



~~POST SUMMARY MINUTES~~

Council Chambers
C. E. "Red" McDaniel City Services Center- Second Floor
2960 Macon Road, Columbus, GA 31906

November 18, 2025
5:30 PM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

PRESENT: Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III, Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen and Councilors John Anker, Travis L. Chambers, Joanne Cogle, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis, R. Walker Garrett, Byron Hickey and Bruce Huff. Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge, 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 Toyia Tucker was absent.

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:

Mayor's Agenda #1: Vote Result: APPROVED

1. Approval of minutes for the November 4, 2025, Council Meeting and Executive Session.

PROCLAMATIONS:

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

2. **Proclamation:** National Family Engagement and Family Literacy Month

Receiving: Denise Cambridge

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor's Agenda #3: No Action Taken

3. Drone First Responder Program

Presented by: Columbus Police Department

Mayor's Agenda #4: No Action Taken

4. Operational Audit Report for Human Resources

Presented by: Donna McGinnis, Internal Auditor/Compliance Officer

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

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

1. **2nd Reading-** An Ordinance approving a policy concerning the governance and use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) Technologies as Addendum 6 to the Acceptable and Supportable use of Technology Policy Number 210-1000-004. (Mayor Pro-Tem and Councilor Tucker)

RESOLUTIONS

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

2. A Resolution appointing Ms. Altovise D. Filmore as an additional Recorder Pro-Tem. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

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

3. A Resolution amending and restating the Columbus Consolidated Government 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan to be consistent with current provisions of federal law. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Homeless Must Be Heard on Solutions. ***No Action Taken***
2. Mr. Nicholas Yancey, Re: RedSpeed Georgia, LLC and Potential Liability. ***Not Present***
3. Mr. Val McGowan, Re: PSA Request, Training of Personnel Dealing with the Public & HR Appraisals. ***Not Present***
4. Mr. Jason Patterson, Re: Easement of Right-of-Way. ***No Action Taken***
5. Dr. Natalie Nicole, representing Role Model Academy of Arts, Re: The Charter affirms that professionalism is not discretionary conduct but a constitutional duty. ***No Action Taken***
6. Ms. Juanita Talor, representing Oakland Park Neighborhood Association, Re: Appreciation for the Participation of Public Safety. Opposition to the Rezoning of 2361 South Lumpkin Road. ***No Action Taken***
7. Ms. Denise Cambridge, representing Columbus Family Connection and Literacy Alliance, Re: Informational Awareness Highlighting National Family Engagement and National Family Literacy Month. ***Spoke During the Mayor's Agenda While Receiving Proclamation***
8. Mr. Mark Lawrence, representing IMA, Re: Doing What We Do in Good Faith. ***No Action Taken***
9. Mr. Danny Arencibia, Re: Clarification of Official Zoning Procedures for Columbus, Georgia. ***Cancelled***

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

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

1. Annual Unused Sick Leave Payment

Approval is requested to authorize payment to employees for unused sick leave in accordance with 16B-15-6(2) of the Columbus Code of Ordinances.

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

2. Georgia Trauma Commission – Georgia Trauma Care Network Grant

Approval is requested to apply for and accept a grant in the amount of \$10,662.66 or as otherwise awarded, from the Georgia Trauma Commission – Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission, with no local match required, and to amend the Multi-Government Fund by the award amount.

The grant funds will be used to purchase equipment that will be used to better equip the Columbus Fire and EMS in the treatment of trauma patients.

3. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Finance Update - Angelica Alexander, Director. Finance *No Action Taken*

BID ADVERTISEMENT

DATE: November 18, 2025
TO: Mayor and Councilors
FROM: Finance Department
SUBJECT: Advertised Bids/RFPs/RFQs

November 19, 2025

1. Dragonfly Trail – Midtown Connector Phase I - RFB No. 26-0003

Scope of Bid

This project consists of constructing a connection from the existing trail at the intersection of Warren Road and Wynnton Road following Bradley Street and Warren Williams Road to Dinglewood Park. The trail also travels through Dinglewood Park to the intersection of 18th Avenue and 13th Street. The project is within the City of Columbus property and public right of way. The project length is approximately 4,956 LF and includes a 10' wide concrete trail, landscape improvements, stormwater improvements, and trail amenities. Additional work associated with the project includes minor demolition and clearing, erosion control, grading, and signage.

2. Construction Manager as General Contractor Services for Public Safety Building – RFP No. 26-0016

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is requesting proposals from qualified contractors to engage for Construction Manager as General Contractor (GC) services to construct renovations to the existing Public Safety Building located at 510 10th Street. The renovations will consist of mechanical, electrical, plumbing system upgrades, interior alterations, interior finish upgrades, and exterior shell maintenance and replacement. The estimated construction budget for this project is \$4,500,000.

The selected vendor will be responsible for providing preconstruction services to assist the City and the design team with review and selection of the final scope of work to accommodate the funds available. Following finalization of the scope of work, the vendor will serve as the GC to construct the improvements.

November 21, 2025

1. Course Instructors for the HR Department/The Learning Center (Annual Contact) – RFP No. 26-0015

Scope of RFP

The Department of HR/The Learning Center is seeking multiple contractors to provide instructors in various training modules to employees interested in growing and developing their skills within the Columbus Consolidated Government. Training will be conducted on an ‘as needed’ basis.

December 10, 2025

1. Bus Shelters (Annual Contact) – RFP No. 26-0019

Scope of RFB

The Columbus Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia (the City) is seeking qualified vendors to provide bus shelters to METRA on an “as needed” basis. The contract term will be for three years.

CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - INFORMATION ONLY

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

1. Memo: Status of Minutes and Meeting Compliance for Boards, Commissions & Authorities

Clerk of Council’s Agenda #2: No Action Taken

2. Animal Control Advisory Board: 2025 Meetings Summary

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

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

3. Resignation – Email correspondence from Toney Johnson, resigning as the Historic District Preservation Society Representative on the Historic & Architectural Review Board (BHAR).

Clerk of Council’s Agenda #4: Vote Result: APPROVED

4. Resolution – A Resolution excusing the absence of Councilor Toyia Tucker from the November 18, 2025, Regular Council Meeting.

Clerk of Council's Agenda #5: Vote Result: RECEIVED

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

457 Deferred Compensation Board 08-07-25

Board of Tax Assessors #38-25

Board of Zoning Appeals 08-06-25

Board of Zoning Appeals 10-01-25

Columbus Golf Authority 09-23-25

Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority 10-20-25

Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority 11-10-25

Hospital Authority 07-29-25

Hospital Authority 08-28-25

Hospital Authority 09-30-25

Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission 02-05-25

Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission 04-16-25

Land Bank Authority 02-12-25

Land Bank Authority 03-12-25

Land Bank Authority 05-14-25

Planning Advisory Commission 10-01-25

ADD-ON ITEMS:

Clerk of Council (Add-on): Vote Result: RECEIVED

Resignation – Email correspondence from Niki Gedroic, resigning as one of the Uptown Business Improvement District Representatives on the Uptown Façade Board.

Clerk of Council (Add-on): Vote Result: RECEIVED

Resignation – Letter correspondence from Jack Rosenhammer, resigning as the District 9 Representative on the Civic Center Advisory Board.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

Clerk of Council’s Agenda #6(A): No Action Taken

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

Clerk of Council’s Agenda #6(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

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

Clerk of Council’s Agenda #7(A): Vote Result: CONFIRMED

- A. **ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:** Elizabeth Kirven Boyce was renominated to serve another term. *(Councilor Crabb’s nominee)* Term expires: October 15, 2027

Clerk of Council’s Agenda #7(B): Vote Result: CONFIRMED

- B. **ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:** Matthew Franklin Gilbert was renominated to serve another term. *(Councilor Crabb’s nominee)* Term expires: October 15, 2027

Clerk of Council’s Agenda #7(C): Vote Result: CONFIRMED

- C. **BOARD OF TAX ASSESSORS:** Douglas M. Jefcoat was renominated to serve another term. *(Councilor Crabb’s nominee)* Term Expires: December 31, 2031.

