



~~POST SUMMARY MINUTES~~

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

June 9, 2026  
9:00 AM  
Regular Meeting

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**MAYOR'S AGENDA**

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**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 9:11 a.m.) and Toyia Tucker (arrived at 10:25 a.m.). 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:** Councilor Charmaine Crabb was absent.

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

**INVOCATION:** Offered by Chaplain Jared Fregin, Fort Benning

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Charley Jane Fussell from Clubview Elementary

**MINUTES:**

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**Mayor's Agenda #1: Vote Result: APPROVED**

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1. Approval of minutes for the June 2, 2026, Council Meeting and Executive Session.

**RESOLUTION:**

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**Mayor's Agenda #2: Vote Result: APPROVED**

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2. A Resolution authorizing the appointment of Tyson Begly as City Manager of Columbus, Georgia.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

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**Mayor's Agenda #3: PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

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3. **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.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

4. Introduction - Mayor's Summer Youth Program - **RESCHEDULED**

**CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA**

**ORDINANCES**

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

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1. **2nd Reading:** 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. (as amended on 1st Reading) (Budget Review Committee)

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

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2. **2nd 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)

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

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3. **2nd 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)

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**City Attorney's Agenda #4: Vote Result: ADOPTED**

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4. **2nd 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)

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**City Attorney's Agenda #5: Vote Result: ADOPTED**

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5. **2nd 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)

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**City Attorney's Agenda #6: Vote Result: ADOPTED**

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6. **2nd 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)

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**City Attorney's Agenda #7: Vote Result: ADOPTED**

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7. **2nd 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)

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**City Attorney's Agenda #8: PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

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8. **1st Reading:** REZN-03-26-0652: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **2458 and 2464 Martha's Loop** (parcel # 085-054017A/026) from Residential Multifamily 2 (RMF2) Zoning District to Single Family Residential – 4 (SFR4) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Barnes)

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**City Attorney's Agenda #9: PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

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9. **1st Reading:** REZN-04-26-0737: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **715 and 723 Apex Road** (parcel # 014-005-004/011) from General Commercial (GC) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily -1 (RMF1) Zoning District with a condition. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Garrett)

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**City Attorney's Agenda #10: PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

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- 10. 1st Reading:** REZN-04-26-0738: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **5227 13th Avenue** (parcel # 033-011-008) from General Commercial (GC) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily -1 (RMF1) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Garrett)

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**City Attorney's Agenda #11: Vote Result: DELAYED on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading for 30 days. (Request of Councilor Tucker)**

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- 11. 1st Reading:** REZN-04-26-0739 : An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **6909 Buena Vista Road** (parcel # 115-008-029) from Single Family Residential – 2 (SFR2) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Tucker)

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**City Attorney's Agenda #12: PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

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- 12. 1st Reading:** REZN-04-26-0956: An Ordinance amending the text of Unified Development Ordinance of the Columbus Code (“the UDO”) to provide for a Mill Redevelopment Zoning District in the Bibb City Area; and for other purposes. (Planning Department recommends conditional approval and PAC recommends approval.) (Councilor Garrett)

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**City Attorney's Agenda #13: PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

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- 13. 1st Reading:** An Ordinance providing for the establishment of taxing districts, including a county-wide general services district and three (3) urban services districts and three (3) Business Improvement Districts (BID); providing for the levy, assessment, and collection of taxes for Columbus, Georgia within such districts for the year 2026 as provided under the Charter of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia; providing penalties for violations of the provisions of said ordinance; and for other purposes. (Budget Committee)

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**City Attorney's Agenda #14: PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

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- 14. 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. (Continued on 1st Reading from 5-26-26) (Mayor Pro-Tem)

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**City Attorney's Agenda #15: PUBLIC HEARING HELD; Action Taken: AMENDED increasing the minimum buffer requirements to 500 feet and adding verbiage listed as Protection III – The Right to Clean Water as outlined in document provided, “No data center in Columbus shall use any cooling fluid containing, PFAS, hydrofluorocarbons, perfluorocarbons, or any compound on the EPA’s PFAS list of concern”; Action Taken: AMENDED reducing the non-compliance period to 15 days, prohibiting diesel generators,**

