



~~POST SUMMARY MINUTES~~

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

April 28, 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 Travis L. Chambers, Joanne Cogle, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis, R. Walker Garrett, Byron Hickey, Bruce Huff (arrived at 5:41 p.m.) and Toyia Tucker. Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Assistant City Attorney Lucy Sheftall, Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore, Deputy Clerk of Council Tameka Colbert and Assistant Deputy Clerk Brittney Jones.

ABSENT: Councilor John Anker was absent.

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Father Kevin Braski - St. Anne Catholic Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Taylor Hardcastle - Richards Middle School

MINUTES:

Mayor's Agenda #1: Vote Result: APPROVED

1. Approval of minutes for the April 14, 2026, Council Meeting.

PROCLAMATIONS

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

2. **Proclamation:** Columbus Police Department & District Attorney's Office Appreciation Day

Receiving: CPD & DA's Office

Mayor's Agenda ADD-ON: No Action Taken (Proclamation read into the record by Mayor Pro Tem Allen)

Proclamation: National Correctional Officer Week

Receiving: Herbert Walker III, Warden, Muscogee County Prison

PRESENTATIONS:

3. **MAYOR'S FY2027 BUDGET PRESENTATION:** Mayor Henderson presents the Recommended FY2027 Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. *No Action Taken*

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

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

1. **2nd Reading:** REZN-02-26-0189: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **5306 Buena Vista Road** (parcel # 095-045-019) from Single Family Residential – 2 (SFR2) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1) Zoning District with conditions. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.)(As amended on 1st Reading.)(Councilor Tucker)

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

2. **2nd Reading:** REZN-02-26-0346: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **9055 Veterans Parkway** (parcel # 079-001-034) from Residential Office (RO) Zoning District to Residential Estate - 1 (RE1)(Planning Department and PAC recommend approval)(Councilor Davis)

City Attorney's Agenda #3: PUBLIC HEARING HELD; Vote Result: AMENDED adding the following three conditions: (1) Developer or successor in interest shall construct and maintain the property pursuant to the attached plat. (2) Only one curb cut onto King Place Drive shall serve the east parcel shown on said plat. (3) Developer or its successor in interest shall be limited to two dwelling units on the described property.

3. **1st Reading:** REZN-07-25-1259: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district

located at **6821 Mobley Road** (parcel # 190-014-020) from Single Family Residential – 1 (SFR1) Zoning District to Single Family Residential – 2 (SFR2) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.)(Continued on 1st Reading from 4-14-26.) (Councilor Davis)

City Attorney's Agenda #4: PUBLIC HEARING HELD

4. **1st Reading:** An ordinance to revise and clarify certain provisions of Chapter 2 of the Columbus Code which provide for meeting dates and procedures for the Columbus Council; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

City Attorney's Agenda #5: PUBLIC HEARING HELD

5. **1st Reading-** An Ordinance amending Section 2-68 of the Columbus Code to provide that the internal auditor/compliance officer shall be subject to the direction of the Columbus Council acting through a designated member of Council, and for other purposes. (Councilor Tucker)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Mr. George McDowell, Re: Public Trust in Local Governance. ***No Action Taken***
2. Ms. Yaunita Arrington, Re: Concerns regarding due process violations, improper lien placement, and administrative failures related to Code Enforcement actions on my property, and to request corrective action and review. ***No Action Taken***
3. Mr. Mike Watford, Re: Debris on Roaring Branch Creek from Bradley Park Drive. New Apartment Construction. ***No Action Taken***
4. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Developing a Peoples Budget. Access to Healthcare. *(Referral from Mayor's Commission for Persons with Disabilities)* ***No Action Taken***
5. Mr. Gregory Foster, Re: Corrupt Intent. ***No Action Taken***
6. Mr. William Worley, Re: Wheelchair Swings. ***No Action Taken***
7. Mx. Erik Pitzer, Re: Skate Park Upgrade. ***Not Present***
8. Mr. Carl Faulk, Re: Waste Pickup. ***No Action Taken***
9. Mr. Marcello Ramirez, Re: Demolition of Property Located at 225 21st Avenue. *(Translator will be accompanying the applicant)* ***No Action Taken***

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

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

1. Street Acceptance – Lavender Glen, Enclave Court, and Larkspur Place

Approval is requested for the acceptance of Lavender Glen, Enclave Court, and Larkspur Place, located in The Enclave at Cartledge Creek.

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

2. GDOT Street Lighting Agreement – SR 22/US 80 @ SR 22 SPUR

Approval is requested to enter into an Agreement Between the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and the Columbus Consolidated Government (City) for the purpose of the installation, operation, and maintenance of the lighting system that will be installed within the SR 22/US 80 @ SR 22 SPUR.

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

3. FY26 Local Road Assistance (LRA)

Approval is requested to submit an application and accept if awarded, FY 26 Local Road Assistance (LRA) from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). The FY 26 LRA allocation for Columbus-Muscogee County from GDOT is \$2,972,701.86 with no local match required.

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

4. Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Application

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 for evidence-based programming 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, 2026, to June 30, 2027.

