



~~POST SUMMARY MINUTES~~

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

June 2, 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, Travis L. Chambers, Joanne Cogle, Glenn Davis, R. Walker Garrett, Bruce Huff (arrived at 5:48 p.m.) and 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: Councilors Charmaine Crabb and Toyia Tucker were absent.

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Rev. Grace Burton-Edwards, St. Thomas Episcopal Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Daniel Hernandez, Arnold Middle School

MINUTES:

Mayor's Agenda #1: Vote Result: APPROVED

1. Approval of minutes for the May 26, 2026, Council Meeting and Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel and potential litigation as requested by City Attorney Fay. Councilor Chambers made a motion to go

into Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Garrett carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the vote and Councilors Crabb and Tucker being absent from the meeting and the time being 5:35 p.m.

The Regular Meeting was reconvened at 6:17 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in Executive Session to discuss personnel and potential litigation; however, there were no votes taken.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor's Agenda #2: PUBLIC HEARING HELD

2. **TAXPAYER BILL OF RIGHTS PUBLIC HEARING:** 6:00 p.m. The budget tentatively adopted by the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, requires a millage rate higher than the rollback millage rate. Therefore, before the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, may finalize the tentative budget and set a final millage rate, Georgia Law requires that three public hearings be held to allow the public an opportunity to express their opinions on this increase.

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

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

1. **2nd 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 #2: Vote Result: AMENDED to add \$191,151 to the FY27 Budget for the addition of a third State Court Judge, a Law Clerk, a Senior Deputy Clerk and a Court Reporter; Vote Result: AMENDED to add \$150,407 to the FY27 Budget for the addition of a Chief Deputy position in the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office; Vote Result: AMENDED to add \$11,167 to the FY27 Budget for a salary supplement for the Chief Magistrate/Municipal Court Judge; Vote Result: AMENDED to add \$1,156 to the FY27 Budget for operational costs in the Coroner's Office.

2. **1st Reading and Public Hearing:** An ordinance adopting an operating and capital improvement budget for the Fiscal Year 2027 beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30,

2027, for certain funds of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, and appropriating the amounts shown in each budget; and for other purposes. (Budget Review Committee)

City Attorney's Agenda #3: PUBLIC HEARING HELD

3. **1st Reading:** An Ordinance adopting non-operating budgets for the fiscal year 2027 beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, for certain funds of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, and appropriating the amounts shown in each budget. (Budget Review Committee)

City Attorney's Agenda #4: PUBLIC HEARING HELD

4. **1st Reading:** An Ordinance providing for contributions to the Columbus, Georgia General Government Employees' Pension Plan for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027. (Budget Review Committee)

City Attorney's Agenda #5: PUBLIC HEARING HELD

5. **1st Reading:** An Ordinance providing for the governmental contributions to the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for employees of the Department of Public Safety for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027. (Budget Review Committee)

City Attorney's Agenda #6: PUBLIC HEARING HELD

6. **1st Reading:** An Ordinance providing for Government funding of a Major Disability Income Plan for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027. (Budget Review Committee)

City Attorney's Agenda #7: PUBLIC HEARING HELD

7. **1st Reading:** An Ordinance providing for Government funding of a Death Benefit Escrow for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027. (Budget Review Committee)

City Attorney's Agenda #8: PUBLIC HEARING HELD

8. **1st Reading:** An Ordinance amending Article VII of Chapter 13 of the Columbus Code Solid Waste Collection and Disposal to update the monthly residential garbage fee, to update the guidelines for an offset to the residential rate for low-income households; and for other purposes. (Budget Review Committee)

City Attorney's Agenda #9: Vote Result: DELAYED on 1st Reading until June 9th to allow input from utility providers. (Request of Councilor Chambers)

9. **1st Reading:** REZN-02-26-0289: An Ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance of the Columbus Code (“the UDO”) to provide for Technology Overlay Districts; establishing underlying zoning districts where such overlay districts are permitted; to redefine Developments of Regional Impact; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

ADD-ON RESOLUTION:

City Attorney’s Agenda (Add-on): Vote Result: APPROVED

A resolution authorizing a payment of \$375,000 to settle claims filed by Melissa Johnson.

