



~~POST SUMMARY MINUTES~~

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

April 22, 2025
5:30 PM
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, Bruce Huff 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: Councilor Glenn Davis was absent.

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Pastor Wayne Anthony, St. Peter United Methodist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Skip Henderson

MINUTES

Mayor's Agenda #1: Vote Result: APPROVED

1. Approval of minutes for April 8, 2025, Council Meeting and Executive Session.

PROCLAMATIONS:

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

2. **Proclamation:** Sons, Daughters and Children of the American Revolution Day

Receiving: Maryann Barclay

Mayor's Agenda #3: *No Action Taken (Proclamation read into the record by Mayor Pro Tem Gary Allen)*

3. **Proclamation:** World Pizza Championship Day

Receiving: Jeffrey Dicesaris

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

4. **Proclamation:** Georgia Cities Week

Receiving: Lisa Goodwin, Deputy City Manager

PRESENTATIONS

5. Introduction of Shevon S. Thomas, Solicitor General of Muscogee County, Georgia. *No Action Taken*
6. Georgia General Assembly Post Legislative Update - State Representative Carolyn Hugley *No Action Taken*
7. Recorder's Court Update – Judge David Ranieri *No Action Taken*

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

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

1. **2nd 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 #2: *Vote Result: ADOPTED*

2. **2nd 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 #3: Vote Result: ADOPTED

3. **2nd 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 #4: Vote Result: ADOPTED

4. **2nd 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 #5: Vote Result: ADOPTED

5. **2nd 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)

City Attorney's Agenda #6: PUBLIC HEARING HELD

6. **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.) (Continued on 1st Reading from 4-8-25.) (Councilor Garrett)

City Attorney's Agenda #7: PUBLIC HEARING HELD

7. **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.) (Continued on 1st Reading from 4-8-25.) (Councilor Garrett)

RESOLUTIONS

City Attorney's Agenda #8: Vote Result: APPROVED

8. A Resolution amending Resolution No. 032-25 which imposed certain insurance requirements for CCG vendors. The amendment clarifies that certain providers of professional services are exempt from the scope of the Resolution. (Councilors Crabb and Tucker)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Mr. Ronald Carthar, Re: Closing of Morris Road. ***No Action Taken***
2. Mr. Justin Allen, Re: Columbus Clingstones- ***Canceled***
3. Mr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr. Re: Southside Deserves Economic Development. ***No Action Taken***
4. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, Re: Exit 4 Buena Vista Rd Construction and the Murder Count. ***Not Present***
5. Mr. John Fink, Re: Petitioning Council to Terminate Ban from Lake Oliver Marina. ***Rescheduling***
6. Ms. Natalie Nicole, representing Role Model Academy of Arts, Re: Public Works. ***No Action Taken***
7. Mrs. Kathryn Tanner, Re: Voting Rights and Concerns About South Commons. ***No Action Taken***
8. Mr. J Nathan Smith, Re: Requesting Council Fix the Mistakes of the Past. ***No Action Taken***

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

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

1. Police FY25 Other Local Option Sales Tax (OLOST) Reallocation

Approval is requested to reallocate \$15,000 of the FY25 Other Local Option Sales Tax Fund budget of the Police Department from Capital Outlay (Expenditure – Over \$5,000) to fund the purchase of six Panasonic Toughbooks.

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

2. Property Purchase- 5803 Moon Road, Columbus, Georgia 31909

Approval is requested to purchase 5803 Moon Road, Columbus, Georgia 31909 from property owner, Dorothy Latini, for the amount of \$166,000.

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

3. Sale of Public Alleyway - North Side of 29th Street, 150 feet West of 4th Avenue

Approval is requested to sell city-owned property, the public alleyway on the North side of 29th Street, 150 feet West of 4th Avenue, to adjacent landowner, Webb Family Holdings, 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 due to the property no longer serving a current or anticipated public use.

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

4. Community Care Program for the Medically Underserved and Inmate Population

Approval is requested for the Community Care Program, formally known as the Indigent Care Program, as the medically underserved and inmate population of Muscogee County, including a Community Care Program Administrator and the issuance of a Request for Proposal for a Third-Party Administrator (TPA).

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

5. Marathon First Responder Grant – Fire & EMS

Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 or as otherwise awarded from the Marathon Community Investment Programs to purchase fire and rescue Equipment for Columbus Fire and EMS and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount. No matching funds are required.

City Manager's Agenda #6: Vote Result: APPROVED

6. Peach Little League Batting Cage Donation

Approval is requested to accept the donation of a fully constructed batting cage adjacent to Wilkinson Field in Lakebottom Park valued at \$41,199.00 from Peach Little League.

7. PURCHASES

City Manager's Agenda #7 (A-C): Vote Result: APPROVED

- A. Residential General Contractor Services and Housing Inspection Services for the Community Reinvestment Department II (Annual Contract)- RFP NO. 25-0008

- B. Isuzu Box Trucks for Public Works – Georgia State Contract Cooperative Purchase
- C. Public Safety Equipment for the Sheriff's Office

8. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Pool/Lifeguard Update - Holli Browder, Director, Parks & Recreation *No Action Taken*

City Manager's Agenda #8(B): Vote Result: APPROVED request for additional appropriation in the FY25 Budget for the Muscogee County Prison in the amount of \$247,000.

