



~~POST SUMMARY MINUTES~~

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

May 26, 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, Simi Barnes (took seat at 5:52 p.m.), Travis L. Chambers, Joanne Cogle, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis (arrived at 6:11 p.m.), R. Walker Garrett, Bruce Huff (arrived at 5:32 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 Chaplain Charles Lee Hindbaugh, Fort Benning

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Skip Henderson

PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor's Agenda ADD-ON: *No Action Taken (Proclamation read into the record by Councilor Crabb)*

Proclamation: Byron Hickey Day

Receiving: Councilor Byron Hickey

OATH OF OFFICE:

1. **SWEARING-IN CEREMONY:** The Oath of Office for Simi Barnes as the District One Councilor for the City of Columbus, Georgia. (Oath of Office administered by Superior Court Chief Judge Arthur L. Smith, III and Probate Court Judge Marc D'Antonio)

MINUTES:

Mayor's Agenda #1: Vote Result: APPROVED

2. Approval of minutes for the May 12, 2026, Council Meeting and Executive Session.

PRESENTATIONS:

3. River City Race Program – presented by Robbie Branscomb, Founder & CEO of Let's Grow STEAMx, Inc. *No Action Taken*

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

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

1. **1st Reading-** REZN 03-26-0356: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **3890 Veterans Parkway** (parcel # 031-044-006) from Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Garrett)

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

2. **1st Reading:** REZN-03-26-0416: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **5385 Veterans Parkway** (parcel # 188-020-001) from Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Garrett)

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

3. **1st Reading-** REZN-03-26-0663: An ordinance amending Sections 13.1.1, 4.2.18, 2.5.24, 3.2.6, 3.2.63, and 10.11.8 of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) for Columbus, Georgia.(Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.)(Mayor Pro-Tem)

City Attorney's Agenda #4: PUBLIC HEARING HELD

4. **1st Reading-** An ordinance providing for the demolition of various structures located at:

- 1) 3219 Cusseta Road (Edward Francis, Owner)
- 2) 945 Henry Avenue (Willie A. Callier Etal, Owner)
- 3) 1103 Henry Avenue (Connell L. & Minnie L. Holloman, Owner)
- 4) 4026 Oates Avenue (Blue Fox Goebell LLC, Owner)
- 5) 917 38th Street (Winston S. Marchan Jr., Owner)
- 6) 4010 6th Avenue (Nstream Properties LLC, Owner)
- 7) 1112 Bolton Avenue (Claudia & Harvey Joseph, Sr, Owner)
- 8) 2623 Clover Lane (Darrel G. Hicks Jr., Owner)
- 9) 2119 Munson Drive (Wendy Margarita Martinez, Owner)
- 10)1118 Thyer Avenue (Nchotu Success, Owner)

and for demolition services for the Inspections and Code Department in accordance with the attached Tabulation of Bid sheet. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

City Attorney's Agenda #5: PUBLIC HEARING HELD

5. **1st Reading-** An ordinance to provide for a levy of increase on ad valorem taxes for blighted property; to provide for identification of blighted property; to provide for remediation; to provide for a decrease on ad valorem taxes on property; and for other purposes. (Councilors Garrett and Davis)

City Attorney's Agenda #6: PUBLIC HEARING HELD

6. **1st Reading:** An Ordinance regulating vehicular traffic in Columbus, Georgia by establishing a "NO PARKING ANYTIME" zone along Warm Springs Road beginning at the Southwest corner of the intersection of Billings Road running Southwesterly for approximately 500 Feet; repealing any conflicting ordinances : and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

City Attorney's Agenda #7: Vote Result: DELAYED – 1st Reading delayed until the June 9, 2026, Regular Council Meeting

7. **1st Reading:** An Ordinance amending the Columbus Code to repeal and replace Sections 14-14 and 14-15 with new code sections that impose a curfew for unattended minors in the Uptown District, and for other purposes. (Request of Uptown Columbus)

