

Council Members

R. Gary Allen
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Travis L. Chambers
Glenn Davis

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Bruce Huff

R. Walker Garrett
Toyia Tucker

John Anker
Joanne Cogle

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

October 28, 2025
5:30 PM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen, Presiding

INVOCATION: Offered by Pastor Wayne Anthony, St. Peter UMC of Columbus, Georgia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Girl Scout Troop 50272

MINUTES:

1. Approval of minutes for the October 14, 2025, Council Meeting and Executive Session.

PROCLAMATIONS:

2. **Proclamation:** Down Syndrome Awareness Month

Receiving: Toya Barnes

3. **Proclamation:** House of Heroes 25th Anniversary Week

Receiving: Susan Wood and Pastor Wayne Anthony

PRESENTATIONS:

4. Columbus Water Works – Rate Model Study

Presented by: Jeremy Cummings, President of Columbus Water Works

5. Transition Audit Report for Clerk of Council

Presented by: Donna McGinnis, Internal Auditor/Compliance Officer

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **2nd Reading-** REZN-07-25-1385: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **1420 Wynnton Road** (parcel # 026-024-001) from Residential Office (RO) Zoning District to Single Family Residential 2 (SFR2) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.)(Councilor Cogle)
2. **2nd Reading-** REZN-08-25-0015: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **9055 & 9067 Veterans Parkway** (parcel # 079-001-004/034) from Residential Estate - 1 (RE1) Zoning District to Residential Office (RO) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Davis)
3. **2nd Reading-** REZN-08-25-1511: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **6839 Mitchell Drive** (parcel # 013-014-009A) from Single Family Residential - 2 (SFR2) Zoning District to Single Family Residential – 4 (SFR4) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.)(Councilor Tucker)
4. **2nd Reading-** REZN-08-25-1513: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **4627 Milgen Road** (parcel # 083-044-001B) from Light Manufacturing/ Industrial (LMI) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Crabb)
5. **2nd Reading-** REZN-08-25-1514: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **4459 Cusseta Road** (parcel # 090-033-011) from Single Family Residential - 1 (SFR1) Zoning District to Heavy Manufacturing/ Industrial (HMI) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Huff)
6. **2nd Reading-** REZN-08-25-1515: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **800,802,804 7th Avenue, 800, 801,804, 805, 808, 809, 812 8th Avenue and 801, 805, 809, 811 9th Avenue** (parcel # 019-020-012/13/14/19/20/21 & 019-021-009/12/29/30/31/32/33/34) from Residential Office (RO), General Commercial (GC), or Light

Manufacturing/ Industrial (LMI) Zoning District to Uptown (UPT) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.)(Councilor Cogle)

7. **2nd Reading-** An ordinance amending the “Official Street Map, City of Columbus, Georgia”, by changing the official street name of the public roadway designated as “Masterbuilt Court” to Master Wall court, to be one street name consistent with the length of roadway; authorizing the street name change; repealing any conflicting ordinances; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem and Councilor Crabb)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Mrs. Betty Lawrence, Re: The Time it Takes to Receive Business and Alcohol Licenses, and the Costs Associated with the Delays.
2. Mr. Paresh Patel, Re: Request for Refund of Survey Fees Associated with Lottery Machines.
3. Mr. Pieter Friedrich, Re: Requesting Action to Prevent the Imposition on Free Speech of Residents.
4. Ms. Rosetta Demming, Re: Appreciation for Excellent Services.
5. Ms. Leigh Matty, Re: Culvert Maintenance on City Owned Property
6. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing the Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: How to Run a City, United Way, Pay for Performance, and Lane Ducks.
7. Mrs. Lauren Chambers, representing The Mill District, Inc., Re: Community Dinner for The Mill District Community.
8. Dr. Natalie Nicole, representing Role Model Academy of Arts, Re: Practicing Leadership Without Accountability. A Call for Codified Ethics & Responsive Governance.
9. Mr. Ify Agbasi, representing Children’s 1st, Re: Purchase of Property Located at 1429 Morris Road.
10. Mr. Gernard Hatcher, representing Neicy’s BBQ, Re: Road Construction & Restaurant Closure.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. **Annual HUD Entitlement, Capital Fund Program, and Moving to Work Funding – Environmental Reviews and Request for Release of Funds Approval**

