



~~POST SUMMARY MINUTES~~

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

January 27, 2026
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, Glenn Davis R. Walker Garrett, Byron Hickey, Bruce Huff (arrived at 5:34 p.m.), and Toyia Tucker, Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin, Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Assistant City Attorney Lucy Sheftall, Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore and Deputy Clerk of Council Tameka Colbert.

ABSENT: N/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:

Mayor's Agenda #1: Vote Result: APPROVED

1. Approval of minutes for the January 13, 2026, Council Meeting and Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation and personnel as requested by City Attorney Fay. Councilor Tucker made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the vote, and the time being 5:33 p.m.

The Regular Meeting was reconvened at 6:51 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.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor's Agenda #2: No Action Taken

2. Columbus Water Works and Columbus Consolidated Government's Partnership (Presented by: Jeremy Cummings, President of Columbus Water Works)

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

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

1. **2nd Reading-** An ordinance amending the budgets for the Fiscal Year 2026 by appropriating amounts in each fund for various operational activities. (FY26 MID-YEAR BUDGET AMENDMENT) (Budget Review Committee)

City Attorney's Agenda #2: PUBLIC HEARING HELD

2. **1st Reading-** REZN-11-25-2127: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **6213 and 6221 Macon Road** (parcel # 111-008-005) from Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Crabb)

City Attorney's Agenda #3: Vote Result: DELAYED until February 10, 2026, due to the absence of the applicant

3. **1st Reading:** REZN-11-25-2173: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **3233 6th Avenue** (parcel # 014-018-028) 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: PUBLIC HEARING HELD

4. **1st Reading:** REZN CUVA: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain portions of a district known as the Conversation Use Valuation Assessment, from RE1 (Residential Estate 1) Zoning District to RE5 (Residential Estate 5) Zoning District. (Planning Department recommends approval.) (Mayor Pro-Tem and Councilor Davis)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Mr. Donald Moeller, Re: Concerns about Columbus Fire & EMS protocols for PTSD diagnosis, monitoring, early intervention, and treatment. ***No Action Taken***
2. Dr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., representing State of Georgia Omega Psi Fraternity, Re: Announcement of Fatherhood Conversation in Columbus, GA. ***No Action Taken***
3. Dr. Natalie Nicole, representing Role Model Academy, Re: Equity, Responsiveness, and Representation in City Governance. ***No Action Taken***
4. Mr. Michael Graddy, Re: Dial-A-Ride inequities and subsequent abject failures. ***No Action Taken***
5. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Anti-Racism Network, Re: Planning, Inspections, Paws Humane, and City of Durham. ***Not Present***
6. Mr. Howard Turner, Re: E-Verify is for thee but not for me. What is the purpose when it is a half-baked measure? ***Not Present***
7. Ms. Amy Spencer, Re: Initiative to maintain good community and police relations. ***No Action Taken***
8. Rev. Mark Lawrence, representing IMA, Re: Let's look past ourselves. ***Not Present***

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

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

1. Director of Human Resources

A resolution authorizing the appointment of Mrs. Ola O. Terrell as Director of the Human Resources Department.

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

2. Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Fund Capital Reallocation for the Sheriff's Office

Approval is requested to reallocate approximately \$430,000.00 of the Sheriff's Office appropriated Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Fund capital budget to purchase tactical equipment in lieu of vehicles.

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

3. Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Fund Capital Reallocation for the Fire/Ems Department

Approval is requested to reallocate approximately \$1.8 million of the Fire-EMS Department's appropriated Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Fund capital budget to purchase various equipment in lieu of fire engines.

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

4. FY27 Holiday Schedule

Approval is requested to approve the Holiday Schedule for the FY27 Budget Year. It is recommended that Thursday, December 24, 2026, be designated as a floating holiday.

5. PURCHASES

City Manager's Agenda #5(A): Vote Result: DELAYED until February 10, 2026

- A. Electric Buses for Metra – Washington State Transit Bus Cooperative Contract Purchase

City Manager's Agenda #5(B): Vote Result: APPROVED

- B. Contract Extension for Comprehensive Generator Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 20-0010

6. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Liberty District Master Plan Update - Robert Scott, Director, Community Reinvestment & Will Johnson, Director, Planning *No Action Taken*
- B. Finance Update - Angelica Alexander, Director, Finance *No Action Taken*
- C. Revenue Update - Angelica Alexander, Director, Finance *No Action Taken*

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

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

1. **Vacancy Request** – Consideration of a request to declare the seat of Terrance Flowers vacant on the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board, pursuant to Resolution No. 525-02.

