

Council Members

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

June 09, 2026
9:00 AM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Chaplain Jared Fregin, Fort Benning

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Charley Jane Fussell from Clubview Elementary

MINUTES:

1. Approval of minutes for the June 2, 2026, Council Meeting and Executive Session.

RESOLUTION:

2. A Resolution authorizing the appointment of Tyson Begly as City Manager of Columbus, Georgia.

PUBLIC HEARING:

3. **TAXPAYER BILL OF RIGHTS PUBLIC HEARING:** 9:00 a.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.

PRESENTATIONS:

4. Introduction - Mayor's Summer Youth Program

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **2nd Reading:** An ordinance adopting an operating and capital improvement budget for the Fiscal Year 2027 beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, for certain funds of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, and appropriating the amounts shown in each budget; and for other purposes. (as amended on 1st Reading) (Budget Review Committee)
2. **2nd Reading:** An Ordinance adopting non-operating budgets for the fiscal year 2027 beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, for certain funds of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, and appropriating the amounts shown in each budget. (Budget Review Committee)
3. **2nd Reading:** An Ordinance providing for contributions to the Columbus, Georgia General Government Employees' Pension Plan for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027. (Budget Review Committee)
4. **2nd 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, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027. (Budget Review Committee)
5. **2nd Reading:** An Ordinance providing for Government funding of a Major Disability Income Plan for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027. (Budget Review Committee)
6. **2nd Reading:** An Ordinance providing for Government funding of a Death Benefit Escrow for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027. (Budget Review Committee)
7. **2nd Reading:** An Ordinance amending Article VII of Chapter 13 of the Columbus Code Solid Waste Collection and Disposal to update the monthly residential garbage fee, to update the guidelines for an offset to the residential rate for low-income households; and for other purposes. (Budget Review Committee)
8. **1st Reading:** REZN-03-26-0652: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **2458 and 2464 Martha's Loop** (parcel # 085-054017A/026) from Residential Multifamily 2 (RMF2) Zoning District to Single Family Residential – 4 (SFR4) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Barnes)

9. **1st Reading:** REZN-04-26-0737: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **715 and 723 Apex Road** (parcel # 014-005-004/011) from General Commercial (GC) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily -1 (RMF1) Zoning District with a condition. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Garrett)
10. **1st Reading:** REZN-04-26-0738: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **5227 13th Avenue** (parcel # 033-011-008) from General Commercial (GC) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily -1 (RMF1) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Garrett)
11. **1st Reading:** REZN-04-26-0739 : An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **6909 Buena Vista Road** (parcel # 115-008-029) from Single Family Residential – 2 (SFR2) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Tucker)
12. **1st Reading:** REZN-04-26-0956: An Ordinance amending the text of Unified Development Ordinance of the Columbus Code (“the UDO”) to provide for a Mill Redevelopment Zoning District in the Bibb City Area; and for other purposes. (Planning Department recommends conditional approval and PAC recommends approval.) (Councilor Garrett)
13. **1st Reading:** An Ordinance providing for the establishment of taxing districts, including a county-wide general services district and three (3) urban services districts and three (3) Business Improvement Districts (BID); providing for the levy, assessment, and collection of taxes for Columbus, Georgia within such districts for the year 2026 as provided under the Charter of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia; providing penalties for violations of the provisions of said ordinance; and for other purposes. (Budget Committee)
14. **1st Reading:** An Ordinance amending the Columbus Code to repeal and replace Sections 14-14 and 14-15 with new code sections that impose a curfew for unattended minors in the Uptown District, and for other purposes. (Continued on 1st Reading from 5-26-26) (Mayor Pro-Tem)
15. **1st Reading:** REZN-02-26-0289: An Ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance of the Columbus Code (“the UDO”) to provide for Technology Overlay Districts; establishing underlying zoning districts where such overlay districts are permitted; to redefine Developments of Regional Impact; and for other purposes. (Continued on 1st Reading as amended by substitute from 6-2-26) (Mayor Pro-Tem)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Councilor-Elect Sherrie Aaron, Re: Neighborhood Pride & Code Enforcement.
2. Mr. John Fitzpatrick, Re: What he said!

3. Dr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr. Re: Selective Curfew vs City-Wide Curfew.
4. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Moratorium on Data Centers & Employee Pensions. (*Referral from Mayor's Commission for Persons with Disabilities*)
5. Mr. Robert Haven, Re: Proposed Overlay District Deficiencies. Remedy Proposal – "*The People's Overlay*".
6. Mr. Jerome Williams, representing Columbus Liberty District, Inc. & Prince Hall Masons, Re: The Liberty District, Inc. Officer Introductions, MOU with the City of Columbus, and the Prince Hall Building.
7. Mrs. Stacie Mailey, Re: Technology Overlay & Community Impact.
8. Mrs. Audrey Holston Palmore, Re: Provisions of Heir Property (*2928 10th Street*).