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

5. 2025 Homeland Security Hazmat Grant – Fire/EMS

Approval is requested to accept a grant in the amount of \$6,000.00 or as otherwise awarded, from the Homeland Security Grant Program, for the purchase and maintenance of Hazmat Equipment, with an amendment made to the Multi-Government Fund by the like amount, with no matching funds required.

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

6. 2025 Homeland Security GSAR (Georgia Search and Rescue) Grant – Fire/EMS

Approval is requested to accept a grant in the amount of \$55,230.00 or as otherwise awarded, from the Homeland Security Grant Program, to support the purchase, maintenance, and training associated with equipment utilized by the West Central Georgia Search and Rescue (GSAR) Team, with an amendment made to the Multi-Government Fund by the like amount with no matching funds required.

7. PURCHASES

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

- A. Service Contract for Various Types of Transmissions for METRA (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 26-0031
- B. Alternators & Starters for METRA (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 26-0029
- C. Contract Extension for Leather Items (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 20-0013
- D. Amendment 9 for Space Planning and Programming & Design Professional Services for Columbus Consolidated Government Center Project – RFQ No. 20-0001

8. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. PAWS Animal Services Division Contract Update - Courtney Pierce, Executive Director, PAWS & Donna McGinnis, Contract Administrator, Columbus Consolidated Government *No Action Taken*
- B. Jail Update - Ryan Pruett, Director, Inspections & Code, Douglas Kleppin, AIA, LEED AP - Principal, The S/L/A/M Collaborative, Doug Shaw, AIA - Managing Member/Owner, Jericho Design Group, LLC, and Henry Painter - Senior Project Executive, Gilbane Building Company *No Action Taken*

City Manager's Agenda #8(C): Vote Result: APPROVED request for an additional appropriation of \$310,059.75, along with payment of any additional invoices for the remainder of FY26, from the Community Care Fund for the Sheriff's Office outside inmate medical services. Vote Result: APPROVED request for additional appropriation in the FY26 Budget for Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$4,000,000.

- C. FY26 Sheriff's Office Budget Update – Sheriff Greg Countryman *No Action Taken*

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES – INFORMATION ONLY

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

1. Upcoming Board Appointments: Board of Family & Children Services

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

2. Upcoming Board Appointments: Columbus Golf Authority

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

3. Upcoming Board Appointments: Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority

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

4. Upcoming Board Appointments: New Horizons Behavioral Health- Mental Health, Addictive Diseases & Developmental Disabilities- Community Service Board

ENCLOSURES – ACTION REQUESTED

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

5. Resolution: A Resolution changing the regularly scheduled Council meetings for the month of June 2026. *(These changes are made annually to ensure compliance with requirements necessary for the adoption of the fiscal year budgets.)*

Clerk of Council's Agenda #6: Vote Result: RECEIVED

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

Board of Tax Assessors #13-26

Board of Tax Assessors #14-26

Board of Zoning Appeals 03-04-26

Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority 03-09-26

Pension Board 10-08-25

Pension Board 11-12-25

Planning Advisory Commission 03-04-26

Planning Advisory Commission 03-18-26

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

RESOLUTION: A Resolution excusing Councilor John Anker from the April 28, 2026, Regular Council Meeting. (ADD-ON)

BOARD APPOINTMENTS – ACTION REQUESTED

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

Clerk of Council’s Agenda #7(A): No Action Taken

A. PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES’ BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Vacant
(Business Community)
Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Mayor’s Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

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

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

B. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:

Mayor’s Nominee: _____

8. NOMINATIONS – CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL:

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

A. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (BHAR):

Vacant
Columbus Homebuilders Association
Term Expires: January 31, 2028

Waiting on Nominee
(Confirmed by Council)

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

B. 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

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

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

C. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| District 1 Nominee: _____ | District 6 Nominee: _____ |
| District 2 Nominee: _____ | District 7 Nominee: _____ |
| District 3 Nominee: _____ | District 8 Nominee: _____ |
| District 4 Nominee: _____ | District 9 Nominee: _____ |
| District 5 Nominee: _____ | District 10 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

Open for Nominations
(Council’s Appointment)

(Georgia Veterinary Technician)

Term Expires: October 15, 2025

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

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|------------|--------------|---------------------------|
| 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 #10(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

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|------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 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 #10(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

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| Terms: | 2 Year | Term Limit: n/a |
| Meetings: | As needed. | |

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

Clerk of Council's Agenda #10(D): Nomination(s): Councilor Crabb nominated Ashley Stanley to fill the vacant seat on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission.

D. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:

Vacant
Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 3 Year Term Limit: 2
Meetings: Bimonthly – 2nd Tuesday (Even months)
Women: 6 Senatorial District 15: 5
Vacancies: 1 Senatorial District 29: 3

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

E. LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:

Vacant
Term Expired: August 14, 2026

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: 4 Senatorial District 29: 4

Clerk of Council's Agenda #10(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 #10(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 |

PUBLIC AGENDA (continued)

4. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Developing a Peoples Budget. Access to Healthcare. *(Referral from Mayor's Commission for Persons with Disabilities) No Action Taken*

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Skip Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Councilor Tucker to adjourn the April 28, 2026, Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Hickey being absent for the vote, and Councilor Anker being absent from the meeting, with the time being 9:51 p.m.