

Council Members

R. Gary Allen
Charmaine Crabb

Travis L. Chambers
Glenn Davis

Byron Hickey
Bruce Huff

R. Walker Garrett
Toyia Tucker

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

September 23, 2025
5:30 PM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Karen Connally – Tri City Prayer Initiative

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Quincy Munoz- Association of Sickle Cell, Lower Chattahoochee Region Youth Ambassador

MINUTES:

1. Approval of minutes for the September 16, 2025, Council Meeting and Executive Session.

PROCLAMATIONS:

2. **Proclamation:** National Sickle Cell Awareness

Receiving: Lois Williams

3. **Proclamation:** National Diaper Need Awareness Week

Receiving: Jamie Thomas

PRESENTATIONS:

4. Housing Solutions Group – Pat Frey, Vice President of United Way

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **2nd Reading-** REZN-07-25-1262: An Ordinance rezoning property located at **109 23rd Street** from Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2) Single Family Residential 4 (SFR4). (The Planning Department and PAC recommended Approval.) (Councilor Cogle)
2. **2nd Reading-** REZN-07-25-1264: An ordinance rezoning property located at **5350 Veterans Parkway** from Single Family Residential 3 (SFR3) zoning district to General Commercial (GC) zoning district. (The Planning Department and PAC recommend Approval.)(Councilor Garrett)
3. **2nd Reading -** REZN-07-25-1303: An ordinance rezoning property located at **2210 Wynnton Road** from Neighborhood Commercial (NC) zoning district to General Commercial (GC) zoning district. (The Planning Department and PAC recommended Approval.) (Councilor Huff)
4. **2nd Reading-** An Ordinance amending the Columbus Code Section 8-14.1. to provide permitting and inspection fees for solar panel work; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)
5. **2nd Reading:** An ordinance providing for the demolition of various structures located at:
 - 1) **3407 Victory Drive** (Ricky Johnson, Owner)
 - 2) **1553 Holland Avenue** (Holmer Jenkins Jr., Owner)
 - 3) **225 21st Avenue** (Marcelo Ramirez, Owner)
 - 4) **517 Chesterfield Avenue** (Tawana Mckelvey, Owner)
 - 5) **2614 Jones Avenue** (Alice Butler, Owner)
 - 6) **4212 7th Avenue** (Winston Marchan Jr., Owner)
 - 7) **2928 10th Street** (Audrey Palmore & Robert Holston, Owner)and for demolition services for the Inspections and Code Department in accordance with the Tabulation of Bid sheet attached as Exhibit A; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro Tem)
6. **1st Reading-** REZN-06-25-1190: An ordinance rezoning property located at **2506 Riverside Drive** from Residential Multifamily– 2 (RMF2) zoning district to Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1) zoning district with conditions. (Planning Department and PAC recommended Approval.)(Delayed on 1st Reading from 9-16-25)(Councilor Garrett)

RESOLUTIONS

7. A Bond Resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia to regulate and provide for the issuance of \$ [_____] in aggregate principal amount of Columbus, Georgia, General Obligation Sales Tax Bonds, Series 2025 (the “bonds”), to provide money for the purpose of completing the acquisition, construction and equipping of judicial facilities in Columbus, Georgia and to pay costs associated with issuance of the bonds; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Mrs. Betty Lawrence, Re: Business and Alcohol License Delays.
2. Mr. Timothy Veals, Re: Community Concerns.
3. Mrs. Monica Luker, Re: Appreciation for Addressing Traffic Concerns on Preston Drive.
4. Ms. Jennifer Le Denney, representing the Disabled Community, Re: Absence of Housing Assistance for Special Needs on CAPERS.
5. Dr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: Speaking for the Homeless.
6. Dr. Natalie Nicole, representing Role Model Academy of Arts, Re: Taxpayer Dollar for Philanthropy. Crime Prevention Grant Program Metrics and Outcomes.
7. Ms. Velicia Watkins, representing Rena’s Hope Project, Re: Upcoming Event – HIV Awareness Walk.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Street Acceptance – That portion of Mountain Ivy Drive and Climbing Ivy Court

Approval is requested for the acceptance of that portion of Mountain Ivy Drive and Climbing Ivy Court located in Section Two, Phase Two, North Ivy Park.

2. 2026 Legislative Agenda

Approval is requested of the resolution for the 2026 Legislative Session of the Georgia General Assembly, which the Mayor and Council deem appropriate.

3. FY2027 5303 Grant Application for Planning Assistance

Approval is requested to authorize the Department of Transportation/METRA to apply to the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for a capital, planning, and operating grant in

the amount of \$166,692.00 or otherwise awarded. Approval is also requested to authorize the City to accept the grant, if awarded, and execute any contracts with the Federal Transit Administration and/or the Georgia Department of Transportation relating to the grant.