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Memorandum of Agreement: CFEMS & MercyMed of Columbus

Approval is requested to execute the Memorandum of Agreement related to Mobile Integrated Healthcare services jointly provided by the Columbus Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services and MercyMed of Columbus.

2. Memorandum of Agreement: CFEMS, CPD & Valley Healthcare System, Inc.

Approval is requested to execute the Memorandum of Agreement related to Mobile Integrated Healthcare mental health services jointly provided by the Columbus Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services, Columbus Police Department, and Valley Healthcare System, Inc.

3. CFEMS Community Risk Assessment/Standards of Cover (2025)

Approval is requested to authorize the Community Risk Assessment/Standards of Cover (2025) document provided by the Columbus Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services.

4. Lease of Equipment for Golf Courses – Yamaha Golf Carts

Approval is requested to enter a lease for 154 Yamaha Golf Carts from Yamaha Motor Finance Corporation over a 48-month period in total amount of \$502,656.48.

5. Lease of Equipment for Golf Courses – Cushman Hauler Elite Utility Vehicles

Approval is requested to enter a lease for 7 Cushman Hauler Elite Utility vehicles from EZGO/Textron/Wells Fargo Equipment Finance over a 60-month period in total amount of \$130,087.80 to be used to maintain the Bull Creek Golf Courses.

6. One-Time Specialized Training Bonus for Muscogee County Sheriff Sworn Officers

Approval is requested to issue up to \$25,000 in one-time specialized training bonuses using Red Speed (private school zone camera) funds to sworn officers in the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office in accordance with O.C.G.A 40-14-18 (m).

7. FEMA Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Grant - Fire & EMS

Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$269,523.80 through the FEMA Fire Prevention and Safety Grant (FP&S Grant) with a 5% match of \$13,476.20. Funds will be used to purchase equipment, provide training, implement risk-reduction programs, and develop public education materials.

8. Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG)

Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$199,424.35 or as otherwise awarded from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the purchase of rescue equipment and GSAR support resources. There is a 10% (\$19,942.43) matching funds requirement.

9. PURCHASES

- A. Used & Confiscated Firearms for Credit or Swap - RFB NO. 26-0035
- B. Contract Extension for Pavement Marking Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 20-0048
- C. Contract Extension for Maintenance Services for Security Locking Systems/Door Hinges (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 20-0058
- D. Two (2) Ford F-150 K9 Units for the Sheriff's Office – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase
- E. Two (2) Chevrolet Tahoes for the Sheriff's Office – Florida Sheriff's Association Cooperative Purchasing Program

10. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Post Legislative Update - Representative Carolyn Hugley, Minority Leader
- B. Advanced Air Mobility – Andy Hilmes, EVP Choose Columbus
- C. Summer Youth Programming - Holli Browder, Director of Parks & Recreation

- D. Facilities Maintenance FY26 Budget Update – Allen Minton, Interim Facilities Maintenance Director
- E. Recorders Court FY26 Budget Update - Clautretta Williams, Chief Clerk of Recorders Court

CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

- 1. **Resolution:** A Resolution excusing Councilor Charmaine Crabb from the June 9, 2026, Regular Council Meeting.
- 2. **Minutes of the following boards:**
 - Airport Commission 04-28-26
 - Board of Tax Assessors #20-26
 - Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners (CVB) 04-26-26

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

A. 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

B. PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES’ BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Vacant

Open for Nominations
(Mayor’s Appointment)

(Business Community)

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

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

C. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:

Mayor’s Nominee: _____

4. 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 – 2 nd Monday	
Women:	4	Senatorial District 15: 6
Vacancies:	2	Senatorial District 29: 2

5. 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)

Tracy Belt

Not Eligible

Term Expired: March 27, 2026

Open for Nominations
(District 4 -Tucker)

Vacant
Term Expired: March 27, 2026

Open for Nominations
(District 5 – Crabb)

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
Does not desire reappointment
Term Expired: October 31, 2025

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 – 3rd Thursday
Women: 3 Senatorial District 15: 4
Vacancies: 0 Senatorial District 29: 3

C. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:

District 2 Nominee: _____ District 9 Nominee: _____
District 4 Nominee: _____ District 10 Nominee: _____

6. 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
Meetings:	As needed.	
Women:	1	Senatorial District 15: 1
Vacancies:	1	Senatorial District 29: 3

D. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:

Courtney Johnson
Not Eligible
(Senatorial District 29)
Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

**Mayor Pro Tem Allen is nominating Pat Frey.*

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 3 Year Term Limit: 2
Meetings: Bimonthly – 2nd Tuesday (Even months)
Women: 7 Senatorial District 15: 6
Vacancies: 0 Senatorial District 29: 3

E. LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:

Vacant
Term Expires: August 14, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

**The Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board is recommending the following three (3) individuals for Council's consideration to fill the vacant seat: (1) Jerry Speakman, (2) Robbie Branscomb, and (3) Odanive Martin*

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: 1 Senatorial District 29: 4

F. 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

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

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

G. 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)

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

H. 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

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