*aligning with industry standards and best practices by requiring Tier 4 (or Tier 2 with SCR) generators with SCR for natural gas turbines, and specifically outlining decibel testing as a requirement.*

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15. **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. (Continued on 1st Reading as amended by substitute from 6-2-26) (Mayor Pro-Tem)

## **PUBLIC AGENDA**

1. Councilor-Elect Sherrie Aaron, Re: Neighborhood Pride & Code Enforcement. *Canceled*
2. Mr. John Fitzpatrick, Re: What he said! *Not Present*
3. Dr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr. Re: Selective Curfew vs City-Wide Curfew. *No Action Taken*
4. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Moratorium on Data Centers & Employee Pensions. (*Referral from Mayor’s Commission for Persons with Disabilities*) *No Action Taken*
5. Mr. Robert Haven, Re: Proposed Overlay District Deficiencies. Remedy Proposal – “*The People’s Overlay*”. *No Action Taken*
6. Mr. Jerome Williams, representing Columbus Liberty District, Inc. & Prince Hall Masons, Re: The Liberty District, Inc. Officer Introductions, MOU with the City of Columbus, and the Prince Hall Building. *Canceled*
7. Mrs. Stacie Mailey, Re: Technology Overlay & Community Impact. *Not Present*
8. Mrs. Audrey Holston Palmore, Re: Provisions of Heir Property (*2928 10<sup>th</sup> Street*). *No Action Taken*

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

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

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### **1. Memorandum of Agreement: CFEMS & MercyMed of Columbus**

Approval is requested to execute the Memorandum of Agreement related to Mobile Integrated Healthcare services jointly provided by the Columbus Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services and MercyMed of Columbus.

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

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**2. Memorandum of Agreement: CFEMS, CPD & Valley Healthcare System, Inc.**

Approval is requested to execute the Memorandum of Agreement related to Mobile Integrated Healthcare mental health services jointly provided by the Columbus Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services, Columbus Police Department, and Valley Healthcare System, Inc.

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

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**3. CFEMS Community Risk Assessment/Standards of Cover (2025)**

Approval is requested to authorize the Community Risk Assessment/Standards of Cover (2025) document provided by the Columbus Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services.

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

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**4. Lease of Equipment for Golf Courses – Yamaha Golf Carts**

Approval is requested to enter a lease for 154 Yamaha Golf Carts from Yamaha Motor Finance Corporation over a 48-month period in total amount of \$502,656.48.

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

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**5. Lease of Equipment for Golf Courses – Cushman Hauler Elite Utility Vehicles**

Approval is requested to enter a lease for 7 Cushman Hauler Elite Utility vehicles from EZGO/Textron/Wells Fargo Equipment Finance over a 60-month period in total amount of \$130,087.80 to be used to maintain the Bull Creek Golf Courses.

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

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**6. One-Time Specialized Training Bonus for Muscogee County Sheriff Sworn Officers**

Approval is requested to issue up to \$25,000 in one-time specialized training bonuses using Red Speed (private school zone camera) funds to sworn officers in the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office in accordance with O.C.G.A 40-14-18 (m).

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**City Manager's Agenda #7: Vote Result: APPROVED**

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**7. FEMA Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Grant - Fire & EMS**

Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$269,523.80 through the FEMA Fire Prevention and Safety Grant (FP&S Grant) with a 5%

match of \$13,476.20. Funds will be used to purchase equipment, provide training, implement risk-reduction programs, and develop public education materials.

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

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**8. Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG)**

Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$199,424.35 or as otherwise awarded from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the purchase of rescue equipment and GSAR support resources. There is a 10% (\$19,942.43) matching funds requirement.

