

COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
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

The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet: N/A

The following documents were distributed around the Council table: (1) PA#10: FY27 Budget Allocations & Council Oversight; (2) PA#12: Data Center Information; (3) CM#5(A): CCG Monthly Financial Snapshot (Unaudited) FY2026 – April 2026

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 (Add-On):

Proclamation: Byron Hickey Day

Receiving: Councilor Byron Hickey

Byron Hickey expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve, sharing that he would miss the role but cherish the relationships built. He advised the council to remember their work is about serving God and the community and emphasized the importance of caring for city employees. Several council members and the clerk shared personal farewells, appreciating his service and wisdom.

NOTE: Councilor Huff arrived at 5:32 p.m.

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)

NOTE: Councilor Barnes took her seat at 5:52 p.m.

Councilor Simi Barnes shared that her motivation to run stemmed from feeling her voice was not heard after the passing of her father, Jerry “Pops” Barnes. She emphasized that "silence is complicity, not civility," pledged not to be silent on important issues or do business “as usual”, and asked for patience as she prepares to serve in her new role.

MINUTES:

2. Approval of minutes for the May 12, 2026, Council Meeting and Executive Session. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Chambers and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote.

PRESENTATIONS:

3. River City Race Program – presented by Robbie Branscomb, Founder & CEO of Let’s Grow STEAMx, Inc.

Robyn Branscomb, CEO of Let's Grow STEAMx, presented the River City Race Program, a year-round initiative using gravity racing to teach students engineering and problem-solving skills. Student "champs" were introduced, and an invitation was extended to the 6th Annual River City Gravity Race, where one competitor will advance to the international Soapbox Derby.

NOTE: Councilor Davis arrived at 6:11 p.m.

CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **Ordinance (26-015) - 2nd 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) Councilor Garrett made a motion for adoption, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen being absent for the vote.
2. **Ordinance (26-016) - 2nd 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) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for adoption, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

Director Ryan Pruett, Inspections & Code, responded to a question from Councilor Anker, explaining the five-member structure of the Board of Zoning Appeals and the tie-as-denial logic; 12-month re-appeal policy with potential earlier rehearing.

3. **Ordinance (26-017) - 2nd 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) Councilor Crabb made a motion for adoption, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

RESOLUTIONS

- 8. Resolution (125-26):** 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) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for approval, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

(NOTE: This item was called forward as the next order of business by the City Attorney.)

ORDINANCES (continued)

- 4. Ordinance (26-018) - 2nd 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) Councilor Garrett made a motion for adoption, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

REFERRAL(S):**FOR INSPECTIONS & CODE:**

- Follow up with the owner of 3219 Cusseta Road regarding the demolition ordinance. *(Councilor Huff)*

- 5. Ordinance (26-019) - 2nd 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)

Tax Commissioner David Britt, Muscogee County, expressed concerns that the proposed blighted property ordinance could unintentionally impact low-income residents living in non-owner-occupied homes. He further cautioned that, while the ordinance is intended to target commercial and higher-end properties, it could also affect individuals residing in a deceased relative's home who are unable to qualify for a homestead exemption. He requested for the record that the ordinance has the potential to be viewed as predatory toward financially struggling residents in non-owner-occupied properties despite its hearing stipulations.

City Attorney Clifton Fay clarified that a proviso in section 8-93 of the ordinance explicitly states that real property occupied as a primary residence shall not be identified as blighted.

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)
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)

(Final Action: 1st Reading delayed for two (2) weeks; item to return before Council on June 9, 2026.)

President/CEO Steve Morse, Uptown Columbus, along with **Jason McKenzie, Owner of Ride on Bikes,** approached the rostrum, expressing concerns regarding large groups of unsupervised youth congregating in Uptown Columbus on weekends and the resulting impacts on public safety, businesses, residents, and visitors. Referenced ongoing issues following a fatal incident on Bay Avenue in September 2025. Cited viral videos of similar incidents, commonly referred to as “Teen Takeovers,” occurring in cities across the country, and presented videos and photographs depicting unsupervised youth in the Uptown area, including individuals carrying weapons and engaging in physical altercations.