Approval is requested to execute approvals of environmental review records and requests for release of funds for the building and site improvements annually performed through HUD Entitlement, Capital Fund Program (CFP), and Moving to Work (MTW) funds. HUD entitlement funds, as the HOME Program requires a 25% match, which is required from HOME-awarded subrecipients. There are no direct fiscal considerations for the City regarding CFP and MTW funds, which are administered by the Housing Authority. As the Federal grantee of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds, the City of Columbus serves as the Responsible Entity for approving these actions.

2. BJA FY25 Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program to Support Law Enforcement Agencies – Muscogee County Sheriff's Office

Approval is requested to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Assistance for funds to properly implement BWC programs that can strengthen the evidentiary foundation for criminal prosecutions, provide reliable documentation of officer-citizen encounters, and deter assaults on officers, with the federal amount requested being \$200,000 and with a local in-kind match of 50% required (\$200,00) totaling a project cost of \$400,000 or as otherwise awarded, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.

3. FY25 Office of Justice Programs Community-Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative (CVIPI) – Muscogee County Sheriff's Office

Approval is requested for the Mayor, or their designee to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Assistance for funds to reduce violent crime and improve police-community relations through a range of cross-sector enforcement, prevention, and intervention strategies, in the amount of \$2,000,000 or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.

4. Bright from the Start – Snack Grant – Parks & Recreation

Approval is requested to apply for and accept a grant in the amount of \$67,989.00, or as otherwise awarded, from the Georgia Department of Early Childcare and Learning, Bright from the Start, to continue the Child and Adult Care Food Program and amend the Multi-Government Grant Funds by the amount awarded. The grant will cross over the 2025 and 2026 Fiscal Years.

5. Firehouse Subs Grant

Approval is requested for the mayor or his designee to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant application in the amount of \$16,011.62 to fund the purchase of a simulator manikin for EMS training through the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation and to amend the multi-government fund by the amount of the award. There are no matching funds required

6. Peach Little League Hill, Creek, and Wilkinson Field Improvements Donation – Parks & Recreation

Approval is requested to accept the donation of several improvements to Hill, Creek, and Wilkinson Field in Lakebottom Park valued at \$22,147.50 as outlined in Exhibit A.

7. Donation of Peace Pole – Parks & Recreation

Approval is requested to accept a donation from the North Columbus Rotary Club for a Peace Pole at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park on Lawyers Lane.

8. PURCHASES

- A. Two (2) 2025 Ford Police Pursuit Explores For the Sherriff's Office – Georgias Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase
- B. One (1) Electric Paratransit Bus for METRA – Georgia State Contract Cooperative Purchase
- C. Waste Management Software System and Equipment for Public Works HGACBUY Cooperative Contract

9. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. HARP Update - Rob Scott, Director, Community Reinvestment

BID ADVERTISEMENT

DATE: October 28, 2025

TO: Mayor and Councilors

FROM: Finance Department

SUBJECT: Advertised Bids/RFPs/RFQs

October 31, 2025

1. Course Instructors for the HR Department/The Learning Center (Annual Contact) – 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.

November 5, 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.

November 14, 2025

1. Construction Manager as General Contractor Services for Public Safety Building – RFP No. 26-0016

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is requesting proposals from qualified contractors to engage for Construction Manager as General Contractor (GC) services to construct renovations to the existing Public Safety Building located at 510 10th Street. The renovations will consist of mechanical, electrical, plumbing system upgrades, interior alterations, interior finish upgrades, and exterior shell maintenance and replacement. The estimated construction budget for this project is \$4,500,000.

The selected vendor will be responsible for providing preconstruction services to assist the City and the design team with review and selection of the final scope of work to accommodate the funds available. Following finalization of the scope of work, the vendor will serve as the GC to construct the improvements.

