

## 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

August 12, 2025  
9:00 AM  
Regular Meeting

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## MAYOR'S A G E N D A

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

**INVOCATION:** Offered by Pastor Jimmy Elder, First Baptist Church of Columbus, Georgia

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Mayor Skip Henderson

**MINUTES:**

1. Approval of minutes for the July 29, 2025, Consent Agenda / Work Session.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

2. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign on behalf of the City of Columbus, Georgia, a Covenant of Friendship between Columbus and Jinju, Republic of Korea, formally establishing a sister city relationship to enhance the cultural and educational life of both cities. (Councilors Anker and Cogle)

**PRESENTATIONS:**

3. Strategic Steps to Implementation of the Annual Action Plan – Pat Frey, Vice President of United Way

# **CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA**

## **ORDINANCES**

1. **2nd Reading** - An Ordinance amending the Columbus Code to repeal and replace Section 14-13. with a new code section that prohibits camping on public property within Columbus, Georgia, and for other purposes. (Proposed Substitute) (Councilor Crabb)
2. **1st Reading** - An Ordinance amending the Columbus Code Section 2-1. to revise term limits for Columbus boards, commissions, and authorities, and for other purposes. (Councilor Tucker)
3. **1st Reading-** REZN-03-25-0489: An Ordinance rezoning of **4389 Weems Road**, parcel # 082-018-026 from Single Family Residential 2 (SFR2) zoning district to Residential Multifamily 1 (RMF1) zoning district. The proposed use is Multifamily Residential Development. (Planning Department and PAC recommended Denial.) (Councilor Crabb)
4. **1st Reading-** REZN-05-25-1001: An ordinance rezoning **2112 11th Avenue**, parcel # 028-023-010 from General Commercial zoning district to Residential Multifamily 1 (RMF1) zoning district. (Planning Department and PAC recommend Approval.)(Councilor Cogle)
5. **1st Reading-** REZN-05-25-1002: An Ordinance rezoning of **4306 3rd Avenue**, parcel # 013-001-031 from Light Industrial/ Manufacturing (LMI) zoning district to Residential Multifamily 1 (RMF1) zoning district with conditions. (Planning Department and PAC recommended Approval.) (Councilor Garrett)
6. **1st Reading-** REZN-05-25-0928: An Ordinance rezoning 5674 **Whittlesey Boulevard**, parcel # 072-016-002 from Planned Unit Development (PUD) and General Commercial (GC) zoning district to Residential Office (RO) zoning district. (The Planning Department and PAC recommended Approval.)(Councilor Garrett)
7. **1st Reading-** REZN-05-25-0929: An Ordinance rezoning of **5674 Whittlesey Boulevard**, parcel # 072-016-002 from Planned Unit Development (PUD) and General Commercial (GC) zoning district to General Commercial (GC) zoning district. Planning Department and PAC recommended Approval. (Councilor Garrett)
8. **1st Reading-** REZN-06-25-1133: An Ordinance rezoning **3564 Forrest Road**, parcel # 067-018-012 / 067-018-006 from Neighborhood Commercial (NC) and Single Family Residential 2 (SFR2) zoning district to Single Family Residential 2 (SFR2) zoning district. (The Planning Department and PAC recommended Approval.)(Councilor Hickey)
9. **1st Reading-** REZN-06-25-1135: An Ordinance rezoning of **0 Cusseta Road**, parcel # 024-022-002 / 024-022-001 from Light Manufacturing/ Industrial (LMI) zoning district to Residential Multifamily 2 (RMF2) zoning district. (The Planning Department and PAC recommended Approval.)(Councilor Cogle)

- 10. 1st Reading-** REZN-06-25-1136: An Ordinance rezoning **1222 5th Avenue**, parcel # 018-010-010 from Light Manufacturing/ Industrial (LMI) zoning district to Uptown (UPT) zoning district. The Planning Department and PAC recommended Approval. (Councilor Cogle)

## **PUBLIC AGENDA**

*Last Application Received: August 8, 2025, at 10:06 a.m.*

1. Dr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: Gentleman's Agreement for Appointed Councilors
2. Ms. Annette Adams, Re: Ralston Towers
3. Mr. Jerome Lawson, Re: "Hopelessness" Ordinance and Natural Vegetation Proposal
4. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Moral Corruption in CCG Operations
5. Mr. Mark Lawrence, Re: We Can Make a Difference
6. Pastor Valerie Thompson, Re: Unhoused Homeless
7. Mr. James Clements, representing IMA, Re: Housing
8. Reverend Dr. Johnny Flakes, III, representing IMA, Re: Compassion for the Unhoused
9. Dr. Natalie Nicole, representing Role Model Academy of Arts, Re: Violations of Columbus Code Section 13-113
10. Mr. Patrick Rogers, Re: Opposition to Proposed Ordinance
11. Ms. Amy Borton, Re: Proposed Ordinance Amendments
12. Reverend Dr. Michael Sherman, representing Wynnton Hill Baptist Church, Re: Homeless Response
13. Ms. Simi Barnes, Re: Proposed Ordinance for the Unhoused

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

### **1. FFY2021/FY2022 HUD Annual Action Plan – Updated Allocation**

Approval is requested for the acceptance of the additional \$5,355.00 allocation, and amendment of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan to reflect the total award of \$3,579,410.00 to be filed through the FFY2021/FY2022 HUD Annual Action Plan.

