



~~POST SUMMARY MINUTES~~

MCSO Board Room
Muscooee Public Education Center
2960 Macon Road, Columbus, GA 31906

June 16, 2026
9:00 AM
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, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis and R. Walker Garrett. 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 Bruce Huff and Toyia Tucker were absent.

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Mayor Pro Tem Gary Allen

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Sophia Phillips from Fox Elementary

MINUTES:

Mayor's Agenda #1: Vote Result: APPROVED

1. Approval of minutes for the June 9, 2026, Council Meeting.

PROCLAMATIONS

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

2. **Proclamation:** Responsible Fatherhood Month

Receiving: Pastor Jarod Hinton, Georgia Faith Director for Citizens Defending Freedom

Mayor's Agenda #3: *No Action Taken (Proclamation read into the record by Mayor Pro Tem Allen)*

3. **Proclamation:** ASK Day

Receiving: Dr. Jaketra Bryant, LPC

PRESENTATIONS:

4. AJ McClung Stadium Update – Honorable Calvin Smyre, Chairman, Fountain City Classic, Inc. *No Action Taken*

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

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

1. **2nd 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)

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

2. **2nd 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)

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

3. **2nd 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)

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

4. **2nd 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)

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

5. **2nd 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)

City Attorney's Agenda #6: Vote Result: AMENDED to change the penalties to a written warning for a first offense, a fine of up to \$500 for a second offense, and a fine of up to \$1,000 for a third and subsequent offense; Vote Result: ADOPTED as amended.

6. **2nd 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)

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

7. **2nd 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)

City Attorney's Agenda #8: PUBLIC HEARING HELD

8. **1st Reading:** An Ordinance providing for the levy, assessment, and collection of taxes for the public school system of Columbus, Georgia; and for other purposes. (Budget Review Committee)

RESOLUTIONS

City Attorney's Agenda #9: Vote Result: APPROVED

9. A Resolution authorizing payment of attorney fees which may be incurred for legal services rendered regarding various city issues during fiscal year 2027. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Ms. Kim Decker, Re: PAWS. *Cancelled*
2. Mrs. Irma Mason & Ms. Waleisah Wilson-Menefee, representing NewLife-Second Chance Outreach, Inc., Re: Upcoming Events and to Announce Receipt of 10th Annual Proclamation Receipt from Governor to Honor July as Reentry Awareness Month. *No Action Taken*
3. Mr. Danny Arencibia, representing Columbus Collaborative, Inc., Re: Action Plan with Strategic Local Public and Private Partnerships for Youth Community. *No Action Taken*
4. Dr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: Landlords & Property Owners Must Do Better. *No Action Taken*
5. Dr. Natalie Nicole, representing Role Model Academy of Arts, Re: ADA Compliance: Accessibility Is a Civil Right. *No Action Taken*
6. Mr. Gregory Foster, Re: Curfew. *No Action Taken*
7. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Understanding Social Movements & How Not to Betray Them. *No Action Taken*
8. Ms. Pamela Moss, Re: Whose Best Interest is Being Represented by Columbus City Council? *Cancelled*
9. Miss. Haley Sargent, Re: Data Center Overlay. *No Action Taken*

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

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

1. Risk Management Legal Services

Approval is requested for the legal services rendered regarding Risk Management issues for Fiscal Year 2027.

2. PURCHASES

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

- A. Contract Extension for Elevator Maintenance Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 19-0025
- B. Contract Extension for Post-Accident Drug Screening: After-Hours, Weekends, Holidays
- C. Contract Amendment for Inmate Food Management Services for Muscogee County Prison (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 20-0005
- D. Four (4) Salt/Sand Tailgate Spreaders and Hydraulic System Upfit for Public Works
- E. Four (4) Washer/Extractors for Muscogee County Prison – BuyBoard Cooperative Purchase
- F. Mold Removal and Remediation Services
- G. Grant Writing Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 25-0020

ADD-ON RESOLUTION:

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

Hazard Mitigation Grant Application – Hazard Mitigation Plan

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to apply for and accept a hazard mitigation grant from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency in the amount of \$69,541.00, or as otherwise awarded, to contract with a consultant to complete a revision to 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. This application is to be submitted to the Georgia Emergency Management Agency for funding consideration. This grant requires a local match of 25% totaling \$15,318.25. The 25% local match will be a cash match or in-kind match as available. Any cash match will be paid by Columbus Consolidated Government. This grant shall be administered by the Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Management.

3. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Columbus Uptown Pickleball Complex Update - Ryan Pruett, Director of Inspections & Code. *No Action Taken*

City Manager's Agenda #3(B): Vote Result: APPROVED request to transfer \$55,000 from salary savings to operations within the FY26 Budget for Oxbow Creek Golf Course and for an additional appropriation of \$216,000 in the FY26 Budget for Bull Creek Golf Course, funded by Bull Creek Golf Course revenue operations.

B. FY26 Budget Update - Jim Arendt, Executive Director of the Golf Authority

City Manager's Agenda #3(C): Vote Result: APPROVED request to reallocate \$64,000 from salary savings to operations within the Tax Commissioner's Office budget to cover increased postage and advertising costs.