November 19, 2025

1. Dragonfly Trail – Midtown Connector Phase I - RFB No. 26-0003

Scope of Bid

This project consists of constructing a connection from the existing trail at the intersection of Warren Road and Wynnton Road following Bradley Street and Warren Williams Road to Dinglewood Park. The trail also travels through Dinglewood Park to the intersection of 18th Avenue and 13th Street. The project is within the City of Columbus property and public right of way. The project length is approximately 4,956 LF and includes a 10’ wide concrete trail, landscape improvements, stormwater improvements, and trail amenities. Additional work associated with the project includes minor demolition and clearing, erosion control, grading, and signage.

CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

1. Resolution – A Resolution approving an application submitted by Brandi Jones for an Honorary Designation to install an AED unit at Lakebottom Park in honor of her son, Anthony Bonner.
2. Resolution – A Resolution approving an application submitted by J. Phillip Thayer for an Honorary Designation plaque at Pop Austin Recreation Center in honor of Angie Shehane.
3. Resignation – Douglas Lee Koppang has submitted his resignation from the Uptown Façade Board.

4. **Minutes of the following boards**

Board of Tax Assessors #32-25

Board of Tax Assessors #33-25

Board of Tax Assessors #35-25

Board of Tax Assessors #36-25

Board of Water Commissioners 08-11-25

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

5. **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. **HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:**

Tiffany N. Stacy

Eligible

Term Expires: November 16, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Mayor's Appointment)

Ordinance No. 11-23 removes the two-term limit previously in place for board members.

The terms are five years; Resident Position serves a 1-year term. Meets monthly.

Women: 4

Senatorial District 15: 3

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

6. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – READY FOR CONFIRMATION:

- A. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:** Kristasia Heath was nominated to fill the vacant seat for Senatorial District 29. *(Councilor Crabb's nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2026

7. APPOINTMENTS – CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL:

A. AIRPORT COMMISSION:

Art Guin

Eligible

Open for Nominations
(Commission's Nominee/Confirmed by Council)

Term Expires: December 31, 2025

The Commission submits three (3) nominees for consideration, from which Council appoints one new member. Ordinance No. 11-23 removes the two-term limit previously in place for board members.

Terms are five years. Meets monthly.

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

8. 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: _____

9. 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. BOARD OF HEALTH:

Yasmine Cathright

Not Eligible

Term Expires: December 31, 2025

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

The terms are five years. Meets monthly.

Women: 4
Senatorial District 15: 0
Senatorial District 29: 5
Vacancies: 1

C. BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS:

Wes Kelley

Eligible

Term Expires: December 31, 2025

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

The terms are four years. Meets monthly.

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

D. LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:

Vacant

Term Expired: August 14, 2025

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Open for Nominations

Vacant
Term Expired: August 14, 2026

(Council's Appointment)

The terms are four years. Meets every other month.

Women: 5
Senatorial District 15: 7
Senatorial District 29: 4
Vacancies: 2

E. 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

F. PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:

Willie Butler
Not Eligible
(Regular Member 1)
Term Expires: December 31, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Yolanda Sumbry Sewell
Not Eligible
(Regular Member 4)
Term Expires: December 31, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Natalie N. McDowell
Eligible
(Regular Member 5)

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Term Expires: December 31, 2025

**NOTE: Confirmation on 10-14-2025 authorized this member to serve through the remainder of 2025.*

Delano Leftwich

Not Eligible

(Alternate Member 4)

Term Expires: December 31, 2025

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)

Vacant

(Alternate Member 5)

Term expires: December 31, 2025

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

G. RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD:

Lawrence R. Stanford

Eligible

(At-Large)

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Term Expires: December 31, 2025

Lane Ogletree-Battle

Eligible

(At-Large)

Term Expires: December 31, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Rodney L. Lawrence

Eligible

(Senatorial District 15)

Term Expires: December 31, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Brantley Pittman

Eligible

(Senatorial District 15)

Term Expires: December 31, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

The terms are four years. Meets bimonthly, except November.

Women: 1

Senatorial District 15: 4

Senatorial District 29: 3

Vacancies: 0

H. UPTOWN FACADE BOARD:

Vacant

(Uptown Business Improvement District)

Term Expires: October 31, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Terms are five years. Meets monthly.

Women: 6

Senatorial District 15: 4

Senatorial District 29: 5

Vacancies: 1

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