**2. Borrowing Limit Increase for Purchasing Card Transactions**

Approval is requested to submit a request to Synovus Bank to increase the monthly borrowing limit from \$600,000 to \$800,000 for city purchasing card transactions.

**3. Weyerhaeuser Giving Fund Grant Request**

Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$3,000.00 or as otherwise awarded from the Weyerhaeuser Giving Fund grant program and amending the multi-governmental fund by the award amount to go towards the purchase of a public safety robot. There are no matching funds required.

**4. Atlanta United Youth Funding Grant**

Approval is requested to allow Parks and Recreation to apply for a grant available through the Atlanta United Community Fund and Georgia Recreation and Parks Association (GRPA) and, if awarded, accept the grant valued at \$1308.00 to help provide essential equipment needed to support the soccer programs at Woodruff Farm Soccer Complex.

**5. PURCHASES**

- A. Contract Extension for Inmate Medical & Pharmacy Services for Muscogee County Prison (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 18-0022
- B. Auctioneer Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 22-0006
- C. Medical Evaluation Services for Columbus Fire and EMS Department (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 25-0014
- D. Change Order 4 – Design Services for Fire Station #4 Renovation – RFQ No. 23-0001
- E. Change Order 5 – Design Services for Fire Station #8 Renovation – RFQ No. 23-0001
- F. Declaration of Surplus and Donation of Two (2) Vehicles
- G. NiCE Digital Evidence Tracking Software for District Attorney and Police Department
- H. Preventative Maintenance Service Agreement for Lifepak 15 Monitor Defibrillators, Stretchers and Stair Chairs for Fire and EMS – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase

## **6. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS**

- A. County Jail Maintenance Update – Drale Short, Director, Public Works
- B. Jail Site Plan Update - Ryan Pruett, Director, Inspections & Code, Doug Kleppin, Principal, and Shane Clark, Associate Principal, SLAM Collaborative, and Henry Painter, Project Executive, Gilbane Building Company

### **BID ADVERTISEMENT**

**DATE:** August 12, 2025

**TO:** Mayor and Councilors

**FROM:** Finance Department

**SUBJECT:** Advertised Bids/RFPs/RFQs

**August 15, 2025**

#### **1. Design and Construction Services for Columbus Pickleball Facility – RFP No. 26-0006**

##### **Scope of RFP**

Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is requesting proposals from qualified contractors to engage a Design-Builder to design and construct the new Columbus Pickleball Facility. The facility will be located at 1641 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and be comprised of twenty-seven (27) pickleball courts, including sixteen (16) covered courts. The facility will also include bathroom and concession facilities. Approximately one-hundred four (104) parking spaces will be constructed to support the facility within the existing rights of way of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and 17<sup>th</sup> Street. The estimated budget for this project is \$7,000,000.

The selected Design-Builder will be responsible for all aspects of the design and construction.

## **CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA**

### **ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED**

- 1. Resignation of Katie Franklin from the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission.
- 2. Honorary Designation Application – A request submitted seeking authorization to install a commemorative plaque at Pop Austin Recreation Center in honor of the late Angie Shehane.  
(Action Needed: Forward application to the Board of Honor for review)

3. Honorary Designation Application – A request submitted seeking authorization to install an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Station at Lakebottom Park in honor of the late Anthony Bonner. *(Action Needed: Forward application to the Board of Honor for review)* **(ADD-ON)**
4. Travel Authorization – Request for Councilor Toyia Tucker to attend the 2025 ACCG Legislative Leadership Conference in Jekyll Island, GA.
5. A resolution excusing the absence of Councilor Byron Hickey from the August 12, 2025, Council Meeting.

6. **Minutes of the following boards:**

Board of Historic & Architectural Review 11-12-24

Board of Historic & Architectural Review 01-13-25

Board of Tax Assessors #24-25

Columbus Golf Authority 03-25-25

Crime Prevention Bd. 06-04-25

Crime Prevention Bd. 07-24-25

Development Authority of Columbus 06-05-25

Development Authority of Columbus 06-17-25

Hospital Authority 05-27-25

Hospital Authority 06-23-25

Personnel Review Board 07-16-25

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED**

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

A. **AUDIT COMMITTEE:**

**Mike Baker**

*Eligible to serve another term*

**(Finance/Accounting or Governmental Rep.)**

Term expired: June 30, 2025

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

Vacant  
**(Finance/Accounting or Governmental Rep.)**  
Term expired: June 30, 2025