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

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

Board of Elections and Registrations, 10-02-25

Board of Tax Assessors, #43-25

Board of Tax Assessors, #44-25

Board of Tax Assessors, #01-26

Board of Water Commissioners, 12-08-25

Board of Zoning Appeals, 12-03-25

Columbus Golf Course Authority, 12-02-25

Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority, 12-08-25

Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority, 01-12-26

Community Development Advisory Council, 03-14-24

Community Development Advisory Council, 09-12-24

Community Development Advisory Council, 01-09-25

Community Development Advisory Council, 03-13-25

Community Development Advisory Council, 05-08-25

Community Development Advisory Council, 07-10-25

Development Authority of Columbus, 11-13-25

Development Authority of Columbus, 12-04-25

Liberty Theatre Advisory Board, 11-13-25

Planning Advisory Commission, 12-03-25

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

Clerk of Council's Agenda #3(A): Nomination(s): Mayor Henderson nominated Anothony Maddox to fill the vacant seat on the Building Authority of Columbus; Vote Result: CONFIRMED

A. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

Vacant

Term Expires: March 24, 2027

Open for Nominations
(Mayor's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	2 Year	Term Limit: n/a
Meetings:	As needed.	
Women:	1	Senatorial District 15: 0
Vacancies:	2	Senatorial District 29: 3

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

B. CIVIC CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:

Vacant

Term Expires: March 1, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Mayor's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year	Term Limit: 2, except for Hockey Association President
Meetings:	Quarterly – 3rd Thursday (February, May, August & November)	
Women:	3	Senatorial District 15: 5
Vacancies:	3	Senatorial District 29: 4

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

C. COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND CULTURAL LIAISON
ENCOUNTERS (CIRCLE):

Terms:	4 Year	Term Limit: 2
Meetings:	Monthly – 3 rd Tuesday	
Women:	6	Senatorial District 15: 5
Vacancies:	1	Senatorial District 29: 5

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

D. PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES' BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Open for Nominations
(Mayor's Appointment)

Terms:	4 Year	Term Limit: n/a
Meetings:	Monthly – 1 st Wednesday	
Women:	4	Senatorial District 15: 9
Vacancies:	1	Senatorial District 29: 2

4. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – LISTED FOR CONFIRMATION:

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

- A. PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:** Antron Murray was nominated to succeed Yolanda Sumbry Sewell as the Regular Member #4 on the Personnel Review Board. (*Councilor Huff's nominee*) Term expires: December 31, 2028

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

- B. PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:** Lakesha Stringer was nominated to fill the vacant seat designated as Alternate Member #5 on the Personnel Review Board. (*Councilor Tucker's nominee*) Term expires: December 31, 2028

5. **NOMINATIONS – CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL:**

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

A. **HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD:**

Emily Flournoy

Not eligible for reappointment

Uptown Business Association

Term Expires: January 31, 2026

Waiting on Nominee
(Confirmed by Council)

Vacant

Board of Realtors

Term Expires: January 31, 2026

****Waiting on potential nominee’s application.***

Waiting on Nominee
(Confirmed by Council)

Vacant

Columbus Homebuilders Association

Term Expires: January 31, 2028

Waiting on Nominee
(Confirmed by Council)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 3 Year Term Limit: 2

Meetings: Monthly – 2nd Monday

Women: 5 Senatorial District 15: 7

Vacancies: 2 Senatorial District 29: 2

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

Clerk of Council’s Agenda #6(A): *Nomination(s): Clerk of Council McLemore announced the following nomination - Councilor Garrett nominated James Jordan to fill the vacant District 8 seat on the Civic Center Advisory Board; Vote Result: CONFIRMED*

A. **CIVIC CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:**

Vacant

Term Expires: March 1, 2028

Open for Nominations
(District 8 – Garrett)

