

Council Members

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

October 14, 2025
9:00 AM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S A G E N D A

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Skip Henderson

MINUTES:

1. Approval of minutes for the September 23, 2025, Council Meeting.

PROCLAMATIONS:

2. **Proclamation:** Communities in Motion Day

Receiving: Robert Sheridan, Transit Compliance Officer, METRA Transit

3. **Proclamation:** Paint the Town Pink Week

Receiving: Cheryl Johnson, President & CEO, West Central Georgia Cancer Coalition

4. **Proclamation:** National 4-H Week

Receiving: Christine Budd, 4-H Program Assistant, and Megan Shockley, 4-H County Extension Agent

PRESENTATIONS:

5. SIM Mapping Report & Housing Study
Presented by: Kristin Barker, Mayor's Commission on Reentry
6. 2025 IA Risk Assessment & Annual Audit Plan
Presented by: Craig Carter, Managing Director, Mauldin & Jenkins

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **2nd 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.) (Councilor Garrett)
2. **1st 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)
3. **1st 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)
4. **1st 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)
5. **1st 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)
6. **1st 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)

7. **1st 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)
8. **1st 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)

RESOLUTIONS

9. EXCP-09-25-1728: A resolution approving a Special Exception to allow for a Resource Conservation Subdivision located at 1650 Hubbard Road located in the Residential Estate – 1 (RE1) zoning district.

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Dr. Natalie Nicole, representing Role Model Academy of Arts, Re: Community Concerns – Homelessness, Facilities & Enforcement
2. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Blight, Demolitions, Racism & Poverty
3. Mr. Val McGowan, Re: Stormwater Run Off, Subdivision Development & Stormwater Ditch Upkeep
4. Mr. Matthew Gilbert, Re: Stop the Spread of Flock Surveillance – Protect Public Privacy & Trust
5. Mr. Nicholas Yancey, Re: Flock Safety and Redspeed Georgia, LLC
6. Ms. Natasha Hart, Re: Flock Safety Cameras
7. Mr. Jose Altamirano, representing Vallarta Mexican Restaurant, Inc., Re: Overgrown Trees on City Property Hindering Business

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. EV Charging Turnkey Design/Build Agreement for Electric Fleet Charging Stations

Approval is requested to enter into a Turnkey Design/Build agreement with Georgia Power for the installation and commissioning of electric fleet charging stations at the METRA campus (814 Linwood Blvd.). Costs include infrastructure work and system installation to be performed at the METRA campus. One (1) CP6621 Dual Port Level 2 charger and two (2) ChargePoint Express Plus chargers will be installed. The total cost of the agreement is \$509,452.00, including site work and installation. Funds in the amount of \$381,494.00 will come from METRA's T-SPLOST funding. 2024 Transit Trust Fund Program (TTFP) funds in the amount of \$127,958.00 will also be used. These funds were allocated to METRA by GDOT for the purpose of installing electric bus chargers at METRA's campus.

2. Contract Extension with Columbus Convention and Visitors Bureau (CCVB)

Approval is requested to extend the intergovernmental agreement between the Columbus Consolidated Government (CCG) and the Columbus Convention and Visitors Bureau (CCVB) for an additional five-year period as originally authorized in Resolution No. 294-09 and subsequent extensions per Resolution No. 282-15 and Resolution No. 337-20.

3. Street Acceptance –That portion of Holstein Hill

Approval is requested for the acceptance of that portion of Holstein Hill located in Phase Three, Section One, Heiferhorn Farms.

4. Street Acceptance – That portion of Hawks Ridge Drive

Approval is requested for the acceptance of that portion of Hawks Ridge, located in Section VIII, River Crest.

5. Street Acceptance – That portion of Osprey Cove

Approval is requested for the acceptance of that portion of Osprey Cove Drive located in Addition to Section One, The Estates at River Crest.