RESOLUTIONS

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

8. A resolution approving a Special Exception to allow for a Convenience Store with Gas Sales located at **5385 Veterans Parkway** located in the General Commercial (GC) zoning district. Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Garrett)

City Attorney's Agenda (Add-On): Vote Result: APPROVED

A resolution authorizing a payment of \$100,000 to settle claims filed by Erica Bishop. (ADD-ON)

City Attorney's Agenda (Add-On): Vote Result: APPROVED

A resolution authorizing a payment of \$375,000 to settle claims filed by Jareel Robinson. (ADD-ON)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Mr. Michael Wood, representing Sleeping in Heavenly Peace, Re: Upcoming Event. **No Action Taken**
2. Mr. George McDowell, Re: Racism – 400 Years Later. **No Action Taken**
3. Mr. Paul Olson, Re: Data Center & Gentrification. **No Action Taken**
4. Mr. Jerry Powell, Re: An Idea for Future Elections. **No Action Taken**
5. Dr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: Crime Prevention Budget Line Item. **No Action Taken**
6. Mrs. Darlene Laird, Re: 1) Clarification on Development Authority role vs. Choose Columbus
2) The Development Authority is subject to open records, so why does Columbus Consolidated Government not have access to Development Authority Members' mailboxes unless an electronic mail exchange exists with someone with a city mailbox? **No Action Taken**
7. Mr. Timothy Veals, Re: Head Street Safety Concerns and Property Cleanliness. **No Action Taken**
8. Mr. Val McGowan, Re: Correction to the Current Zoning of Moye Road. **No Action Taken**

9. Prophetess Dee Grier, Re: Data Center and God’s Resources. *No Action Taken*
10. Dr. Natalie Nicole, representing Role Model Academy of Arts, Re: FY27 Budget Allocations and Council Oversight. *No Action Taken*
11. Ms. Kayce Burdett, Re: City Council’s Responsibilities to the Community – What Service Means. *Not Present*
12. Mrs. Kim Hicks, Re: Experts on the Dangers of Data Centers. *No Action Taken*
13. Rev. Mark Lawrence, representing IMA, Re: Working Together. *No Action Taken*
14. Mr. Thomas Anderson, Re: Data Center Project. *No Action Taken*
15. Mr. Matthew Johnson, Re: Data Center. *No Action Taken*

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

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

1. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with NeighborWorks Columbus

Approval is requested to authorize an MOU with NeighborWorks Columbus for the development of workforce housing at the Newman’s Crossing subdivision utilizing State of Georgia Department of Community Affairs Equity Fund Rural Workforce Housing Initiative Funding.

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

2. Easement to install EV charging stations on the METRA campus (814 Linwood Blvd)

Approval is requested to execute an easement with Georgia Power Company to install EV charging stations on the METRA campus (814 Linwood Blvd) through the Georgia Make Ready Program.

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

3. Hazard Mitigation Grant Application – Hazard Mitigation Plan 2029-2034

Approval is requested for the homeland security and emergency management to apply for a hazard mitigation grant through the Georgia Emergency Management Agency for the update/revision of the hazard mitigation plan for Muscogee County (Columbus Consolidated Government).

4. PURCHASES

City Manager’s Agenda #4(A-C): Vote Result: APPROVED

- A. Architectural & Engineering Services for the Renovation & Expansion of the METRA Transfer Center – RFP No. 26-0021
- B. Third-Party Administration Services for the Community Care Program Serving Medically Underserved Persons in Muscogee County – RFP No. 26-0023
- C. Aerial, Ground Ladder & Apparatus Pumps Inspection & Testing Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 26-0010

5. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Finance Update - Angelica Alexander, Director, Finance *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 Elections and Registration 03-12-26

Board of Tax Assessors # 17-26 & 18-26

Board of Water Commissioners 04-20-26

Board of Zoning Appeals 04-08-26

Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority 04-13-26

Development Authority of Columbus 01-08-26, 03-12-26 & 04-09-26

Hospital Authority of Columbus 03-31-26

Tree Board 09-03-25

BOARD APPOINTMENTS – ACTION REQUESTED

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

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

C. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:

Mayor's Nominee: _____

3. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – LISTED FOR CONFIRMATION:

Clerk of Council's Agenda #3(A): Vote Result: CONFIRMED

- A. BOARD OF FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES:** Darlene Small was renominated to serve another term. *(Councilor Huff's nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2031

Clerk of Council's Agenda #3(B): Vote Result: CONFIRMED

- B. COLUMBUS GOLF AUTHORITY:** Tommy Nobles was renominated to serve another term. *(Councilor Crabb's nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2030

Clerk of Council's Agenda #3(C): Vote Result: CONFIRMED

- C. COLUMBUS GOLF AUTHORITY:** Gerald Miley was renominated to serve another term. *(Councilor Huff's nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2030

Clerk of Council's Agenda #3(D): Vote Result: CONFIRMED

- D. COLUMBUS GOLF AUTHORITY:** Alonzo Jones was renominated to serve another term. *(Councilor Crabb's nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2030

Clerk of Council's Agenda #3(E): Vote Result: CONFIRMED

- E. COLUMBUS GOLF AUTHORITY:** Brian Lunsford was nominated to succeed Ken Crumpler. *(Councilor Davis's nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2030

Clerk of Council's Agenda #3(F): Vote Result: CONFIRMED

- F. COLUMBUS GOLF AUTHORITY:** Carlos Coleman was nominated to succeed William Roundtree. *(Councilor Huff's nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2030

Clerk of Council's Agenda #3(G): Vote Result: CONFIRMED

- G. COLUMBUS GOLF AUTHORITY:** Jimmy Monfort was nominated to succeed Kenneth Davis. *(Mayor Pro Tem Allen's nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2030

Clerk of Council's Agenda #3(H): Vote Result: CONFIRMED

- H. **COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:** Gerald Miley renominated to serve another term as the Golf Authority Representative. *(Councilor Crabb's nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2029

Clerk of Council's Agenda #3(I): Vote Result: CONFIRMED

- I. **NEW HORIZONS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH – MENTAL HEALTH, ADDICTIVE DISEASES AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES- COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARD:** Sandra Gill was renominated to serve another term. *(Councilor Crabb's nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2029

Clerk of Council's Agenda #3(J): Vote Result: CONFIRMED

- J. **NEW HORIZONS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH – MENTAL HEALTH, ADDICTIVE DISEASES AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES- COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARD:** Senator Ed Harbison was renominated to serve another term. *(Councilor Crabb's nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2029

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

Clerk of Council's Agenda #4(A): Nomination(s): Councilor Cogle nominated James E. Webb, Jr. to fill the vacant seat on the Historic & Architectural Review Board; Vote Result: CONFIRMED

A. **HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (BHAR):**

Vacant

Uptown Business Association

Term Expires: January 31, 2029

**Alan Udy is unable to serve currently. (Confirmed 02-10-2026)*

Open for Nominations
(Confirmed by Council)

Vacant

Term Expires: January 31, 2029

**Councilor Cogle is nominating James E. Webb, Jr.*

Open for Nominations
(Confirmed by Council)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 3 Year Term Limit: 2

Meetings: Monthly – 2nd Monday
 Women: 4 Senatorial District 15: 6
 Vacancies: 2 Senatorial District 29: 2

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

Clerk of Council’s Agenda #5(A): Nomination(s): Councilor Anker nominated Demetrius McBride to fill the vacant seat for District 9 on the Community Development Advisory Council; Vote Result: CONFIRMED

A. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:

Vacant
 Term Expires: March 27, 2026
Tracy Belt
Not Eligible
 Term Expires: March 27, 2026

Open for Nominations
(District 1 – Barnes)

Open for Nominations
(District 4 -Tucker)

Vacant
 Term Expires: March 27, 2026

Open for Nominations
(District 5 – Crabb)

