 19, 2026

1. HVAC Maintenance & Repair Services – (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 27-0003

Scope of RFB

Provide HVAC Preventive Maintenance & Repair Services at various locations. The contract term shall be for three (3) years, with the option to renew for two (2) additional twelve-month periods.

August 21, 2026

1. Environmental Consulting Services for Multipurpose Brownfield (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 27-0001

Scope of RFP

The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia (the City) is seeking a qualified environmental consultant to provide assistance with its United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) Multipurpose Brownfield Grant. The environmental consultant will assist with the implementation of environmental assessment, site cleanup, remedial planning, and other components of the grant for which funding is secured.

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

2. Community Engagement Services For Multipurpose Brownfield Grant (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 27-0002

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is seeking a qualified vendor to provide community engagement services for the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) Multipurpose Brownfield Grant. The community engagement vendor will coordinate and execute a public engagement strategy for the Multipurpose Grant.

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

September 9, 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 - ACTION REQUESTED

1. **Travel Authorization:** A travel authorization request for Councilor Simi Barnes to attend the ACCG Newly Elected Commissioners Conference in Athens, GA. (*State Mandated Training*)
2. **Travel Authorization:** A travel authorization request for Councilor Cathy Cook to attend the ACCG Newly Elected Commissioners Conference in Athens, GA. (*State Mandated Training*)

3. **Travel Authorization:** A travel authorization request for Councilor Cathy Cook to attend the 2026 National Foundation for Women Legislators Annual Conference in Nashville, TN.
4. **Travel Authorization:** A travel authorization request for Councilor-Elect Sherrie Aaron to attend the ACCG Newly Elected Commissioners Conference in Athens, GA. (*State Mandated Training*)
5. **Travel Authorization:** A travel authorization request for Councilor-Elect Becca Zajac to attend the ACCG Newly Elected Commissioners Conference in Athens, GA. (*State Mandated Training*)
6. **Resolution:** A Resolution changing the regularly scheduled Council meetings for the month of November 2026.
7. **Resolution:** A Resolution changing the regularly scheduled Council meetings for the month of December 2026.
8. **Minutes of the following boards:**

Airport Commission 06-24-26

Board of Tax Assessors #27-26 & 28-26

Columbus Convention & Visitor Board (CVB) 02-18-26

Columbus Golf Authority 06-16-26

Columbus Water Commission 05-11-26

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

9. **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

10. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – LISTED FOR CONFIRMATION:

- A. COLUMBUS GOLF AUTHORITY:** Stephen Hyles was nominated to fill a vacant seat. *(Councilor Davis's nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2030
- B. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION (KCBC):** Shanise Thomason was nominated to fill a vacant seat for a representative of Senatorial District 29 (SD-29). *(Councilor Tucker's nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2029
- C. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION (KCBC):** Stephanie Quinones was nominated to fill a vacant seat for a representative of Senatorial District 29 (SD-29). *(Councilor Tucker's nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2029

- D. LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:** Fernando C. Verdree was renominated to serve another term as the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) Representative. *(Councilor Huff's nominee)* Term expires: August 14, 2030
- E. LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:** George C. McDowell was renominated to serve another term. *(Councilor Huff's nominee)* Term expires: August 14, 2030
- F. LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:** Zach Lee was renominated to serve another term. *(Councilor Huff's nominee)* Term expires: August 14, 2030
- G. PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION (PAC):** Rick Stallings was renominated to serve another term. *(Councilor Tucker's nominee)* Term expires: August 31, 2029
- H. PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION (PAC):** Ralph King was nominated to succeed Gloria Thomas. *(Councilor Crabb's nominee)* Term expires: August 31, 2029

11. 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 – 2nd Monday

Women: 4 Senatorial District 15: 6

Vacancies: 2 Senatorial District 29: 2

12. 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)

Vacant

Term Expired: October 31, 2028

Open for Nominations
(District 5 – Crabb)

Membership and Meeting Information

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

C. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:

District 9 Nominee: _____

District 10 Nominee: _____

13. 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
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Meetings:	As needed.	
Women:	1	Senatorial District 15: 1
Vacancies:	1	Senatorial District 29: 3

D. 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
Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

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

E. 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)

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Term expires: December 31, 2027

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

F. 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

G. TREE BOARD:

Vacant

(At-Large)

Term expires: December 31, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Vacant

(At-Large)

Term expires: December 31, 2028

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Vacant

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

(At-Large)

Term expires: December 31, 2028

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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