C. FY26 Budget Update – David Britt, Tax Commissioner

D. Revenue Division Update - Angelica Alexander, Finance Director *No Action Taken*

E. Finance Update - Angelica Alexander, Finance Director *No Action Taken*

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - INFORMATION ONLY

1. **Current Vacancy Report:** Boards, Commissions & Authorities *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 #21-26

Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority 5-11-26

Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority 5-26-26

New Horizon Behavioral Health 02-02-26

New Horizon Behavioral Health 03-09-26

New Horizon Behavioral Health April 2026 - Notice

New Horizon Behavioral Health 05-11-26

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

RESOLUTION: A Resolution excusing Councilor Bruce Huff from the June 16, 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 16, 2026, Regular Council Meeting. (ADD-ON)

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

Request for Declaration of Vacancy: A request from Denise Cambridge, Chairperson, requesting the seat of Tracy Belt as vacant on the Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC). (Term expired: 03/27/2026)

BOARD APPOINTMENTS – ACTION REQUESTED

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

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

A. AUDIT COMMITTEE:

Vacant

Finance/Accounting or Governmental Rep.

Term Expires: June 30, 2027

Open for Nominations
(Mayor's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 2 Year Term Limit: 3

Meetings: Meets as needed.

Women: 1 Senatorial District 15:

Vacancies: 1 Senatorial District 29:

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

B. COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:

Vacant
Certified Public Accountant (CPA)
Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Mayor's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 3 Year Term Limit: 2
Meetings: Monthly
Women: 2 Senatorial District 15: 4
Vacancies: 1 Senatorial District 29: 5

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

C. PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES' BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

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

Open for Nominations
(Mayor's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

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

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

D. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:

Mayor's Nominee: _____

4. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – LISTED FOR CONFIRMATION:

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

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

5. NOMINATIONS – CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL:

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

A. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (BHAR):

Vacant

Open for Nominations
(Confirmed by Council)

Uptown Business Association

Term Expires: January 31, 2029

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

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

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

Clerk of Council’s Agenda #6(A): *Nomination(s): Clerk of Council McLemore advised that Councilor Tucker has submitted Val McGowan as her nominee to fill the seat of Tracy Belt on the Community Development Advisory Council; Vote Result: CONFIRMED*

A. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:

Vacant

Open for Nominations
(District 1 – Barnes)

Term Expires: March 27, 2026

Tracy Belt

Open for Nominations
(District 4 -Tucker)

Not Eligible

Term Expires: March 27, 2026

Vacant

Open for Nominations
(District 5 – Crabb)

Term Expires: March 27, 2026

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): No Action Taken

B. PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:

Paul T. Berry, III

Eligible

Term Expired: October 31, 2025

**Not interested in serving another term.*

Open for Nominations

(District 5 – Crabb)

Clerk of Council’s Agenda #6(C): Nomination(s): Clerk of Council McLemore announced that Councilor Davis is nominating Mary-Piper Scarborough of Calvary Christian to represent District 2; Vote Result: CONFIRMED the appointment of Mary-Piper Scarborough (District 2).

C. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:

District 2 Nominee: _____

District 9 Nominee: _____

District 4 Nominee: _____

District 10 Nominee: _____

**Councilor Davis is nominating Mary-Piper Scarborough, Calvary Christian.*

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)

Open for Nominations

Vacant
(Animal Rescue Shelter Representative)

(Council's Appointment)

Term Expires: October 15, 2026

Recommendations are submitted by a licensed animal shelter.

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): Nomination(s): Councilor Crabb renominated Darlene Small to serve another term on the Board of Family & Children Services.

B. BOARD OF FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES:

Darlene Small

Eligible

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	5 Year	Term Limit: 2
Meetings:	Quarterly	
Women:	4	Senatorial District 15: 3
Vacancies:	0	Senatorial District 29: 2

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

C. 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 th Wednesday	

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

F. 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 #6(H): No Action Taken

G. 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
Vacancies: 0

Senatorial District 15: 3
Senatorial District 29: 1

PUBLIC AGENDA (continued)

4. Dr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: Landlords & Property Owners Must Do Better. ***No Action Taken***
5. Dr. Natalie Nicole, representing Role Model Academy of Arts, Re: ADA Compliance: Accessibility Is a Civil Right. ***No Action Taken***
7. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Understanding Social Movements & How Not to Betray Them. ***No Action Taken***

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation, potential litigation, and personnel as requested by City Attorney Fay. Councilor Cogle made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Garrett carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting, and the time being 11:49 a.m.

The Regular Meeting was reconvened at 12:04 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in Executive Session to discuss litigation, potential litigation, and personnel; however, there were no votes taken.

ADD-ON RESOLUTIONS:

City Attorney (Add-on Resolution): Vote Result: APPROVED

A resolution authorizing a payment of \$500,000 to settle claims filed by Tonyaneka Porter.

City Attorney (Add-on Resolution): Vote Result: APPROVED

A resolution authorizing a payment of \$27,000 to settle claims filed by Dearrious Sparks.

City Attorney (Add-on Resolution): Vote Result: APPROVED

A resolution confirming the appointment of Pedro F. Cardenas as the Deputy Warden of Security for Muscogee County Prison.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Skip Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Councilor Garrett to adjourn the June 16, 2026, Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting and the time being 12:06 p.m.