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Youth Curfew and Police State Practices. *No Action Taken*
2. Ms. Z Lawrence, representing MEC, Re: Office Hours Follow-Up, CMC, and Music Study. *No Action Taken*
3. Ms. Robyn Burnett, Re: Safety. *No Action Taken*
4. Mr. Jonathan Waters, representing Keep It Rural, LLC, Re: Speak in Opposition to Overlay Ordinance Adoption. *Spoke during 1st Reading*
5. Mr. Corie Wilson, Re: Notification and Inclusion of All Taxpayers Affected by Technology Overlay District Ordinance – Data Center. *No Action Taken*
6. Dr. Natalie Nicole, representing Role Model Academy of Arts, Re: Citizen Participation in Local Government. *No Action Taken*
7. Mrs. Stacie Mailey, Re: Proposed Technology Overlay Concerns. *Spoke during 1st Reading*

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

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

1. Risk Management Donations for Risk Management Seminar for Public Entities

Approval is requested to accept financial donations from businesses and organizations to be used to offset the cost of presenting a full-day Risk Management Seminar for Public Entities at the Trade Center.

2. PURCHASES

City Manager's Agenda #2(A): Vote Result: APPROVED

A. Northstar Drive at Kennedy Street Roundabout – RFB No. 26-0038

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - INFORMATION ONLY

1. COC Memo: Request for Consideration of Revisions to Board Attendance Policy. *No Action Taken*

ENCLOSURES – ACTION REQUESTED

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

2. Minutes of the following boards:

Board of Tax Assessors #19-26

Hospital Authority of Columbus 04-28-26

Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission 02-07-24

Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission 10-23-24

Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission 10-09-25

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

RESOLUTION: A Resolution excusing Councilor Charmaine Crabb from the June 2, 2026, Regular Council Meeting. (ADD-ON)

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

RESOLUTION: A Resolution excusing Councilor Toyia Tucker from the June 2, 2026, Regular Council Meeting. (ADD-ON)

BOARD APPOINTMENTS – ACTION REQUESTED

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

Mayor's Nominee: _____

4. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – LISTED FOR CONFIRMATION:

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

- A. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION (KCBC):** Anthony Johnson was renominated to serve another term. *(Councilor Crabb's nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2029

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

- B. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION (KCBC):** Pamela Thomas Green was renominated to serve another term. *(Councilor Crabb's nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2029

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

- C. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION (KCBC):** Ashley Stanley was renominated to serve another term. *(Councilor Crabb's nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2029

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

- D. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION (KCBC):** Taylor Martin was renominated to serve another term. *(Councilor Crabb's nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2029

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

- E. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION (KCBC):** Kristasia Heath was renominated to serve another term. *(Councilor Crabb's nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2029

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

- F. LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:** George McDowell was nominated to fill a vacant seat. *(Councilor Barnes's nominee)* Term expires: August 14, 2026

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

- G. REGION SIX REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH & DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES:** Latasha Morss was renominated to serve another term. *(Councilor Crabb's nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2029

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

Term Expires: March 27, 2026

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(B): Nomination(s): Councilor Anker nominated Roy Goodman to fill the seat of Scott Taft on the Public Safety Advisory Commission; Vote Result: CONFIRMED

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

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(C): Nomination(s): Councilor Barnes nominated Autumn Brown of Arnold Magnet Program to represent District 1 and Councilor Garrett nominated Lola Beth James to represent District 8 on the Youth Advisory Council; Vote Result: CONFIRMED the appointment of Autumn Brown (District 4) and Lola Beth James (District 8).

C. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:

District 1 Nominee: _____

District 8 Nominee: _____

District 2 Nominee: _____

District 9 Nominee: _____

District 4 Nominee: _____

District 10 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 – 4th 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: 1
Vacancies: 1 Senatorial District 29: 3

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

D. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:

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 #7(E): No Action Taken

E. LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:

Vacant

Term Expires: August 14, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council’s Appointment)

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 #7(F): No Action Taken

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

Nancy Schroeder

Does not desire reappointment
Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council’s Appointment)

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: 3
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

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

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

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

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Skip Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Councilor Garrett to adjourn the June 2, 2026, Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Crabb and Tucker being absent from the meeting and the time being 10:59 p.m.