

## Council Members

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Charmaine Crabb

Travis L. Chambers  
Glenn Davis

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Bruce Huff

R. Walker Garrett  
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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

May 12, 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 Pastor Roderick Green - First African Baptist Church

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by the Lighthouse Leaders from Reese Road Leadership Academy

### **MINUTES**

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

### **PROCLAMATIONS:**

2. **Proclamation:** Public Works Recognition Week

**Receiving:** Drale Short, Director of Public Works

3. **Proclamation:** Mental Health Month

**Receiving:** New Horizons Behavioral Health Staff

## **PRESENTATIONS:**

4. Development Authority of Columbus – Missy Kendrick, President/CEO of Choose Columbus

## **CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA**

### **ORDINANCES**

1. **2nd Reading:** REZN-07-25-1259: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **6821 Mobley Road** (parcel # 190-014-020) from Single Family Residential – 1 (SFR1) Zoning District to Single Family Residential – 2 (SFR2) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.)(As amended on 1st Reading.) (Councilor Davis)
2. **2nd Reading:** An ordinance to revise and clarify certain provisions of Chapter 2 of the Columbus Code which provide for meeting dates and procedures for the Columbus Council; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)
3. **1st Reading-** REZN 03-26-0356: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **3890 Veterans Parkway** (parcel # 031-044-006) from Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Garrett)
4. **1st Reading:** REZN-03-26-0416: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **5385 Veterans Parkway** (parcel # 188-020-001) from Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Garrett)
5. **1st Reading-** REZN-03-26-0663: An ordinance amending Sections 13.1.1, 4.2.18, 2.5.24, 3.2.6, 3.2.63, and 10.11.8 of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) for Columbus, Georgia.(Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.)(Mayor Pro-Tem)
6. **1st Reading-** An ordinance providing for the demolition of various structures located at:
  - 1) 3219 Cusseta Road (Edward Francis, Owner)
  - 2) 945 Henry Avenue (Willie A. Callier Etal, Owner)
  - 3) 1103 Henry Avenue (Connell L. & Minnie L. Holloman, Owner)
  - 4) 4026 Oates Avenue (Blue Fox Goebell LLC, Owner)
  - 5) 917 38th Street (Winston S. Marchan Jr., Owner)
  - 6) 4010 6th Avenue (Nstream Properties LLC, Owner)

- 7) 1112 Bolton Avenue (Claudia & Harvey Joseph, Sr, Owner)
- 8) 2623 Clover Lane (Darrel G. Hicks Jr., Owner)
- 9) 2119 Munson Drive (Wendy Margarita Martinez, Owner)
- 10)1118 Thyer Avenue (Nchotu Success, Owner)

and for demolition services for the Inspections and Code Department in accordance with the attached Tabulation of Bid sheet. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

7. **1st Reading-** An ordinance to provide for a levy of increase on ad valorem taxes for blighted property; to provide for identification of blighted property; to provide for remediation; to provide for a decrease on ad valorem taxes on property; and for other purposes. (Councilors Garrett and Davis)

## **PUBLIC AGENDA**

1. Ms. Annette Adams, Re: Data Center.
2. Mr. Paul Olson, Re: Public Agenda, First Amendments Rights Violation & Civil Rights Violations, Class Action Lawsuit, Open Meetings Act, and the Planning Advisory Commission.
3. Dr. Donald Moeller, Re: National Fire Protection Association Guidelines for Behavioral Health NFPA 1582 and the Columbus GA Fire and EMS System.
4. Dr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: Allocation of Additional Funds for the Elections and Registration Office During Election Cycles.
5. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Affordability needs to addressed in 2027 budget. (*Referral from Mayor's Commission for Persons with Disabilities*)
6. Mr. Corie Wilson, Re: Professionalism, Transparency and Trust from Elected Officials.
7. Ms. Alexa Johnson Anderson, Re: Data Center Proposals.
8. Mrs. Rebecca Thompson, Re: Data Center Concerns.
9. Dr. Natalie Nicole, representing Role Model Academy of Arts, Re: Legislative Process, Council Support, and Failed Local Bills.
10. Mr. Gregory Foster, Re: Stop Appeasing Data Center Opponents.
11. Rev. Mark Lawrence, Re: Steps to Moving Forward.

