

Council Members

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Bruce Huff

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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

June 4, 2024
5:30 PM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Pastor Bruce Conage, Rosehill Memorial Baptist Church of Columbus, Georgia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the May 28, 2024 Council Meeting and Executive Session.

OATH OF OFFICE:

2. Oath of Office administered to the newly appointed Columbus Councilor District 1- Byron Hickey by Chief Superior Court Judge Arthur L. Smith, III.

PUBLIC HEARING:

3. **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.

PROCLAMATION:

4. **Proclamation:** Brookstone High School Baseball State Championship
Receiving: Greg Mathis, Head Coach
5. **Proclamation:** NeighborWorks Columbus Week
Receiving: Cathy Williams, Executive Director of NeighborWorks
6. **Proclamation:** Caribbean American Heritage Month
Receiving: Aysia Berry

PRESENTATION:

7. An extension to qualify for alcohol sales on Sundays. (Presented by Ms. LeAnne Browning, representing Fetch, Inc.)

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **2nd Reading-** An ordinance to revise and clarify certain provisions of the Columbus Code which provide for the foreclosure of liens on property for which funds are due and owing to the consolidated government; and for other purposes. (continued on 2nd Reading due to inconclusive vote) (Councilor Begly)
2. **1st Reading and Public Hearing-** An ordinance adopting an operating and capital improvement budget for the Fiscal Year 2025 beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, 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 2024 beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, 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, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025. (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, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025. (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, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025. (Budget Review Committee)
7. **1st Reading-** An ordinance providing for Government funding of a Death Benefit Escrow for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025. (Budget Review Committee)
8. **1st Reading-** An ordinance amending Article VII of Chapter 13 of the Columbus Code Solid Waste Collection and Disposal by updating certain fees and the guidelines for an offset to the residential rate for low-income households; and for other purposes. (Budget Review Committee)
9. **1st Reading-** An ordinance renewing Business Improvement Districts in Columbus, Georgia through December 31, 2034; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)
10. **1st Reading-** An ordinance adopting new permit fees for Building Code inspections in Section 8-14.4 of the Columbus Code; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Ms. Julee Fryer, representing the Animal Control Advisory Board, Re: The Animal Control Advisory Board supports the Columbus Animal Care and Control staffing model for the FY25 Budget.
2. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Reparations in 2028.
3. Miss Courtney Pierce, representing PAWS Humane Society, Re: Reconsideration of appropriate staffing levels at Animal Care and Control.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Golden Park Cell Tower 5-Year Lease Extension

Approval is requested to execute the third and final lease renewal for the purpose of leasing the Golden Park Cell Tower to SBA Towers VI, LLC.

2. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Jail Update - Drale Short, Director, Public Works
- B. MCP FY24 Budget Update – Herbert Walker, Warden, Muscogee County Prison

BID ADVERTISEMENT

DATE: June 04, 2024

June 7, 2024

1. Interactive Floor/Play System (Re-Bid) – PQ No. 24-0005

Scope of Quote

The Columbus Consolidated Government (“the City”) is seeking quotes from qualified vendors to provide two (2) immersive, educational and recreational projection systems, to be used by the Department of Parks and Recreation.

CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

1. Minutes of the following boards:

Budget Review Committee, May 7, 2024

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

2. MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:

A. PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES’ BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Crystal Shahid

(Business Community)

Does not desire reappointment

Term Expires: June 30, 2024

(Mayor’s Appointment)

This is a four-year term. Board meets monthly.

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

- A. **COLUMBUS AQUATICS COMMISSION:** Ms. Jensen Melton was nominated to serve another term of office. *(Councilor Huff's nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2026
- B. **COLUMBUS GOLF COURSE AUTHORITY:** Mr. Richard Mahone was nominated to serve another term of office. *(Councilor Huff's nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2028
- C. **COLUMBUS GOLF COURSE AUTHORITY:** Mr. James Houston, Jr. was nominated to serve another term of office. *(Councilor Huff's nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2028
- D. **KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:** Ms. Kara Brakefield was nominated to succeed Ms. Tracy Walton-King. *(Councilor Tucker's nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2027
- E. **KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:** Ms. Skyler Dexter was nominated to fill the vacant SD-29 seat. *(Councilor Tucker's nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2026

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

A. **YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

District 2 Nominee: _____

District 5 Nominee: _____

District 4 Nominee: _____

District 8 Nominee: _____

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

A. **COLUMBUS AQUATICS COMMISSION:**

Timothy Crabb

Does not desire reappointment

Term Expires: June 30, 2024

Open for Nominations

(Council's Appointment)

Richard Leary
Cols. Hurricane Rep.
Does not desire reappointment
Term Expires: June 30, 2024

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Janet Bussey
Not Eligible to succeed
Term Expires: 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: 5
Senatorial District 29: 2

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