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

*The terms are three years. Meets quarterly.*

**Women:** 1  
**Senatorial District 15:** n/a  
**Senatorial District 29:** n/a  
**Vacancies:** 1

**B. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:**

Vacant  
Term Expired: March 24, 2025

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

*Terms are two years. Meet as needed.*

<b>Women:</b>	1
<b>Senatorial District 15:</b>	0
<b>Senatorial District 29:</b>	3
<b>Vacancies:</b>	2

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

New Member  
**(Certified Public Accountant)**

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

*The terms are three years, with the terms beginning July 1, 2025, and the term expiration of the first appointments being staggered pursuant to Ordinance 25-011.*

**Women:** 4  
**Senatorial District 15:** -

**Senatorial District 29: -**  
**Vacancies: 1**

**D. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

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*Vacant*

Term Expires: March 27, 2027

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

*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: 4**

**E. HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:**

John Greenman  
*Eligible*

Term Expired: April 30, 2025

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

*The terms five years. Meets once a month.*

**Women: 3**  
**Senatorial District 15: 4**  
**Senatorial District 29: 3**  
**Vacancies: 0**

**F. PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES' BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

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*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

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

- A. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:** Anthony Johnson was nominated to succeed the late Johnny W. Byrd, II. (*Councilor Huff's nominee*) Term expires: March 24, 2027
- B. HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:** Sharen Kelly was selected by the Hospital Authority to fill a vacant seat. (*Three nominees were sent to the Hospital Authority for selection – May 27, 2025, Council Meeting*) Term expires: November 14, 2027
- C. HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:** Janice Linn Storey was selected by the Hospital Authority to fill a vacant seat. (*Three nominees were sent to the Hospital Authority for selection – May 27, 2025, Council Meeting*) Term expires: November 14, 2027
- D. PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION:** Anthony Smith was nominated to succeed Ralph King. (*Councilor Chambers's nominee*) Term expires: March 31, 2028
- E. PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION:** Haley Lyman was nominated to succeed Larry Derby. (*Councilor Cogle's nominee*) Term expires: March 31, 2028
- F. RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD:** Kendall Mills was selected as the new Athletic Director for the Muscogee County School District and will succeed Jeffrey Battles. (*MCSD*) Term expires: n/a

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

**A. CIVIC CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:**

**Johnson Trawick** – *Not interested in serving*  
*Eligible to succeed*  
Term Expired: March 1, 2025

*(District 8 – Garrett)*

*The terms are two years. Meets quarterly.*

<b>Women:</b>	3
<b>Senatorial District 15:</b>	8
<b>Senatorial District 29:</b>	4
<b>Vacancies:</b>	0

**B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

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*Vacant*

Term Expires: March 27, 2026

Open for Nominations  
*(District 2 – Davis)*

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*Vacant*

Term Expires: March 27, 2026

Open for Nominations  
*(District 6 – Allen)*

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*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:** 4

**C. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

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

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

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

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

*\*Mayor Pro Tem Allen's previous nominee is unable to serve. Harmony Staley, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade at Aaron Cohn Middle School is being nominated.*

**10. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – ANY NOMINATIONS WOULD BE LISTED FOR THE NEXT MEETING:**

**A. DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:**

**Bruce McPherson** - *Interested in serving another term* (Council's Appointment)  
*Eligible to succeed*  
Term Expires: August 15, 2025

**Karl Douglass**- *Interested in serving another term* (Council's Appointment)  
*Eligible to succeed*  
Term Expires: August 15, 2025

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*Vacant* Open for Nominations (Council's Appointment)  
Term Expires: August 15, 2027  
*\*Councilor Crabb is nominating Sherri Carmack*

*The terms are four years. Ordinance No. 11-23 removes the limitation of two full consecutive terms for this authority.*

**Women:** 0  
**Senatorial District 15:** 3  
**Senatorial District 29:** 4  
**Vacancies:** 1

**B. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:**

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*Vacant* Open for Nominations (Council's Appointment)  
**(Senatorial District 15)**  
Term Expires: June 30, 2026  
*\*KCBC is recommending Anthony Johnson*

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*Vacant* Open for Nominations (Council's Appointment)  
**(Senatorial District 15)**  
Term Expires: June 30, 2027  
*\*KCBC is recommending Devon Moree*

*The terms are three years. Meets every other month.*

**Women:** 4  
**Senatorial District 15:** 5  
**Senatorial District 29:** 3  
**Vacancies:** 2

**C. 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

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

**Thomas Barron**  
*Not Eligible*  
Term Expired: June 30, 2025  
**\*Councilor Crabb is nominating Ricky Weeks.**

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

*The term of the Mayor's appointee is two years. The terms of Council's appointees are four years. Meets once a month.*

**Women:** 4  
**Senatorial District 15:** n/a  
**Senatorial District 29:** n/a  
**Vacancies:** 0

UPCOMING BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

- A. Board of Honor (Council's Appointment)
- B. Columbus Ironworks Convention & Trade Center Authority (Mayor's Appointment)
- C. Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners (Mayor's Appointment)
- D. Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board (Council's Appointment)
- E. Public Safety Advisory Commission (Mayor/Council's Appointment)

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