Vacant

Term Expires: March 1, 2026

Open for Nominations
(District 9 – Anker)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 3 Year Term Limit: 2, except for Hockey Association President
Meetings: Quarterly – 3rd Thursday (February, May, August & November)
Women: 3 Senatorial District 15: 5
Vacancies: 3 Senatorial District 29: 4

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

B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:

Vacant

Term Expires: March 27, 2026

Open for Nominations
(District 1 – Hickey)

Vacant

Term Expires: March 27, 2026

Open for Nominations
(District 5 – Crabb)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 3 Year (Mayor Appts); 2 Year (Council Appts) Term Limit: 2
Meetings: Quarterly – 2nd Thursday (March, June, September & December)
Women: 4 Senatorial District 15: 7
Vacancies: 2 Senatorial District 29: 3

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

C. PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:

Paul T. Berry, III

Eligible

Term Expired: October 31, 2025

****Not interested in serving another term.***

Open for Nominations
(District 5 – Crabb)

Scott Taft

Not Eligible

Term Expired: October 31, 2025

Open for Nominations
(District 9 – Anker)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 3 Year Term Limit: 2
Meetings: Monthly – 3rd Thursday
Women: 3 Senatorial District 15: 4
Vacancies: 0 Senatorial District 29: 3

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

D. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:

District 9 Nominee: _____

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

Clerk of Council's Agenda #7(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, 2026
Recommendations are submitted by a licensed animal shelter.

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

***Note:** The Animal Control Advisory Board is currently developing recommendations for Council's consideration regarding the board's composition.*

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	2 Year	Term Limit: 2
Meetings:	Semiannually	
Women:	7	Senatorial District 15: 3
Vacancies:	3	Senatorial District 29: 4

Clerk of Council's Agenda #7(B): No Action Taken

B. BOARD OF HEALTH:

Yasmine Cathright
Not Eligible
Term Expires: December 31, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	5 Year	Term Limit: 2
Meetings:	Monthly – 4 th Wednesday	

Women:	4	Senatorial District 15:	0
Vacancies:	1	Senatorial District 29:	5

Clerk of Council's Agenda #7(C): No Action Taken

C. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

Vacant

Term Expires: March 24, 2027

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	2 Year	Term Limit:	n/a
Meetings:	As needed.		
Women:	1	Senatorial District 15:	0
Vacancies:	2	Senatorial District 29:	3

Clerk of Council's Agenda #7(D): Nomination(s): Councilor Cogle renominated Fran Poole Carpenter and Shea E. Spencer to succeed themselves on the Historic & Architectural Review Board.

D. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (BHAR):

Fran Poole Carpenter

Eligible for reappointment

Term Expires: January 31, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Shea E. Spencer

Eligible for reappointment

Term Expires: January 31, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year	Term Limit:	2
Meetings:	Monthly – 2 nd Monday		
Women:	5	Senatorial District 15:	7
Vacancies:	2	Senatorial District 29:	2

E. LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:

Clerk of Council's Agenda #7(E): Nomination(s): Councilor Huff nominated Monika Brown to fill a vacant seat on the 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*)

Vacant

Term Expired: August 14, 2027

Open for Nominations
(*Civic Center Director Recommendation / Confirmed by Council*)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	4 Year	Term Limit:	3
Meetings:	Bimonthly – 2nd Thursday (January, March, May, July, September & November)		
Women:	5	Senatorial District 15:	4
Vacancies:	3	Senatorial District 29:	4

Clerk of Council's Agenda #7(F): No Action Taken

F. 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*)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year	Term Limit:	n/a
Meetings:	Monthly – 2nd Monday		
Women:	2	Senatorial District 15:	2
Vacancies:	0	Senatorial District 29:	1

Clerk of Council's Agenda #7(G): No Action Taken

G. 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)

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

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year	Term Limit: 2
Meetings:	Monthly – 3rd Wednesday	
Women:	4	Senatorial District 15: 2
Vacancies:	4	Senatorial District 29: 4

UPCOMING BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

- A. Board of Zoning Appeals
- B. Building Authority of Columbus
- C. Civic Center Advisory Board
- D. Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC)
- E. Commission on International Relations & Cultural Liaison Encounters (CIRCLE)
- F. Planning Advisory Commission (PAC)

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Skip Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Allen to adjourn the January 27, 2026, Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Hickey and Tucker being absent for the vote, and the time being 9:58 p.m.