



~~POST SUMMARY MINUTES~~

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

April 08, 2025
9:00 AM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

PRESENT: Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen and Councilors John Anker, Travis L. Chambers, Joanne Cogle, Charmaine Crabb, R. Walker Garrett, Byron Hickey and Toyia Tucker. City Manager Isaiah Hugley, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore and Deputy Clerk of Council Tameka Colbert.

ABSENT: Councilors Glenn Davis and Bruce Huff were absent.

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

Mayor's Agenda #1: Vote Result: APPROVED

1. Approval of minutes for March 25, 2025, Council Meeting and Executive Session.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor's Agenda #2: No Action Taken (Proclamation read into the record by Councilor Cogle)

2. **Proclamation:** Merri Sherman Day

Receiving: Merri Sherman, Executive Director of Columbus Sports Council

Mayor's Agenda #3: No Action Taken (Proclamation read into the record by Councilor Chambers)

3. **Proclamation:** Arts & Culture Month

Receiving: Carrie Beth, Founder of TheColumbusite

Mayor's Agenda #4: No Action Taken (Proclamation read into the record by Councilor Tucker)

4. **Proclamation:** National Community Development Week

Receiving: Rob Scott, Director of Community Reinvestment

Mayor's Agenda #5: DELAYED

5. **Proclamation:** Public Service Recognition Week

Receiving: Laddia King, Human Resources

PRESENTATIONS

6. Columbus Clingstones Update – Presented by Pete Laven, General Manager. ***No Action Taken***

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

City Attorney's Agenda #1: Vote Result: ADOPTED

1. **2nd Reading-** An ordinance providing for the demolition of various structures located at:

- 1) **2903 10th Avenue** (Vision Investment Properties LTD, Owner)
- 2) **1024 Henry Avenue** (Christina Williams & Joseph Philippe, Owner)
- 3) **2610 Jones Avenue** (Green Pryor Lewis Jr, Owner)
- 4) **3826 3rd Avenue** (BSL Investment Group LLC, Owner)
- 5) **3822 3rd Avenue** (BSL Investment Group LLC, Owner)
- 6) **831 Barklay Way** (Eloise Elaine Dale, Owner)

- 7) **2475 Walker Street** (William D. Holland, Owner)
8) **615 Parkchester Drive** (Gerardo Ledesma Angeles, Owner)

City Attorney's Agenda #2: Vote Result: ADOPTED

2. **2nd Reading-** An ordinance amending the Paid Maternity and Paternity Leave Policy and renaming it the Paid Parental Leave Policy to be consistent with the definitions contained in EEOC guidelines. (Councilor Chambers) (Mayor Pro-Tem)

City Attorney's Agenda #3: Vote Result: ADOPTED

3. **2nd Reading-** An Ordinance adopting new pay rates for the Parks and Recreation Aquatic staff for the Consolidated Government and amending Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Ordinance No. 24-027; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem) (Councilor Tucker)

City Attorney's Agenda #4: DELAYED on 1st Reading (Applicant – Not Present)

4. **1st Reading-** REZN-12-24-2551: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **3212 6th Avenue** (parcel # 014-031001B) from Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1) Zoning District with conditions. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Garrett)

City Attorney's Agenda #5: DELAYED on 1st Reading (Applicant – Not Present)

5. **1st Reading-** REZN-01-25-0036: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **4246 and 4240 3rd Avenue** (parcel # 013-001-038/039) from Light Manufacturing/Industrial (LMI) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Garrett)

City Attorney's Agenda #6: PUBLIC HEARING HELD

6. **1st Reading-** REZN-01-25-0153: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **3051 Reese Road** (parcel #084-013-075) from Single Family Residential – 2 (SFR2) Zoning District to Single Family Residential – 4 (SFR4) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval) (Councilor Hickey)

City Attorney's Agenda #7: PUBLIC HEARING HELD

7. **1st Reading-** REZN-002-25-0166: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **11001 River Road** from Residential Estates – 10 (RE10) Zoning District to Residential Estates – 1 (RE1) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Davis)

City Attorney's Agenda #8: PUBLIC HEARING HELD

8. **1st Reading-** REZN-02-25-0266: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **1046 33rd Street** (parcel # 014-027-021) from Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1) Zoning District with conditions. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Garrett)