12. Mr. Mick Etchinson, Re: Concerns on Non-Renewable Energy Needed to Power the Project Ruby Hyperscale Data Center.
13. Mr. Gary Parker, Re: Hostile Environment in the Columbus Police Department.
14. Mrs. Jessica Warchal, Re: 1st Amendment Right to Speak During City Council Meetings Regarding City Leadership.
15. Mr. John Van Doorn, Re: I would like to speak on the timing of the first reading of the proposed technology overlay, and electoral accountability by Council and candidates for their position on the T.O. And Data Center.

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

### **1. TSPLOST Projects, Band 3**

Approval is requested to proceed with executing and funding the preconstruction requirements for Band 3 Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) Projects that will be handled locally, to include right of way acquisition, permanent and temporary construction easements, utility relocation, environmental mitigation, and other necessary agreements to prepare projects for construction.

### **2. Street Acceptance – Calf Creek Lane and that portion of Holstein Hill**

Approval is requested for the acceptance of Calf Creek Lane and that portion of Holstein Hill located in Phase Three, Section Two, Heiferhorn Farms.

### **3. GDOT Street Lighting Agreement – SR 85/US 27 ALT at County Line Road – TIA Project**

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 SR 85/US 27 ALT at County Line Road – TIA Project.

### **4. Columbus Lions Lease Agreement**

Approval is requested to amend the five-year Agreement with Columbus Lions Indoor Football Team, LLC d/b/a Columbus Lions, which is scheduled to remain in effect until 2028. The proposed amendment will include provisions regarding digital signage and grant the Lions a first refusal on any lease renewal for arena football beyond the current five-year term.

### **5. Public Art - Lakebottom Bandshell**

Approval is requested to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with MidTown, Inc. and approve the final design of the mural at Lakebottom Park Bandshell.

## **6. PURCHASES**

- A. Contract Extension for Portable Toilet Rental and Service (Re-Bid) (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 20-0054
- B. Emergency Remediation and Reconstruction Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 26-0012
- C. Tire Leasing Services for METRA (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 26-0034
- D. Oil & Lubricants for METRA (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 26-0030
- E. Used & Confiscated Firearms for Credit or Swap – RFB No. 26-0035
- F. Service Agreement Amendment for the Automated Victim Notification System (VINE)
- G. Provision and Installation of Playground Equipment at Flat Rock Park – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase
- H. Provision and Installation of Playground Equipment at Shirley Winston Park – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase
- I. Provision and Installation of Playground Equipment at Heath Park – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase
- J. Provision and Installation of Playground Equipment at John Rigdon Park at Psalmound Road – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase
- K. Declaration of Surplus and Trade-In of Yamaha Golf Carts for Bull Creek Golf Course

### **EMERGENCY PURCHASES**

## **7. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Riverkeeper Trash Trap Updates - Henry Jacobs, Deputy Director, Chattahoochee Riverkeeper
- B. Update on the STEM Carver Park Project - Katrina Long, Principal, Reese Road Elementary School

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

### **ENCLOSURES - INFORMATION ONLY**

1. Upcoming Board Appointments: Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (KCBC)
2. Upcoming Board Appointments: Pension Fund, Employees' Board of Trustees

3. Upcoming Board Appointments: Region Six Regional Advisory Council for Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities
4. Upcoming Board Appointments: Retirees' Health Benefits Committee

**ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED**

5. Honorary Street Designation: Application submitted by Jimmy Blanton, requesting to designate Prince Avenue, from St. Mary's Road to Murrelle Street, as *Dickerson Way* in honor of Dr. Tony R. Dickerson.
6. Resignation: William A. Taylor is resigning as the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) on the Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority. (*Mayor's Appointment*)
7. Resignation: Fran Carpenter is resigning from the Historic & Architectural Review Board (BHAR). (*Council's Appointment*)