NOTE: Upon confirmation of Douglas M. Jefcoat to the Board of Tax Assessors, a resolution will be listed for approval for December 9, 2025, Regular Council Meeting.

8. **APPOINTMENTS – CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL:**

Clerk of Council’s Agenda #8(A): No Action Taken

A. **AIRPORT COMMISSION:**

Art Guin

Eligible

Term Expires: December 31, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Commission’s Nominee/Confirmed by Council)

The Commission submits one (1) nominee for consideration and confirmation. Ordinance No. 11-23 removes the two-term limit previously in place for board members.

Terms are five years. Meets monthly.

Women: 1

Senatorial District 15: 3

Senatorial District 29: 2

Vacancies: 0

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

Clerk of Council's Agenda #9(A): No Action Taken

A. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:

Vacant

Term Expires: March 27, 2026

**Councilor Davis is nominating Paul Wildes*

Open for Nominations
(District 2 – Davis)

Vacant

Term Expires: March 27, 2026

**NOTE: Nominee confirmed on November 4, 2025, does not reside in District 8.*

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

Clerk of Council's Agenda #9(B): No Action Taken

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

Clerk of Council's Agenda #9(C): No Action Taken

C. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:

District 9 Nominee: _____

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

Clerk of Council's Agenda #10(A): No Action Taken

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

Clerk of Council's Agenda #10(B): No Action Taken

B. BOARD OF HEALTH:

Yasmine Cathright

Not Eligible

Term Expires: December 31, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

The terms are five years. Meets monthly.

Women: 4

Senatorial District 15: 0

Senatorial District 29: 5

Vacancies: 1

Clerk of Council's Agenda #10(C): No Action Taken

C. BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS:

Wes Kelley

Does not desire reappointment

Term Expires: December 31, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

The terms are four years. Meets monthly.

Women: 1

Senatorial District 15: 2

Senatorial District 29: 2

Vacancies: 0

Clerk of Council's Agenda #10(D): No Action Taken

D. 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

Clerk of Council's Agenda #10(E): No Action Taken

E. 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 #10(F): No Action Taken.

F. PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:

Willie Butler
Not Eligible
(Regular Member 1)
Term Expires: December 31, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Yolanda Sumbry Sewell
Not Eligible
(Regular Member 4)
Term Expires: December 31, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Delano Leftwich
Not Eligible
(Alternate Member 4)
Term Expires: December 31, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

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)

Delano Leftwich
Not Eligible
(Alternate Member 4)

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

G. UPTOWN FAÇADE BOARD:

Vacant
(Uptown Business Improvement District)
Term Expires: October 31, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Vacant
(Uptown Columbus)
Term Expires: October 31, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Terms are five years. Meets monthly.

Women: 6
Senatorial District 15: 4
Senatorial District 29: 5
Vacancies: 1

PUBLIC AGENDA (continued):

5. Dr. Natalie Nicole, representing Role Model Academy of Arts, Re: The Charter affirms that professionalism is not discretionary conduct but a constitutional duty. ***No Action Taken***
1. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Homeless Must Be Heard on Solutions. ***No Action Taken***

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into Executive Session to litigation as requested by City Attorney Fay and personnel as requested by Councilor Hickey. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent from the meeting and the time being 8:48 p.m.

The Regular Meeting was reconvened at 9:37 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in Executive Session to discuss litigation and personnel; 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 November 18, 2025, Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent from the meeting and the time being 9:37 p.m.