Several councilors expressed concern that the proposed curfew could shift issues to other areas of the city and emphasized the need for a broader youth engagement strategy. Noted a history of problems moving between city parks. It was stated that only two parks currently close at 8:00 p.m. due to safety concerns and isolation. Emphasized the importance of providing positive activities for youth, cautioned against the financial and long-term impacts of punitive measures, and questioned the relevance of arrest data that did not specifically pertain to individuals under 21 years of age.

Deputy Chief Lance Deaton, CPD, responded to questions from Council regarding incidents in the Uptown area, noting that a 15-year-old was killed in a prior incident and stating that approximately 50 percent of law enforcement contacts involve individuals from outside the state. Explained that Uptown Columbus already funds the deployment of 12 to 14 police officers in the area and emphasized that the proposed curfew is intended as a preventative measure to deter problematic behavior before incidents occur, rather than relying solely on reactive enforcement.

Councilor Tucker made a motion to establish a committee of stakeholders, including officials in Phenix City, AL, to collaborate together for solutions, seconded by Councilor Chambers and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

Councilor Cogle made a motion was made to supply up to 10 additional off-duty officers on Fridays and Saturdays from 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. in Uptown through the Labor Day weekend, seconded by Councilor Anker and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

Councilor Davis made a motion to delay the 1st Reading until June 9, 2026, seconded by Councilor Anker and carried by a seven-to-three vote, with Councilors Anker, Barnes, Chambers, Cogle, Davis, Huff and Tucker voting in favor, and Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Crabb and Garrett voting in opposition.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Corie Wilson
- Jerome Lawson
- Dr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr.
- Dan Gilbert, Owner of Whitewater Express
- Jerry Powell
- Pastor Adrian Chesser
- Will (*Last name unknown*)
- Richard Bishop
- Samuel Whitt

REFERRAL(S):**FOR DEPUTY CITY MANAGER GOODWIN:**

- Provide per-hour cost to keep recreation centers open, including feasibility and staffing constraints in time to be considered in the FY-2027 budget. (*Councilor Cogle*)
- Provide historical cost of Midnight Basketball on the Parks and Recreation side. (*Councilor Cogle*)
- Assess reimbursement mechanism for Uptown-funded officers. (*Councilor Cogle*)

RESOLUTIONS (Add-Ons):

Resolution (126-26): A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, or his designee, the City Attorney and the Finance Director to make payments which total \$100,000.00 to settle the referenced claims of Erica Bishop against any and all parties, including attorney's fees. Councilor Tucker made a motion for approval, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

Resolution (127-26): A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, or his designee, the City Attorney and the Finance Director to make payments which total \$375,000.00 to settle the referenced claims of Jareel Robinson against any and all parties, including attorney's fees. Councilor Tucker made a motion for approval, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

City Attorney Clifton Fay stated for the record, these two add-on resolutions were previously discussed in Executive Session as matters of litigation.

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Mr. Michael Wood, representing Sleeping in Heavenly Peace, Re: Upcoming Event.
2. Mr. George McDowell, Re: Racism – 400 Years Later.
3. Mr. Paul Olson, Re: Data Center & Gentrification.
4. Mr. Jerry Powell, Re: An Idea for Future Elections.
5. Dr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: Crime Prevention Budget Line Item.
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?
7. Mr. Timothy Veals, Re: Head Street Safety Concerns and Property Cleanliness.