6. Street Acceptance –That portion of Lemongrass Drive and that portion of Morning Dew Drive

Approval is requested for the acceptance of that portion of Lemongrass Drive and that portion of Morning Dew Drive located in Section Two, Courtland Ridge.

7. 2026 Legislative Agenda Items – Additional Proposed Items

Approval is requested of the resolutions for the 2026 Legislative Session of the Georgia General Assembly.

8. Retiree Health Insurance Plan

Approval is requested, authorizing renewal of the Medicare-eligible healthcare plan benefits and the United Healthcare Medicare Advantage plan.

9. Homeland Security Grant Program - Bomb Robot Upgrades/Repairs/Refurbishment

Approval is requested for the Mayor, or his designee to apply for and accept, if awarded, the Homeland Security grant award, in the amount of \$112,523.00, or as otherwise awarded, for upgrading, repairing, and a complete refurbishment of the current bomb robot for the Hazardous Devices Team that is not in service due to being outdated and broken, with a local match requirement of \$28,130.75, and amend the multi-governmental fund by the amount awarded.

10. Homeland Security Grant Program - Community Emergency Response Team Equipment

Approval is requested for the Mayor, or his designee to apply for and accept, if awarded, the Homeland Security grant award, in the amount of \$30,000.00, or as otherwise awarded, for the purchase of 240 CERT kits (equipment) for the Community Emergency Response Team program to train citizens in emergency preparedness and how to respond to emergencies in their homes and work places until first responders can arrive, with a local match requirement of \$7,500.00, and amend the multi-governmental fund by the amount awarded.

11. Homeland Security Grant Program – Law enforcement Robot (SPOT) – CPD/ CFEMS

Approval is requested for the Mayor, or his designee, to apply for and accept, if awarded, the Homeland Security grant award, in the amount of \$410,465.35, or as otherwise awarded, for the purchase of one law enforcement advanced technology robot, with a local match requirement of \$102,616.34, and amend the multi-governmental fund by the amount awarded.

12. Homeland Security Grant Program - Firefighting Robot Thermite RS-3 -CFEMS

Approval is requested for the Mayor, or his designee, to apply for and accept, if awarded, the Homeland Security grant award, in the amount of \$408,137.30, or as otherwise awarded, for the purchase of one law enforcement advanced technology robot, with a local match requirement of \$102,034.33, and amend the multi-governmental fund by the amount awarded.

13. State of Georgia Department of Community Affairs Equity Fund Rural Workforce Housing Application (NeighborWorks Columbus)

Approval is requested to apply, and if awarded, accept the State of Georgia Department of Community Affairs Equity Fund Rural Workforce Housing Initiative on behalf of NeighborWorks Columbus by the amount awarded in the amount of a \$1,500,000 infrastructure loan and \$2,500,000 infrastructure grant, and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount awarded. The loan/grant funding will be utilized by NeighborWorks

Columbus for workforce housing at Newman's Crossing, located off Farr Road, to provide 61 single-family homes for sale, as well as the necessary infrastructure for this development.

14. Partnership in Innovation – Community Research Grant Application – Fire & EMS

Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$10,000.00, or as otherwise awarded, from the Community Research Grant Program offered by the Partnership for Innovation. The funds will support the development of digital twin technology to enhance wildland fire research in Muscogee County, in partnership with the Georgia Institute of Technology. No matching funds are required.

15. Columbus Police Department: Donation

Approval is requested to accept a donation of \$6,000 from Chuck McClure and Back Columbus Blue to purchase two K9 ballistic vests for the K9 Unit.