4. PURCHASES

- A. Contract Extension for Post-Accident Drug Screening: After-Hours, Weekends, Holidays
- B. Contract Extension for Elevator Maintenance Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 19-0025
- C. Declaration of Surplus and Donation of Taser Cartridges to the Eufaula, Alabama Police Department
- D. Software as a Service (SAAS) Renewal Agreement for Tyler Odyssey Court Management System
- E. Telecom Billing Error Detection and Correction Management Services (Annual Contract) – City of Jacksonville, Florida Cooperative Contract Purchase

5. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Columbus Water Works Campus Master Plan Update – Jeremy Cummings, President
- B. Pension Update - Reather Hollowell, Director, Human Resources
- C. FY25 CAPER Update - Robert Scott, Director, Community Reinvestment

BID ADVERTISEMENT

DATE: September 23, 2025
TO: Mayor and Councilors
FROM: Finance Department
SUBJECT: Advertised Bids/RFPs/RFQs

October 8, 2025

1. Double Churches Pool Repairs – RFB No. 26-0006

Scope of Bid

Provide all labor, equipment and materials to repair the pool at Double Churches Park.

A Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled at 09:30 AM on Friday, September 26, 2025.

October 1, 2025

1. Used & Confiscated Firearms for credit or Swap – RFB No. 26-0005

Scope of Bid

The Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) Police Department is offering used and confiscated firearms for sale to a licensed firearms dealer who can issue a credit to purchase or swap for Heckler & Koch VP9A1F 9mm semi-automatic pistols with accessories.

Inspections by Appointment Wednesday, September 17, 2025.

October 3, 2025

1. Course Instructors for the HR Department/The Learning Center (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 26-0015

Scope of RFP

The Department of HR/The Learning Center is seeking multiple contractors to provide instructors in various training modules to employees interested in growing and developing their skills within the Columbus Consolidated Government. Training will be conducted on an ‘as needed’ basis.

October 15, 2025

1. Plumbing and Irrigation Supplies (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 26-0002

Scope of Bid

Provide plumbing & irrigation supplies on an “as needed basis” to be picked up or delivered to Columbus Consolidated Government. The contract term will be for two (2) years with the option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods.

CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

1. Resolution – A resolution excusing the absence of Councilor Charmaine Crabb from the September 23, 2025, Council Meeting.
2. Resolution – A resolution canceling the Consent Agenda / Work Session on September 30, 2025.
3. **Minutes of the following boards**

Board of Tax Assessors #29-25

Board of Tax Assessors #30-25

Board of Tax Assessors #31-25

Columbus Iron Works Convention and Trade Center Authority 06-20-25

Development Authority of Columbus 08-11-25

Development Authority of Columbus 09-03-25

Planning Advisory Commission 11-20-24

Planning Advisory Commission 12-18-24

Planning Advisory Commission 01-15-25

Planning Advisory Commission 03-05-25

Planning Advisory Commission 03-19-25

Planning Advisory Commission 04-16-25

Planning Advisory Commission 05-21-25

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

A. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

Vacant

Term Expired: March 24, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Mayor's Appointment)

Terms are two years. Meets as needed.

Women:	1
Senatorial District 15:	0
Senatorial District 29:	3
Vacancies:	2

B. CONVENTION & VISITORS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS (CVB):

Lauren Becker

Not Eligible

Term Expires: December 31, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Mayor's Appointment)

Miles Greathouse

Not Eligible

(Restaurant/Retail Trade)

Term Expires: December 31, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Mayor's Appointment)

NOTE: These appointments are to be in July of each year prior to the expiration of the term with the new appointment term beginning in January.

Terms are three years. Meets monthly.

Women:	4
Senatorial District 15:	5
Senatorial District 29:	4
Vacancies:	0

C. PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES' BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

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

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

- A. **ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:** Dr. Jo April Brown was nominated to fill the vacant seat designated for a Georgia Licensed Veterinarian. (*Councilor Crabb's nominee*) Term expires: October 15, 2026

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

A. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

Vacant

Term Expires: March 27, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*District 2 – Davis*)

Vacant

Term Expires: March 27, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*District 6 – Allen*)

Vacant

Term Expires: March 27, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*District 8 – Garrett*)

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

Women: 4

Senatorial District 15: 7

Senatorial District 29: 1

Vacancies: 3

B. **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:**

Paul T. Berry, III

Eligible

Term Expires: October 31, 2025

***Not interested in serving another term.**

Open for Nominations
(*District 5 – Crabb*)

Scott Taft

Not Eligible

Term Expires: October 31, 2025

Open for Nominations
(*District 9 – Anker*)

The terms are three years. Meets monthly.

Women: 3

Senatorial District 15: 4

Senatorial District 29: 3

Vacancies: 0

C. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:

District 9 Nominee: _____

District 10 Nominee: _____

7. 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, 2025

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

The terms are two years. Meet as needed.

Women: 7

Senatorial District 15: 3

Senatorial District 29: 4

Vacancies: 3

B. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:

Vacant
(Senatorial District 29)
Term Expires: June 30, 2026

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: 1

C. LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:

Vacant
Term Expired: August 14, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Vacant
Term Expired: August 14, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

The terms are four years. Meets every other month.

Women: 5
Senatorial District 15: 7
Senatorial District 29: 4
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 Expired: 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

E. PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:

Vacant

(Regular Member 5)

Term expires: December 31, 2025

**Human Resources is recommending Natalie N. McDowell, who currently serves as Alternate Member 5.*

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

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)

The terms are three years. Meets monthly.

Women: 3
Senatorial District 15: 3
Senatorial District 29: 3
Vacancies: 4

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