

## Council Members

R. Gary Allen  
Charmaine Crabb

Travis L. Chambers  
Glenn Davis

Simi Barnes  
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

May 26, 2026  
5:30 PM  
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 Chaplain Charles Lee Hindbaugh, Fort Benning

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Serenity Powell from Hannah Elementary School

**OATH OF OFFICE:**

1. **SWEARING-IN CEREMONY:** The Oath of Office for Simi Barnes as the District One Councilor for the City of Columbus, Georgia. (Oath of Office administered by Superior Court Chief Judge Arthur L. Smith, III and Probate Court Judge Marc D'Antonio)

**MINUTES:**

2. Approval of minutes for the May 12, 2026, Council Meeting and Executive Session.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

3. River City Race Program – presented by Robbie Branscomb, Founder & CEO of Let's Grow STEAMx, Inc.

# **CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA**

## **ORDINANCES**

- 1. 2nd 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)
- 2. 2nd 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)
- 3. 2nd 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)
- 4. 2nd 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)
- 5. 2nd 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)
- 6. 1st Reading:** An Ordinance regulating vehicular traffic in Columbus, Georgia by establishing a “NO PARKING ANYTIME” zone along Warm Springs Road beginning at the

Southwest corner of the intersection of Billings Road running Southwesterly for approximately 500 Feet; repealing any conflicting ordinances: and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

7. **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. (Request of Uptown Columbus)

## **RESOLUTIONS**

8. A resolution approving a Special Exception to allow for a Convenience Store with Gas Sales located at **5385 Veterans Parkway** located in the General Commercial (GC) zoning district. Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Garrett)

## **PUBLIC AGENDA**

1. Mr. Michael Wood, representing Sleeping in Heavenly Peace, Re: Upcoming Event.
2. Mr. George McDowell, Re: Racism – 400 Years Later.
3. Mr. Paul Olson, Re: Data Center & Gentrification.
4. Mr. Jerry Powell, Re: An Idea for Future Elections.
5. Dr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: Crime Prevention Budget Line Item.
6. Mrs. Darlene Laird, Re: 1) Clarification on Development Authority role vs. Choose Columbus  
2) The Development Authority is subject to open records, so why does Columbus Consolidated Government not have access to Development Authority Members' mailboxes unless an electronic mail exchange exists with someone with a city mailbox?
7. Mr. Timothy Veals, Re: Head Street Safety Concerns and Property Cleanliness.
8. Mr. Val McGowan, Re: Correction to the Current Zoning of Moye Road.
9. Prophetess Dee Grier, Re: Data Center and God's Resources.
10. Dr. Natalie Nicole, representing Role Model Academy of Arts, Re: FY27 Budget Allocations and Council Oversight.
11. Ms. Kayce Burdett, Re: City Council's Responsibilities to the Community – What Service Means.
12. Mrs. Kim Hicks, Re: Experts on the Dangers of Data Centers.
13. Rev. Mark Lawrence, representing IMA, Re: Working Together.

14. Mr. Thomas Anderson, Re: Data Center Project.
15. Mr. Matthew Johnson, Re: Data Center.

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

### **1. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with NeighborWorks Columbus**

Approval is requested to authorize an MOU with NeighborWorks Columbus for the development of workforce housing at the Newman's Crossing subdivision utilizing State of Georgia Department of Community Affairs Equity Fund Rural Workforce Housing Initiative Funding.

### **2. Easement to install EV charging stations on the METRA campus (814 Linwood Blvd)**

Approval is requested to execute an easement with Georgia Power Company to install EV charging stations on the METRA campus (814 Linwood Blvd) through the Georgia Make Ready Program.

### **3. Hazard Mitigation Grant Application – Hazard Mitigation Plan 2029-2034**

Approval is requested for the homeland security and emergency management to apply for a hazard mitigation grant through the Georgia Emergency Management Agency for the update/revision of the hazard mitigation plan for Muscogee County (Columbus Consolidated Government).

### **4. PURCHASES**

- A. Architectural & Engineering Services for the Renovation & Expansion of the METRA Transfer Center – RFP No. 26-0021
- B. Third-Party Administration Services for the Community Care Program Serving Medically Underserved Persons in Muscogee County – RFP No. 26-0023
- C. Aerial, Ground Ladder & Apparatus Pumps Inspection & Testing Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 26-0010

### **5. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Finance Update - Angelica Alexander, Director, Finance

# **CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA**

## **ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED**

### **1. Minutes of the following boards:**

Board of Elections and Registration 03-12-26

Board of Tax Assessors # 17-26 & 18-26

Board of Water Commissioners 04-20-26

Board of Zoning Appeals 04-08-26

Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority 04-13-26

Development Authority of Columbus 01-08-26, 03-12-26 & 04-09-26

Hospital Authority of Columbus 03-31-26

Tree Board 09-03-25

## **BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED**

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

#### **A. COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:**

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*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:**