16. PURCHASES

- A. Computer Devices, Accessories and Associated Services for Information Technology Department (Annual Contract) – Cooperative Purchase
- B. Two (2) Ford Police Pursuit Explorers for the Sheriff's Office – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase
- C. One (1) 2026 F-350 Crew Cab Flatbed Truck for the Public Works Department – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase
- D. Contract Extension for Custodial Supplies (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 19-0039
- E. Six (6) Zero Turn Mowers for the Public Works Department – Georgia Statewide Contract Purchase
- F. Axon Officer Safety 7 Program Agreements for the Sheriff's Office
- G. Imaging Laser Scanner with Subscription and Various Accessories for the Sheriff's Office
- H. Repair of Caterpillar D7R II Bulldozer for Public Works

17. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. MidTown Children's Bicycle Playground - Midtown Inc.
- B. CCVB Update - Ashley Woitena, President and CEO, VisitColumbusGA
- C. Roll with Us Shuttle Update - Everette Flemming, Assistant Director, METRA Transit

- D. Infrastructure Update - Ryan Pruett, Director, Inspections and Code, Will Johnson, Director, Planning, and Vance Beck, Director, Engineering
- E. Gateway Signage Update - Vance Beck, Director, Engineering
- F. Performance Evaluation Update - Reather Hollowell , Director, Human Resources

BID ADVERTISEMENT

DATE: October 14, 2025

TO: Mayor and Councilors

FROM: Finance Department

SUBJECT: Advertised Bids/RFPs/RFQs

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.

October 22, 2025

1. Loss Control Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 26-0011

Scope of Bid

The Columbus Consolidated Government invites qualified firms to submit proposals to provide comprehensive loss control services to its workforce of approximately 3000 employees. The primary purpose of these services is to assist CCG/Risk Management in identifying, evaluating, and mitigating risks across its various departments and operations, thereby reducing the frequency and severity of losses, improving safety, and controlling insurance costs. The initial term of the contract will be for two years, with the option to renew for three additional twelve-month periods.

2. Emergency Remediation & Reconstruction Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 26-0012

Scope of Bid

The Columbus Consolidated Government seeks proposals from qualified contractors to provide **emergency remediation and reconstruction services** on an as-needed basis for city-owned facilities. The contractor shall furnish all necessary labor, materials, tools, equipment, and supervision. The initial term of the contract will be for two years, with the option to renew for three additional twelve-month periods.

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - INFORMATION ONLY

1. Reminder – 2025 Council Meeting Schedule (October-December)

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

2. Request – The Clerk of Council is requesting the members of Council to directly consider pending honorary designation applications for approval.
3. Resignation – RiverCenter Executive Director Norman Easterbrook has submitted his resignation from the Uptown Façade Board.
4. Travel Authorization – Request for Councilor Toyia Tucker to attend the 2025 Georgia Association of Regional Commissioners (GARC) Annual Conference in St. Simons Island, GA.
5. **Minutes of the following boards:**

Board of Elections and Registration 08-07-25

Board of Elections and Registration 09-04-25

Board of Tax Assessors #34-25

Columbus Iron Works Convention & Trade Center Authority 08-28-25

Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners (CVB) 08-20-25

Historic and Architectural Review Board (BHAR) 06-23-25

Historic and Architectural Review Board (BHAR) 07-23-25

Historic and Architectural Review Board (BHAR) 08-11-25

Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board 09-11-25

Pension Fund, Employees' Board of Trustees 04-09-25

Pension Fund, Employees' Board of Trustees 05-14-25

Pension Fund, Employees' Board of Trustees 06-11-25

Planning Advisory Commission 08-06-25

Planning Advisory Commission 09-03-25

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

6. 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):

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

7. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – READY FOR CONFIRMATION:

- A. PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:** Natalie N. McDowell was nominated to fill the vacant seat of Regular Member 5. (*Mayor Pro Tem Allen's nominee*) Term expires: December 31, 2025

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. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:

Vacant
(Senatorial District 29)
Term Expires: June 30, 2026
***KCB is recommending Kristasia Heath.**

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

(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

UPCOMING BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

- A. Airport Commission (Commission Council's Appointment)
- B. Board of Health (Council's Appointment)
- C. Board of Water Commissioners (Council's Appointment)
- D. Housing Authority of Columbus (Mayor's Appointment)
- E. Personnel Review Board (Council's Appointment)
- F. Recreation Advisory Board (Council's Appointment)

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