8. Mr. Val McGowan, Re: Correction to the Current Zoning of Moye Road.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR DEPUTY CITY MANAGER HODGE:

- Inform the developer there will be a community meeting, allowing an opportunity to communicate the community's opposition to a gas station and other concerns, to be held before the first reading on June 9, 2026. *(Councilor Tucker)*
- 9. Prophetess Dee Grier, Re: Data Center and God's Resources.
- 10. Dr. Natalie Nicole, representing Role Model Academy of Arts, Re: FY27 Budget Allocations and Council Oversight.
- 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.
- 13. Rev. Mark Lawrence, representing IMA, Re: Working Together.
- 14. Mr. Thomas Anderson, Re: Data Center Project.
- 15. Mr. Matthew Johnson, Re: Data Center.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with NeighborWorks Columbus

Resolution (128-26): A Resolution authorizing the execution of a memorandum of understanding with the Columbus Housing Initiative, d/b/a Neighborworks Columbus, for the development of workforce housing at Newman's Crossing utilizing State of Georgia Department of Community Affairs Equity Fund Rural Workforce Housing Initiative Funding. Councilor Tucker made a motion for approval, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

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

Resolution (129-26): A Resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to execute an easement with Georgia Power Company in order to install EV charging stations on the Metra Campus (814 Linwood Blvd.) through the Georgia Make Ready Program. Councilor Tucker made a motion for approval, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

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

Resolution (130-26): A Resolution authoring the Mayor or his designee to apply for accept a hazard mitigation grant from the Georgia Emergency Agency in the amount of \$69,541.00, or as otherwise awarded, to contract with a consultant to complete a revision of the City's Hazard Mitigation Plan. This grant is aligned with the Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan currently in effect for Columbus, GA/Muscogee County, and will conclude with a full revision and subsequent adoption by the Council of the 2029-2034 Hazard Mitigation Plan. Councilor Tucker made a motion for approval, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

4. PURCHASES

- A. Architectural & Engineering Services for the Renovation & Expansion of the METRA Transfer Center – RFP No. 26-0021

Resolution (131-26): A Resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with Wendel Architecture PC (Williamsville, NY) for architectural & engineering services for the renovation & expansion of the Metra Transfer Center. Councilor Davis made a motion for approval, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

- B. Third-Party Administration Services for the Community Care Program Serving Medically Underserved Persons in Muscogee County – RFP No. 26-0023

Resolution (132-26): A Resolution authorizing the execution of an annual contract with Benefit Source, Inc., d/b/a BSI Companies (Greenville, SC) for third-party administration services for the Community Care Program serving medically underserved persons in Muscogee County. Councilor Davis made a motion for approval, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

- C. Aerial, Ground Ladder & Apparatus Pumps Inspection & Testing Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 26-0010

Resolution (133-26): A Resolution authorizing the execution of an annual contract with Randall Brackett Fire Truck Repair, LLC, (Rockmart, GA) to provide aerial, ground ladder, and apparatus pumps inspection and testing services to the Columbus Consolidated Government Fire and EMS Department, on an “as needed” basis. Fire and EMS Department anticipates an annual contract value of \$20,000.00 based on prior years usage and inflation.

5. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Finance Update - Angelica Alexander, Director, Finance

Finance Director Angelica Alexander approached the rostrum to provide the monthly financial update for April 2026.

CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

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

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the minutes of various boards, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the vote.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

A. COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:

A nominee for a vacant seat for a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) on the Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority that expires on June 30, 2026. *(Mayor's Appointment)*

B. PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES' BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

A nominee for the seat of Elizabeth Raines Cook *(Eligible)* representing the Business Community on the Pension Fund, Board of Trustees for a term expiring on June 30, 2026. *(Mayor's Appointment)*

A nominee for the seat of Henry Jack Warden *(Eligible)* representing the Business Community on the Pension Fund, Board of Trustees for a term expiring on June 30, 2026. *(Mayor's Appointment)*

A nominee for a vacant seat with a term that expires on June 30, 2026, as a representative of the Business Community on the Pension Fund, Employees' Board of Trustees *(Mayor's Appointment)*. There were none.

C. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:

A nominee for the Youth Advisory Council *(Mayor's Nominee)*. There were none.

3. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – LISTED FOR CONFIRMATION:

A. BOARD OF FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES: Darlene Small was renominated to serve another term. *(Councilor Huff's nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2031. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

B. COLUMBUS GOLF AUTHORITY: Tommy Nobles was renominated to serve another term. *(Councilor Crabb's nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2030. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

C. COLUMBUS GOLF AUTHORITY: Gerald Miley was renominated to serve another term. *(Councilor Huff's nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2030. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

D. COLUMBUS GOLF AUTHORITY: Alonzo Jones was renominated to serve another term. *(Councilor Crabb's nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2030. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

- E. **COLUMBUS GOLF AUTHORITY:** Brian Lunsford was nominated to succeed Ken Crumpler. (*Councilor Davis's nominee*) Term expires: June 30, 2030. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.
- F. **COLUMBUS GOLF AUTHORITY:** Carlos Coleman was nominated to succeed William Roundtree. (*Councilor Huff's nominee*) Term expires: June 30, 2030. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.
- G. **COLUMBUS GOLF AUTHORITY:** Jimmy Monfort was nominated to succeed Kenneth Davis. (*Mayor Pro Tem Allen's nominee*) Term expires: June 30, 2030. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.
- 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. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.
- 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. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.
- 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. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

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

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

A nominee for a vacant seat (*Uptown Business Association*) for a term expiring on January 31, 2029, on the Historic & Architectural Review Board (*Confirmed by Council*). There were none. (*NOTE: Alan Udy is unable to serve currently. Confirmed 02-10-2026*)

A nominee for a vacant seat with a term expiring on January 31, 2029, on the Historic & Architectural Review Board. (*Confirmed by Council*) Councilor Cogle nominated James E. Webb, Jr. Councilor Cogle made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

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

A. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

A nominee for the vacant seat of the District 1 Representative for a term that expired on March 27, 2026, on the Community Development Advisory Council (*District 1 – Hickey*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Tracy Belt (*Not Eligible*) the District 4 Representative for a term that expired on March 27, 2026, on the Community Development Advisory Council (*District 4 – Tucker*). There were none.

A nominee for the vacant seat of the District 5 Representative for a term that expired on March 27, 2026, on the Community Development Advisory Council (*District 5 – Crabb*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Mike Welch (*Eligible for reappointment*) the District 9 Representative for a term that expired on March 27, 2026, on the Community Development Advisory Council (*District 9 – Anker*). At the end of the Clerk of Council's Agenda Councilor Anker nominated Demetrius McBride. Councilor Tucker made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:

A nominee for the seat of Paul T. Berry, III (*Not interested in serving another term*) for a term that expired on October 31, 2025, on the Public Safety Advisory Commission (*District 5 – Crabb*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Scott Taft (*Not Eligible*) for a term that expired on October 31, 2025, on the Public Safety Advisory Commission (*District 9 – Anker*). There were none.

C. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:

A nominee for the District 1 Representative on the Youth Advisory Council (*District 1 – Hickey*). There were none.

A nominee for the District 2 Representative on the Youth Advisory Council (*District 2 – Davis*). There were none.

A nominee for the District 4 Representative on the Youth Advisory Council (*District 4 – Tucker*). There were none.

A nominee for the District 5 Representative on the Youth Advisory Council (*District 5 – Crabb*). Councilor Crabb nominated MacKenzie Govar, 8th Grade at Calvary Christian School. Councilor Tucker made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

A nominee for the District 8 Representative on the Youth Advisory Council (*District 8 – Garrett*). There were none.

A nominee for the District 9 Representative on the Youth Advisory Council (*District 9 – Anker*). There were none.

A nominee for the District 10 Representative on the Youth Advisory Council (*District 10 – Chambers*). There were none.

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

A. ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:

A nominee for the vacant seat of the Georgia Veterinary Technician with a term expiring on October 15, 2026, on the Animal Control Advisory Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the vacant seat of the Animal Rescue Shelter Representative with a term expiring on October 15, 2026, on the Animal Control Advisory Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

C. BOARD OF HEALTH:

A nominee for the seat of Yasmine Cathright (*Not Eligible*) with the term that expired on December 31, 2025, on the Board of Health (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

D. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

A nominee for a vacant seat for a term that expired on March 24, 2026, on the Building Authority of Columbus (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

E. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:

A nominee for the seat of Anthony Johnson (*Eligible*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2026, representing Senatorial District 15, on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Crabb renominated Anthony Johnson to serve another term.