**Elizabeth Raines Cook**

*Eligible*

**(Business Community)**

Open for Nominations  
*(Mayor's Appointment)*

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

**Henry Jack Warden**

*Eligible*

**(Business Community)**

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations  
*(Mayor's Appointment)*

\_\_\_\_\_ *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

**C. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

Mayor's Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

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

- A. BOARD OF FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES:** Darlene Small was renominated to serve another term. *(Councilor Huff's nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2031
- B. COLUMBUS GOLF AUTHORITY:** Tommy Nobles was renominated to serve another term. *(Councilor Crabb's nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2030
- C. COLUMBUS GOLF AUTHORITY:** Gerald Miley was renominated to serve another term. *(Councilor Huff's nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2030
- D. COLUMBUS GOLF AUTHORITY:** Alonzo Jones was renominated to serve another term. *(Councilor Crabb's nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2030
- E. COLUMBUS GOLF AUTHORITY:** Brian Lunsford was nominated to succeed Ken Crumpler. *(Councilor Davis's nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2030
- F. COLUMBUS GOLF AUTHORITY:** Carlos Coleman was nominated to succeed William Roundtree. *(Councilor Huff's nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2030
- G. COLUMBUS GOLF AUTHORITY:** Jimmy Monfort was nominated to succeed Kenneth Davis. *(Mayor Pro Tem Allen's nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2030

**H. COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:** Gerald Miley renominated to serve another term as the Golf Authority Representative. *(Councilor Crabb's nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2029

**I. NEW HORIZONS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH – MENTAL HEALTH, ADDICTIVE DISEASES AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES- COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARD:** Sandra Gill was renominated to serve another term. *(Councilor Crabb's nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2029

**J. NEW HORIZONS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH – MENTAL HEALTH, ADDICTIVE DISEASES AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES- COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARD:** Senator Ed Harbison was renominated to serve another term. *(Councilor Crabb's nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2029

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

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

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*Vacant*

**Uptown Business Association**

Term Expires: January 31, 2029

*\*Alan Udy is unable to serve currently. (Confirmed 02-10-2026)*

Open for Nominations  
*(Confirmed by Council)*

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*Vacant*

Term Expires: January 31, 2029

*\*Councilor Cogle is nominating James E. Webb, Jr.*

Open for Nominations  
*(Confirmed by Council)*

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 3 Year Term Limit: 2

Meetings: Monthly – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:**

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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 2 Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_  
District 4 Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_  
District 5 Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

District 8 Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_  
District 9 Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_  
District 10 Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

***Councilor Crabb (District 5) is nominating Mackenzie Govar, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade at Calvary Christian School.***

**6. 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

**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
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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. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:**

**Anthony Johnson**

*Eligible*

**(Senatorial District 15)**

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations  
*(Council's Appointment)*

**Pamela Green Thomas**

*Eligible*

**(Senatorial District 15)**

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations  
*(Council's Appointment)*

**Ashley Stanley**

*Eligible*

**(Senatorial District 15)**

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations  
*(Council's Appointment)*

**Taylor Martin**

*Eligible*

**(Senatorial District 29)**

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations  
*(Council's Appointment)*

**Kristasia Heath**

*Eligible*

**(Senatorial District 29)**

Open for Nominations  
*(Council's Appointment)*

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

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

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

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

**F. 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*  
Term Expires: August 14, 2027

Open for Nominations  
**(Civic Center Director Recommendation / Confirmed by Council)**

*\*The Interim Civic Center Director has submitted the following four (4) names for Council's consideration: (1) Jerry Speakman, (2) Robbie Branscomb, (3) Odanive Martin, and (4) Stephanie Quinones.*

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

**G. NEW HORIZONS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH – MENTAL HEALTH, ADDICTIVE DISEASES AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES- COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARD:**

**Nancy Schroeder**

Open for Nominations

*Does not desire reappointment*  
Term Expires: June 30, 2026

***(Council's Appointment)***

**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

**H. 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

**I. REGION SIX REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH & DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES:**

**Latasha Morss**

*Eligible*

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations  
*(Council's Appointment)*

**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

**J. RETIREES' HEALTH BENEFITS COMMITTEE:**

**John D. Hawk**

*Eligible*

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations  
*(Council's Appointment)*

**Renee McAneny**

*Not Eligible*

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

*\*Councilor Crabb is nominating Byron Hickey.*

Open for Nominations  
*(Council's Appointment)*

**Membership and Meeting Information**

Terms:	3 Year	Term Limit: 2
Meetings:	Monthly – 2nd Wednesday	
Women:	4	Senatorial District 15: 1
Vacancies:	0	Senatorial District 29: 4

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