City Attorney's Agenda #9: PUBLIC HEARING HELD

9. **1st Reading-** An Ordinance adopting amendments to Chapter 5 of the Columbus Code pertaining to Animal Services in order to facilitate the implementation of a contract agreed to with Paws Humane Society for animal services which became effective on February 1, 2025, and to update various terms in the Chapter; and for other purposes. (Councilors Tucker and Crabb)

City Attorney's Agenda #10: PUBLIC HEARING HELD

10. **1st Reading-** An Ordinance amending Section 17B-11. of the Columbus Code pertaining to the application process to obtain demonstration or festival permits from the Columbus Police Department; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem) (Councilor Cogle)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Mr. Gregory Foster, representing the Chatham Woods Neighborhood Association, Re: Express Public Appreciation to Councilor Byron Hickey. ***No Action Taken***
2. Mr. Joseph McNeil, Sr., representing Blinded Veterans Association, Georgia Regional Group Columbus Chapter, Re: Metra (Dial-A-Ride) Premium Service. ***No Action Taken***
3. Mr. Stanley Dixon, Re: Past and Present Initiatives. ***No Action Taken***
4. Mr. Ricky Lynn, representing Blinded Veterans Association, Columbus Chapter, Re: Columbus Metra Dial-A-Ride Premium Service Scheduling. ***No Action Taken***
5. Mr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: Quarterly Town Hall Meetings. ***No Action Taken***
6. Mr. Lewis Worthy, Re: Roads and Trash. ***Not Present***
7. Ms. Fran Carpenter, Re: The Original Historic District and the Trade Center Master Plan. ***No Action Taken***

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

City Manager's Agenda #1: Vote Result: APPROVED

1. Landings Lane Right of Way

Approval is requested to authorize the to sell ten feet of Right of Way located at Landings Lane to adjacent landowner, to Schuster Enterprises Inc., at 2550 Airport Thruway, for appraised value of \$27,500, including noted closing costs, in accordance with section 7-501 paragraph 5 of the Columbus Charter, and to execute all contracts, agreements and understandings related to the conveyance of City properties.

City Manager's Agenda #2: Vote Result: APPROVED

2. FY26 HUD Annual Action Plan Submission

Approval is requested to file the FY26 Annual Action Plan submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The sources of federal funding and programs are the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program.

City Manager's Agenda #3: Vote Result: APPROVED

3. Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant

Approval is requested to submit a grant application and if awarded, accept funds up to \$750,000 from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the operation of the Muscogee County Juvenile Court and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the grant award and enter into a memorandum of agreement with Evidence-Based Associates, LLC. The grant period is from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026.

City Manager's Agenda #4: Vote Result: APPROVED

4. FY26 Congressionally Directed Funding Grant - Fire & EMS

Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$215,733.00 or as otherwise awarded from the FY26 Congressionally Directed Spending project for the purchase of a vehicle and equipment to enhance the Mobile Integrated Healthcare program for Columbus Fire & EMS. There are no matching funds required.

City Manager's Agenda #5: Vote Result: APPROVED

5. Firehouse Subs Grant

Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$16,011.62 or as otherwise awarded from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation for the purchase of a medium manikin to support ongoing EMS training for its members. There are no matching funds required.

6. PURCHASES

City Manager's Agenda #6 (A-H): Vote Result: APPROVED

- A. Single Stream Recycling Materials Processing (Re-Bid) (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 25-0013
- B. Amendment 1 for Underserved and Inmate Healthcare Consultant – RFP No. 24-0009
- C. Contract Extension for Hot Asphalt and General Road Repair Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 19-0032
- D. Two Seven-Yard Dump Trucks for Public Works – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase
- E. Consultant Services for Comprehensive Transit Study for METRA – RFP NO. 25-0011
- F. Scheduling Software for METRA – OMNIA Partners Cooperative Purchase
- G. Declaration of Surplus and Donation of Tasers and Accessories to Oglethorpe, Georgia Police Department
- H. Comprehensive Inmate Healthcare Services for Muscogee County Jail (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 25-0005

ADD-ON RESOLUTION:

City Manager's Agenda (Add-on Resolution): Vote Result: DELAYED until the April 22, 2025 Council Meeting; Vote Result: AMEND the RFP to exclude any reference to TAD Funds or Tax Abatements and to include appropriate site work to be completed by the Development Authority to facilitate the RFP

Approval to request the Development Authority to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Redevelopment of South Commons to potentially include a hotel, retail/office, multifamily, parking deck, workforce housing, and other uses.

7. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Healthcare Update - Reather Hollowell, Director, Human Resources, and NFP Benefit Consultant Team *No Action Taken*
- B. Community Care Program Update - Bob Paskowski, PYA, P.C. *No Action Taken*

BID ADVERTISEMENT

DATE: April 8, 2025
TO: Mayor and Councilors
FROM: Finance Department
SUBJECT: Advertised Bids/RFPs/RFQs

April 11, 2025

1. Medical Evaluation Services for Columbus Fire & EMS Department (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 25-0014

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government invites qualified firms to submit proposals for medical evaluation services for employees of the Fire & EMS Department on an annual basis.

The contract term shall 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

Clerk of Council’s Agenda #1: Vote Result: APPROVED

- 1. RESOLUTION – A resolution changing the meeting schedule for the month of June 2025.

Clerk of Council’s Agenda #2: Vote Result: RECEIVED

2. Minutes of the following boards:

457 Deferred Compensation Plan Board, October 17, 2024

Airport Commission, March 6, 2025

Board of Tax Assessors, #10-25

Columbus Golf Authority, February 11, 2025

Employee Benefits Committee, August 23 & October 25, 2023

Employee Benefits Committee, February 28, April 24, June 26 & August 28, 2024

Pension Fund, Employees Board of Trustees, October 9 & November 13, 2024

Retirees' Health Benefit Committee, August 21, 2024

ADD-ON RESOLUTIONS:

Clerk of Council (Add-on Resolution): Vote Result: *APPROVED*

A resolution excusing Councilor Glenn Davis from the April 8, 2025, Council Meeting.

Clerk of Council (Add-on Resolution): Vote Result: *APPROVED*

A resolution excusing Councilor Bruce Huff from the April 8, 2025, Council Meeting.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

Clerk of Council's Agenda #3(A): No Action Taken

A. COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:

New Member
(Certified Public Accountant)
Term Expires:

Open for Nominations
(Mayor's Appointment)

New Member
(Corporate/Employment Attorney)
Term Expires:

Open for Nominations
(Mayor's Appointment)

New Member
(Law Enforcement Representative)
Ex Officio/Non-Voting Member

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.

Clerk of Council's Agenda #3(B): No Action Taken

B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:

Benjamin Link – *Seat vacant*

(Mayor's Appointment)

Resigned

Term Expires: March 27, 2025

The terms are three years. Meets quarterly.

Women: 5

Senatorial District 15: 21

Senatorial District 29: 3

Clerk of Council's Agenda #3(C): No Action Taken

C. HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

John F. Greenman

(Mayor's Appointment)

Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: April 30, 2025

The terms are five years. Meets once a month.

Women: 3

Senatorial District 15: 4

Senatorial District 29: 3

4. AUTHORITY APPOINTMENTS – READY FOR CONFIRMATION:

Clerk of Council's Agenda #4(A): Vote Result: CONFIRMED

- A. THE MEDICAL CENTER HOSPITAL AUTHORITY:** Mike J. Burns has been selected for reappointment. (*Authority's Selection*) Term expires: December 31, 2029

Clerk of Council's Agenda #4(B): Vote Result: CONFIRMED

- B. THE MEDICAL CENTER HOSPITAL AUTHORITY:** Max Brabson has been selected for reappointment. (*Authority's Selection*) Term expires: December 31, 2029

Clerk of Council's Agenda #4(C): Vote Result: CONFIRMED

- C. THE MEDICAL CENTER HOSPITAL AUTHORITY:** James Allen McMullen has been selected to fill a vacant seat. (*Authority's Selection*) Term expires: December 31, 2028

5. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – READY FOR CONFIRMATION:

Clerk of Council's Agenda #5(A): Vote Result: CONFIRMED

- A. COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:** Mike Welch was nominated to serve in a new position as the Commercial Business Representative. (*Councilor Cogle's nominee*) Term expires: June 30, 2026 (NOTE: *Initial terms of the original members are staggered.*)

Clerk of Council's Agenda #5(B): Vote Result: CONFIRMED

- B. COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:** Andy Luker was nominated to serve in a position as the Marketing Representative. (*Councilor Davis's nominee*) Term expires: June 30, 2027 (NOTE: *Initial terms of the original members are staggered.*)

Clerk of Council's Agenda #5(C): Vote Result: CONFIRMED

- C. COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND CULTURAL LIAISON ENCOUNTERS (CIRCLE):** Brandon Wilkins was nominated to succeed Samantha Wooden. (*Councilor Crabb's nominee*) Term expires: March 1, 2029

Clerk of Council's Agenda #5(D): Vote Result: CONFIRMED

- D. CRIME PREVENTION BOARD:** Ralph King was nominated to succeed Lane Jimmerson. (*Councilor Crabb's nominee*) Term expires: March 31, 2028

6. **COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS- ANY NOMINATIONS WOULD BE LISTED FOR THE NEXT MEETING:**

Clerk of Council's Agenda #6(A): *Nomination(s): Councilors Anker and Crabb nominated Clayton Hood.*

A. BOARD OF TAX ASSESSORS:

John Anker

(Resigned)

Term Expires: December 31, 2025

Open for Nominations

(Council's Appointment)

Councilors Anker and Crabb are nominating Clayton Hood to fill the unexpired term.

The terms are six years. Meets weekly.

Women: 3

Senatorial District 15: 1

Senatorial District 29: 4

Clerk of Council's Agenda #6(B): *No Action Taken*

B. COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:

New Member

(Promotional Entity – Professional Hockey)

Ex Officio/Non-Voting Member

Open for Nominations

(Council's Appointment)

New Member

(Trade Center Representative)

Trade Center's Nomination

(Confirmed by Council)

New Member

(RiverCenter Representative)

RiverCenter's Nomination

(Confirmed by Council)

New Member

(Convention & Visitors Board Representative)

CVB's Nomination

(Confirmed by Council)

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.

C. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COMMITTEE:

Holli Browder
(Dept. Director/Assistant Director)
Eligible to succeed
Term Expires: April 30, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Nancy Boren
(Dept. Director/Assistant Director)
Eligible to succeed
Term Expires: April 30, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Shannon Hubbard
(General Government Employee)
Eligible to succeed
Term Expires: April 30, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Troy Vanerson
(General Government Employee)
Not Eligible to succeed
Term Expires: April 30, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Ardria McGruder
(Selected by General Government Employees)
Eligible to succeed
Term Expires: April 30, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Confirmed by Council)

Rachel S. Banks
(Selected by Public Safety Employees)
Eligible to succeed
Term Expires: April 30, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Confirmed by Council)

Timothy Smith
(Sworn Officer)
Not Eligible to succeed
Term Expires: April 30, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

The terms for General Government Representatives are three years, and two years for Public Safety. Meets once a month.

Women: 5

Senatorial District 15: n/a

Senatorial District 29: n/a

D. LAND BANK AUTHORITY:

Clerk of Council's Agenda #6(D): No Action Taken

VACANT

Term Expires: October 31, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

These terms are four years. Meets once a month.

Women: 4

Senatorial District 15: 5

Senatorial District 29: 1

PUBLIC AGENDA (continued):

5. Mr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: Quarterly Town Hall Meetings. *No Action Taken*
7. Ms. Fran Carpenter, Re: The Original Historic District and the Trade Center Master Plan.
No Action Taken

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation acquisition and disposal of real estate and potential litigation as requested by City Attorney Fay earlier in the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Davis and Huff being absent from the meeting, with the time being 1:38 p.m.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 2:18 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in Executive Session to discuss litigation and real estate acquisition and disposal; however, there were no votes taken.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Allen to adjourn the April 8, 2025, Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Davis and Huff being absent from the meeting, and the time being 2:19 p.m.