- B. FY25 Budget Update, Warden Herbert Walker – Muscogee County Prison

BID ADVERTISEMENT

DATE: April 22, 2025
TO: Mayor and Councilors
FROM: Finance Department
SUBJECT: Advertised Bids/RFPs/RFPs

May 2, 2025

1. Real & Personal Property Mail/Processing For Muscogee County Tax Commissioner (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 25-0017

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government is seeking proposals from qualified vendors to provide printing and mailing services to the Muscogee County Tax Commissioner. The required services shall include:

- Real, Personal, & Mobile Home Property Tax Bills
- Real, Personal, & Mobile Home Property Tax Delinquent Notices

The contract term shall be for two (2) years with the option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods.

2. Environmental Consulting Services For Multipurpose Brownfield Grant (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 25-0018

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is seeking a qualified environmental consulting firm to provide assistance with the recently awarded United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) Multipurpose Brownfield Grant for the implementation of environmental assessment, site cleanup, remedial planning, community outreach, and other components of the grant for which funding is secured.

The contract term shall be for three (3) years with the option to renew for two (2) additional twelve-month periods.

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - INFORMATION ONLY

Clerk of Council's Agenda #1: No Action Taken

1. Board Memo – Listing the terms of the Downtown Development Authority and the need for them to reconvene.

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

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

2. Resignation of Dorris Bishop from her seat as a representative of Senatorial District 15 on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission.

Clerk of Council's Agenda #3: Vote Result: RECEIVED

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

Board of Election and Registration 03.06.25

Board of Historic & Architectural Review 01.08.24

Board of Historic & Architectural Review 02.12.24

Board of Historic & Architectural Review 03.11.24

Board of Historic & Architectural Review 04.08.24

Board of Historic & Architectural Review 05.13.24

Board of Historic & Architectural Review 06.10.24

Board of Historic & Architectural Review 08.12.24

Board of Historic & Architectural Review 09.09.24

Board of Tax Assessors #11-25

Board of Tax Assessors #12-25

Board of Tax Assessors #13-25

Columbus Ironworks Trade Center Authority 02.28.25

Development Authority 03.06.25

Employee Benefits Committee 02.26.25

Hospital Authority of Columbus, Georgia 02.25.25

ADD-ON RESOLUTIONS:

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

A resolution excusing Councilor Glenn Davis from the April 22, 2025, Council Meeting.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

Clerk of Council's Agenda #4(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 #4(B): No Action Taken

B. 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

5. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – READY FOR CONFIRMATION:

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

- A. BOARD OF TAX ASSESSORS:** Clayton Hood was nominated to fill the unexpired term of Councilor John Anker. *(Councilor Anker/Crabb's nominee)* Term expires: December 31, 2025

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

- B. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COMMITTEE:** Holli Browder was nominated to serve another term as the Dept. Director/Asst. Director Representative. *(Councilor Crabb's nominee)* Term expires: April 30, 2028

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

- C. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COMMITTEE:** Nancy Boren was nominated to serve another term as one of the Dept. Director/Asst. Director Representatives. *(Councilor Crabb's nominee)* Term expires: April 30, 2028

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

- D. LAND BANK AUTHORITY:** Reynolds Bickerstaff was nominated to fill a vacant seat. *(Councilor Crabb's nominee)* Term expires: October 31, 2026

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

Clerk of Council's Agenda #6(A): *Nomination(s): Councilor Cogle nominated Ashley Wotenian to serve as the Convention & Visitors Board Representative. Vote Result: CONFIRMED the appointment of Ashley Wotenian.*

A. 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.

Clerk of Council's Agenda #6(B): *Nomination(s): Councilor Crabb renominated Allen Taber, Brad Coppedge and Karl Douglass to serve another term.*

B. DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

Allen Taber – *Interested in serving another term*
Eligible to succeed
Term Expired: August 15, 2023

(Council's Appointment)

Brad Coppedge– *Interested in serving another term*
Eligible to succeed
Term Expired: August 15, 2023

(Council's Appointment)

Karl Douglass – *Interested in serving another term*
Eligible to succeed
Term Expired: August 15, 2023

(Council's Appointment)

Will Barnes

Deceased

Term Expired: August 15, 2023

(Council's Appointment)

Billy Blanchard – *Waiting on response*

Eligible to succeed

Term Expired: August 15, 2023

(Council's Appointment)

Stephen Butler – *Waiting on response*

Eligible to succeed

Term Expired: August 15, 2023

(Council's Appointment)

Ernest Smallman, IV

Not Eligible to succeed – Currently serves on Board of Zoning Appeals

Term Expired: August 15, 2023

(Council's Appointment)

Councilor Crabb is nominating Allen Taber, Brad Coppedge and Karl Douglass to serve another term.

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: 3

COUNCIL HEARINGS:

Council Hearing #1: Vote Result: APPROVED refund of penalties and/or interest in the amount of \$18,405.03.

1. Request for Waiver of Penalty and Interest on property tax submitted by Mr. Carl Robertson of Columbus State University for property located in Columbus, Georgia.

PUBLIC AGENDA (continued):

3. Mr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr. Re: Southside Deserves Economic Development. ***No Action Taken***

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Councilor Garrett to adjourn the April 22, 2025, Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting, and the time being 8:44 p.m.