**8. Minutes of the following board:**

Board of Tax Assessors # 15-26 & 16-26

Board of Water Commissioners 03-25-26

Columbus Airport Commission 02-17-26, 03-19-26 & 03-25-26

Columbus Golf Authority 03-17-26

Employee Benefits Committee 02-25-26 & 10-22-25

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED**

**9. MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS – ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:**

**A. 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

**B. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

Mayor’s Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – LISTED FOR CONFIRMATION:**

**A. KEEP COLUMBUS BRAUTIFUL COMMISSION:** Ashley Stanley was nominated to fill a vacant seat. (*Councilor Crabb’s nominee – Recommended by KCBC*) Term Expires: June 30, 2029

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

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

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*Vacant*  
**Columbus Homebuilders Association**  
Term Expires: January 31, 2028

Waiting on Nominee  
*(Confirmed by Council)*

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*Vacant*  
**Uptown Business Association**  
Term Expires: January 31, 2029  
*\*Alan Udy is unable to serve currently. (Confirmed 02-10-2026)*

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: 1 Senatorial District 29: 2

**12. 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

Open for Nominations  
*(District 1 – Hickey)*

**Tracy Belt**

*Not Eligible*

Term Expires: March 27, 2026

Open for Nominations  
*(District 4 -Tucker)*

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*Vacant*

Term Expires: March 27, 2026

Open for Nominations  
*(District 5 – Crabb)*

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*Vacant*

Term Expires: March 27, 2026

Open for Nominations  
*(District 9 -Anker)*

**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:	4	Senatorial District 15: 7
Vacancies:	2	Senatorial District 29: 3

**B. PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:**

**Paul T. Berry, III**

*Eligible*

Term Expired: October 31, 2025

*\*Not interested in serving another term.*

Open for Nominations  
*(District 5 – Crabb)*

**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

**C. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

District 1 Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ District 6 Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

District 2 Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ District 7 Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

District 3 Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ District 8 Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

District 4 Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

District 9 Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

District 5 Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

District 10 Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

*Councilor Huff (District 3) is nominating Zach Burgess, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade at Richards Middle School.*

*Councilor Cogle (District 7) is nominating Ezra Hollifield, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade at Brookstone*

**13. 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 FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES:**

**Darlene Small**  
*Eligible*  
Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations  
*(Council’s Appointment)*

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	5 Year	Term Limit: 2
Meetings:	Quarterly	
Women:	4	Senatorial District 15: 2

Vacancies: 0

Senatorial District 29: 3

**C. 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

**D. 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

**E. COLUMBUS GOLF AUTHORITY:**

**Tommy Nobles**

*Eligible*

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations  
***(Council's Appointment)***

**Gerald Miley**

*Eligible*

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations  
***(Council's Appointment)***

**Alonzo Jones**

*Eligible*

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations  
***(Council's Appointment)***

**Ken Crumpler**  
*Not Eligible*  
Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations  
***(Council's Appointment)***

**William Roundtree**  
*Not Eligible*  
Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations  
***(Council's Appointment)***

**Kenneth Davis**  
*Not Eligible*  
Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations  
***(Council's Appointment)***

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	4 Year	Term Limit:	2
Meetings:	Monthly		
Women:	2	Senatorial District 15:	4
Vacancies:	0	Senatorial District 29:	5

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

**Gerald Miley**  
*Eligible*  
**Golf Authority Rep.**  
Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations  
***(Council's Appointment)***

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year	Term Limit:	2
Meetings:	Monthly		
Women:	2	Senatorial District 15:	4
Vacancies:	0	Senatorial District 29:	5

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

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*Vacant*  
Term Expires: August 14, 2026

Open for Nominations  
***(Council's Appointment)***

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*Vacant*  
Term Expires: August 14, 2026

Open for Nominations  
***(Council's Appointment)***

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*Vacant* (Civic Center Director Recommendation / Confirmed by Council)  
Term Expires: August 14, 2027

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

**H. 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)*

**Nancy Schroeder**  
*Eligible*  
Term Expired: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations  
*(Council's Appointment)*

**Sandra Gill**  
*Eligible*  
Term Expired: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations  
*(Council's Appointment)*

**Senator Ed Harbison**  
*Eligible*  
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

**I. 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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