



~~POST SUMMARY MINUTES~~

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

July 08, 2025
9:00 AM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S A G E N D A

PRESENT: Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen (arrived at 9:06 a.m.) and Councilors John Anker, Travis L. Chambers, Joanne Cogle, Charmaine Crabb (arrived at 9:10 a.m.), Glenn Davis, Byron Hickey, Bruce Huff (arrived at 10:08 a.m.), and Toyia Tucker. Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Assistant City Attorney Lucy Sheftall, Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore and Deputy Clerk of Council Tameka Colbert.

ABSENT: Councilor R. Walker Garrett was absent.

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Youth Pastor Mitchell Harris, Pleasant Grove 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 the June 17, 2025 Council Meeting and Executive Session.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor's Agenda #2: No Action Taken

2. Introduction of Missy Kendrick, President & CEO of Choose Columbus
– Selvin Hollingsworth, Chairman of the Development Authority of Columbus

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

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

1. **2nd Reading:** An Ordinance providing for the levy, assessment, and collection of taxes for the public school system of Columbus, Georgia; and for other purposes. (Budget Review Committee)

City Attorney's Agenda #2: PUBLIC HEARING HELD

2. **1st Reading-** An Ordinance amending Chapter 14 pertaining to Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions of the Columbus Code to insert a code section 14-24 to provide for fees for lift assistance service calls made by the Columbus Department of Fire and Medical Emergency Services to licensed healthcare and affiliated facilities; to provide penalties for violations thereof; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

City Attorney's Agenda #3: PUBLIC HEARING HELD

3. **1st Reading-** An Ordinance amending the Columbus Code to add a new Article V to Chapter 11 to require safety standards pertaining to powered bicycles, powered mobility devices and storage batteries; and for other purposes. (Councilor Cogle)

RESOLUTIONS

City Attorney's Agenda #4: Vote Result: AMENDED adding language requiring members of Council to submit a travel request identifying training subject matter that will be shared upon return and the \$3,500 limit per councilor is non-transferable unless approved by Council; Vote Result: APPROVED AS AMENDED

4. A Resolution updating the Travel Policy for members of the Columbus, Georgia Council. (Councilor Tucker)

PUBLIC AGENDA

Last Application Received: July 3, 2025, 1:39 p.m. (Online)

1. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, Re: Political Shenanigans, Staff Appreciation, and Uplifting the East Wynnton Campaign. ***No Action Taken***
2. Mr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: Attorney Fees Paid for by Taxpayers. ***No Action Taken***
3. Miss. Ashlee Williams, Re: Unanswered Questions, Unethical Use of Power and Mismanagement of Money. ***No Action Taken***
4. Mrs. Kathryn Bailey, Re: Corruption. ***No Action Taken***
5. Mr. Tim Mason, Re: PAWS Humane Animal Control Services. ***No Action Taken***
6. Mr. Randy Foster, Re: PAWS Humane Animal Control Services. ***No Action Taken***
7. Mr. Gregory Foster, representing the Chatham Woods Neighborhood Association, Re: Department of Inspections and Code. ***No Action Taken***

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

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

1. Service Agreement with Public Consulting Group, LLC

Approval is requested to enter into a three-year agreement with Public Consulting Group to facilitate a managed care reimbursement program for Columbus Fire & EMS. The City will pay 10% of any supplemental Medicaid payments received as a result of PCG's efforts. There are no upfront fees or costs if no reimbursement is secured.

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

2. GA Medicaid Fee for Service – Ground Ambulance Upper Payment Limit – Supplemental Payment Program

Approval is requested to participate in the Georgia Medicaid Fee for Service Upper Payment Limit Supplemental Payment Program and authorize the payment of service fees via intergovernmental transfer (IGT) to the State of Georgia, as required, based on formulaic calculations derived by the Department of Community Health (DCH). The required amount will be a percentage of the total payment based on the Medicaid federal match rate. The DCH will notify the city of the IGT amount required. Upon receipt of the IGT by the State of Georgia, DCH will draw federal matching funds and make the full Medicaid supplemental payment to the city.

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

3. Flint Energies Foundation Grant

Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$410,465.35 or as otherwise awarded from the Flint Energies Foundation grant program, to help fund the purchase of a public safety robot, Spot. There are no matching funds required.

City Manager's Agenda #4(A-E): Vote Result: APPROVED

4. PURCHASES

- A. Fuel Purchases for Fiscal Year 2026
- B. Federal and State Mandated Fees for Fiscal Year 2026
- C. Vehicle Buildout Services for the Sheriff's Office
- D. Contract Amendment for NeoGov Application Management Tracking System for Human Resources
- E. Amendment 21 for Construction Manager as General Contractor Services for Columbus Government Center Complex - RFQ No. 20-0002

EMERGENCY PURCHASES

- 1. Information Only: Exigent "Off the Lot" Vehicle Purchases – Resolution No. 354-24

5. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Safe Streets 4 All – Alex Henry, Benesch. *No Action Taken*

City Manager's Agenda #5(B): Vote Result: APPROVED the request to move forward with the Preferred Alternative Option (3-Lane Approach) as presented.