Vacant
 Term Expires: March 27, 2026

Open for Nominations
(District 9 -Anker)

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 #5(B): No Action Taken

B. PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:

Paul T. Berry, III
Eligible

Open for Nominations
(District 5 – Crabb)

Term Expired: October 31, 2025
**Not interested in serving another term.*

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 #12(C): Nomination(s): Councilor Crabb nominated Mackenzie Govar of Calvary Christian School to serve on the Youth Advisory Council for District 5. Vote Result: CONFIRMED

C. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:

District 1 Nominee: _____ District 8 Nominee: _____
District 2 Nominee: _____ District 9 Nominee: _____
District 4 Nominee: _____ District 10 Nominee: _____
District 5 Nominee: _____

Councilor Crabb (District 5) is nominating Mackenzie Govar, 8th Grade at Calvary Christian School.

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

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

A. ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:

Vacant
(Georgia Veterinary Technician)
Term Expires: October 15, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council’s Appointment)

Open for Nominations

Clerk of Council's Agenda #6(D): Nomination(s): Councilor Crabb renominated Anthony Johnson, Pamela Green Thomas, Ashley Stanley, Taylor Martin, and Kristasia Heath to serve another term on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission.

D. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:

Anthony Johnson

Eligible

(Senatorial District 15)

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Pamela Green Thomas

Eligible

(Senatorial District 15)

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Ashley Stanley

Eligible

(Senatorial District 15)

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Taylor Martin

Eligible

(Senatorial District 29)

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Kristasia Heath

Eligible

(Senatorial District 29)

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Courtney Johnson

Not Eligible

(Senatorial District 29)

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:	7	Senatorial District 15:	6
Vacancies:	0	Senatorial District 29:	3

Clerk of Council’s Agenda #6(E): Nomination(s): Councilor Barnes nominated George McDowell to fill one of the vacant seats on the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board.

E. LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:

Vacant Open for Nominations
(Council’s Appointment)
Term Expires: August 14, 2026

Vacant Open for Nominations
(Council’s Appointment)
Term Expires: August 14, 2026

Vacant Open for Nominations
(Civic Center Director Recommendation / Confirmed by Council)
Term Expires: August 14, 2027

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 #6(F): No Action Taken

F. NEW HORIZONS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH – MENTAL HEALTH, ADDICTIVE DISEASES AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES- COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARD:

Nancy Schroeder Open for Nominations
(Council’s Appointment)
Does not desire reappointment
Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Judge David Ranieri Open for Nominations
(Council’s Appointment)
Does not desire reappointment
Term Expired: June 30, 2025

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 3 Year Term Limit: n/a
Meetings: Monthly – 2nd Monday

Eligible
Term Expires: June 30, 2026

(Council's Appointment)

Dr. Janet C. Bussey
Does not desire reappointment
Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year	Term Limit: 2
Meetings:	Bimonthly – 2nd Wednesday (Odd months)	
Women:	4	Senatorial District 15: 3
Vacancies:	0	Senatorial District 29: 1

Clerk of Council's Agenda #6(I): Nomination(s): Councilor Crabb renominated John D. Hawk to serve another term and nominated Byron Hickey to succeed Renee McAneny on the Retirees' Health Benefits Committee.

I. RETIREES' HEALTH BENEFITS COMMITTEE:

John D. Hawk
Eligible
Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Renee McAneny
Not Eligible
Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year	Term Limit: 2
Meetings:	Monthly – 2nd Wednesday	
Women:	4	Senatorial District 15: 1
Vacancies:	0	Senatorial District 29: 4

PUBLIC AGENDA (continued)

5. Dr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: Crime Prevention Budget Line Item. ***No Action Taken***

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel as requested by City Attorney Fay. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Tucker carried unanimously by the ten members present, and the time being 10:20 p.m.

The Regular Meeting was reconvened at 11:13 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in Executive Session to discuss personnel; however, there were no votes taken.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Skip Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Councilor Garrett to adjourn the May 26, 2026, Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council, with the time being 11:14 p.m.