**9. PURCHASES**

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**City Manager's Agenda #9(A-E): Vote Result: APPROVED**

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- A. Used & Confiscated Firearms for Credit or Swap - RFB NO. 26-0035
- B. Contract Extension for Pavement Marking Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 20-0048
- C. Contract Extension for Maintenance Services for Security Locking Systems/Door Hinges (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 20-0058
- D. Two (2) Ford F-150 K9 Units for the Sheriff's Office – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase
- E. Two (2) Chevrolet Tahoes for the Sheriff's Office – Florida Sheriff's Association Cooperative Purchasing Program

**10. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Post Legislative Update - Representative Carolyn Hugley, Minority Leader. ***No Action Taken***
- B. Advanced Air Mobility – Andy Hilmes, EVP Choose Columbus. ***No Action Taken***
- C. Summer Youth Programming - Holli Browder, Director of Parks & Recreation. ***No Action Taken***

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**City Manager's Agenda #10(D): Vote Result: APPROVED request from Facilities Maintenance for \$450,000 in their FY-2026 Budget for increased utility costs and contractor services.**

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- D. Facilities Maintenance FY26 Budget Update – Allen Minton, Interim Facilities Maintenance Director

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**City Manager’s Agenda #10(E): Vote Result: APPROVED request from Recorders Court to reallocate \$33,000 from salary savings in their FY-2026 Budget to cover operating costs associated with interpreter services.**

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- E. Recorders Court FY26 Budget Update - Clautretta Williams, Chief Clerk of Recorders Court

## **CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA**

### **ENCLOSURES - INFORMATION ONLY**

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**Clerk of Council’s Agenda #1: Vote Result: APPROVED**

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1. **Resolution:** A Resolution excusing Councilor Charmaine Crabb from the June 9, 2026, Regular Council Meeting. ***No Action Taken***

### **ENCLOSURES – ACTION REQUESTED**

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**Clerk of Council’s Agenda #2: Vote Result: RECEIVED**

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

Airport Commission 04-28-26

Board of Tax Assessors #20-26

Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners (CVB) 04-26-26

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**Clerk of Council’s Agenda (Add-On Item): Vote Result: APPROVED – Seat Declared Vacant**

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**ADD-ON ITEM:** Request from the Clerk of Council to declare the seat of Tyson Begly on the Audit Committee as vacant due to his recent appointment as City Manager.

### **BOARD APPOINTMENTS – ACTION REQUESTED**

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

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**Clerk of Council’s Agenda #3(A): No Action Taken**

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**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 – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday		
Women:	3	Senatorial District 15:	4
Vacancies:	0	Senatorial District 29:	3

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

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**C. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

District 2 Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ District 9 Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_  
District 4 Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ District 10 Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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**A. ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:**

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

Open for Nominations  
*(Council’s Appointment)*

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*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

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

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**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 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	
Women:	4	Senatorial District 15: 0
Vacancies:	1	Senatorial District 29: 5

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

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**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

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

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**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

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***Clerk of Council's Agenda #6(E): Nomination(s): Councilor Barnes nominated Zach Lee for a vacant seat on the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board.***

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**E. LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:**

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*Vacant*  
Term Expires: August 14, 2026

Open for Nominations  
*(Council's Appointment)*

***\*The Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board is recommending the following three (3) individuals for Council's consideration to fill the vacant seat: (1) Jerry Speakman, (2) Robbie Branscomb, and (3) Odanive Martin***

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:	1	Senatorial District 29:	4

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

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

**Sandra Gill**  
*Does not desire reappointment*  
Term Expired: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations  
*(Council's Appointment)*

**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

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

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**G. PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:**

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*Vacant*  
**(Alternate Member 1)**  
Term expires: December 31, 2027

Open for Nominations  
***(Council's Appointment)***

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*Vacant*  
**(Alternate Member 2)**  
Term expires: December 31, 2027

Open for Nominations  
***(Council's Appointment)***

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*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

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

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**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 9, 2026, Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Crabb being absent from the meeting and the time being 6:06 p.m.