- B. South Lumpkin Road Improvements – Kathy Stallard, Heath-Linebeck
- C. Cooper Creek Study - Jeff Keefe, Moon Meeks and Associates, Inc, Binita Shrestha, Waggoner Engineering. *No Action Taken*

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

Clerk of Council's Agenda #1: Vote Result: RECEIVED

1. Minutes of the following boards:

Board of Tax Assessors, #19-25

Board of Tax Assessors, #20-25

Board of Tax Assessors, #21-25

Board of Tax Assessors, #22-25

Board of Water Commissioners, 05.12.25

Columbus Airport Commission, 04.23.25

Columbus Airport Commission, 05.28.25

Columbus Golf Authority, 02.11.25

Columbus Golf Authority, 03.25.25

Columbus Golf Authority, 05.28.25

Columbus Iron Works Convention & Trade Center Authority, 05.22.25

Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners, 05.21.25

New Horizons Community Service Board, 05.12.25

Pension Fund, Employees Board of Trustees, 01.08.25

Pension Fund, Employees Board of Trustees, 02.12.25

Pension Fund, Employees Board of Trustees, 03.12.25

Clerk of Council's Agenda (Add-On): Vote Result: APPROVED

ADD-ON: A resolution excusing the absence of Councilor R. Walker Garrett from the July 8, 2025, Council Meeting.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

Clerk of Council’s Agenda #2(A): *Nomination(s): Mayor Henderson nominated Sgt. Kelly Phillips with the Columbus Police Department as the Law Enforcement Representative; Vote Result: CONFIRMED*

A. COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:

New Member
(Certified Public Accountant)

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.

Women: 1
Senatorial District 15: 1
Senatorial District 29: 3
Vacancies: 11

Clerk of Council’s Agenda #2(B): *No Action Taken*

B. 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

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

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

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.

Women:	3
Senatorial District 15:	8
Senatorial District 29:	4
Vacancies:	0

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

B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:

Vacant

(District 1 – Hickey)

Term Expires: March 27, 2026

The terms for the Mayor's Appointments are three years and Council's Appointments are two years. Meets quarterly.

Women: 4
Senatorial District 15: 9
Senatorial District 29: 2
Vacancies: 2

Clerk of Council's Agenda #3(C): *Nomination(s): Councilor Davis nominated Eli Smith of Calvary Christian School to represent District 2; Vote Result: CONFIRMED; Nomination(s): Councilor Huff nominated Zion Javon Daise to represent District 3; Vote Result: CONFIRMED*

C. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:

District 2 Nominee: _____
District 3 Nominee: _____
District 5 Nominee: _____
District 7 Nominee: _____
District 9 Nominee: _____
District 10 Nominee: _____

***Nomination(s):** *Councilor Davis is nominating Eli Smith from Calvary Christian School as his District 2 Representative.*

4. DESIGNATED SEATS – NOMINATIONS ARE CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL:

Clerk of Council's Agenda #4(A): *Nominations(s): Clerk of Council McLemore announced the Muscogee County Republican Party is renominating U.D. Roberts to serve as their representative; Action Taken: CONFIRMED*

A. BOARD OF ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION:

U.D. Roberts
(Republican Party Representative)
Term Expires: December 31, 2025

Muscogee County Republican Party's Nomination
(Confirmed by Council)

***Nomination(s):** *Mr. U.D. Roberts is being renominated to continuing serving as the Republican Party Representative.*

The terms are four years. Ordinance No. 11-023 removes the limitation of two full consecutive terms for this board. Meets monthly.

Women: 3
Senatorial District 15: 2
Senatorial District 29: 3
Vacancies: 0

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

Clerk of Council's Agenda #5(A): *No Action Taken*

A. DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

(Council's Appointment)

Vacant

Term Expired: August 15, 2023

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

Vacancies: 1

Clerk of Council's Agenda #5(B): No Action Taken

B. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Vacant

(Senatorial District 15)

Term Expires: June 30, 2027

The terms are three years. Meets every other month.

Women: 4

Senatorial District 15: 5

Senatorial District 29: 3

Vacancies: 2

Clerk of Council's Agenda #5(C): No Action Taken

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

Clerk of Council's Agenda #5(D): No Action Taken

D. RETIREES' HEALTH BENEFITS COMMITTEE:

Thomas Barron

Not Eligible

Term Expired: June 30, 2025

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

PUBLIC AGENDA (continued)

2. Mr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: Attorney Fees Paid for by Taxpayers. ***No Action Taken***
1. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, Re: Political Shenanigans, Staff Appreciation, and Uplifting the East Wynnton Campaign. ***No Action Taken***

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Councilor Tucker to adjourn the July 8, 2025, Regular Council Meeting,

seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting, and the time being 1:30 p.m.