A nominee for the seat of Pamela Green Thomas (*Eligible*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2026, representing Senatorial District 15, on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Crabb renominated Pamela Green Thomas to serve another term.

A nominee for the seat of Ashley Stanley (*Eligible*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2026, representing Senatorial District 15, on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Crabb renominated Ashley Stanley to serve another term.

A nominee for the seat of Taylor Martin (*Eligible*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2026, representing Senatorial District 29, on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Crabb renominated Taylor Martin to serve another term.

A nominee for the seat of Kristasia Heath (*Eligible*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2026, representing Senatorial District 29, on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Crabb renominated Kristasia Heath to serve another term.

A nominee for the seat of Courtney Johnson (*Not Eligible*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2026, representing Senatorial District 29, on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

F. LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:

A nominee for a vacant seat for a term that expires on August 14, 2026, on the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Barnes nominated George McDowell.

A nominee for a vacant seat for a term that expires on August 14, 2026, on the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for a vacant seat for a term that expires on August 14, 2027, on the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board (*Civic Center Director Recommendation / Confirmed by Council*). Clerk of Council McLemore stated the Interim Civic Center Director has submitted the following four (4) names for Council's consideration: (1) Jerry Speakman, (2) Robbie Branscomb, (3) Odanive Martin,

and (4) Stephanie Quinones. Councilor Cogle nominated Stephanie Quinones. Councilor Tucker made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

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

A nominee for the seat of Judge David Ranieri (*Does not desire reappointment*) for a term that expired on June 30, 2025, on the New Horizons Behavioral Health – Mental Health, Addictive Diseases and Developmental Disabilities – Community Service Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat for Nancy Schroeder (*Eligible*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2026, on the New Horizons Behavioral Health – Mental Health, Addictive Diseases and Developmental Disabilities – Community Service Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

H. PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:

A nominee for a vacant seat (*Alternate Member 1*) for a term that expires on December 31, 2027, on the Personnel Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for a vacant seat (*Alternate Member 2*) for a term that expires on December 31, 2027, on the Personnel Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for a vacant seat (*Alternate Member 3*) for a term that expires on December 31, 2027, on the Personnel Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Delano Leftwich (*Not Eligible – Alternate Member 4*) for a term that expired on December 31, 2025, on the Personnel Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

I. REGION SIX REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH & DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES:

A nominee for the seat of Latasha Morss (*Eligible*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2026, on the Region Six Regional Advisory Council for Department of Behavioral Health & Development Disabilities (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Crabb renominated Latasha Morss to serve another term.

A nominee for the seat of Dr. Janet C. Bussey (*Does not desire reappointment*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2026, on the Region Six Regional Advisory Council for Department of Behavioral Health & Development Disabilities (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

J. RETIREES' HEALTH BENEFITS COMMITTEE:

A nominee for the seat of John D. Hawk (*Eligible*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2026, on the Retirees' Health Benefits Committee (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Crabb renominated John D. Hawk to serve another term.

A nominee for the seat of Renee McAneny (*Not Eligible*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2026, on the Retirees' Health Benefits Committee (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Crabb nominated Byron Hickey.

PUBLIC AGENDA (continued)

5. Dr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: Crime Prevention Budget Line Item.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

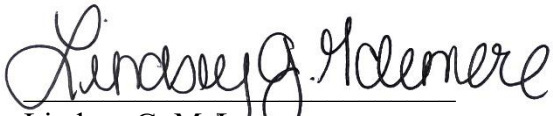
Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel as requested by City Attorney Fay. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Tucker carried unanimously by the ten members present, and the time being 10:20 p.m.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Mayor B.H. "Skip" Henderson announced he is nominating Tyson Begly for City Manager and stated a vote by Council will take place on June 9, 2026, for this appointment.

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.



Lindsey G. McLemore
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Council of Columbus, Georgia

