COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MCSD Board Room	June 16, 2026
Muscogee Public Education Center	9:00 AM
2960 Macon Road, Columbus, GA 31906	Regular Meeting

M A Y O R ' S A G E N D A

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.

The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet: (1) CM#3(A): Columbus Uptown Pickleball Complex Update; (2) CM#3(D): Revenue Division Update

The following documents were distributed around the Council table: (1) PA#2: Special Invitation; (2) PA#5: ADA Compliance: Accessibility Is A Civil Right; (3) CM Add-On Resolution; (4) CM#3(E): Columbus Consolidated Government Monthly Financial Snapshot FY2026 – May 2026; (5) COC: List of Add-On Items; (4) CA Add-On Resolutions

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Sophia Phillips from Fox Elementary

MINUTES:

1. Approval of minutes for the June 9, 2026, Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

PROCLAMATIONS

2. **Proclamation:** Responsible Fatherhood Month

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

Councilor Travis Chambers read the proclamation into the record proclaiming the month of June 2026 as *Responsible Fatherhood Month*, recognizing the vital role fathers, father figures, foster fathers, and adoptive fathers play in the healthy development of children and emphasized the importance of responsible fatherhood, co-parenting, and family support.

3. Proclamation: ASK Day

Receiving: Dr. Jaketra Bryant, LPC

Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen read the proclamation into the record proclaiming June 21, 2026 as *ASK Day*, recognizing gun violence as a leading cause of death among children and highlighted the importance of the ASK (Asking Saves Kids) Campaign, which encourages parents to ask whether unsecured firearms are present in homes where their children visit or play.

PRESENTATIONS

4. AJ McClung Stadium Update – Honorable Calvin Smyre, Chairman, Fountain City Classic, Inc.

Honorable Calvin Smyre, Chairman, Fountain City Classic, Inc., appeared before Council to express appreciation for the City of Columbus' longstanding support of the Fountain City Classic. He reflected on helping establish the event in 1989 after being approached by the presidents of Albany State University and Fort Valley State University and shared that he is now serving his 36th year as chairman. He also stated for the record his support for the plans and work prepared by 2WR Architects, explaining that he had met with representatives on multiple occasions to review the project and discuss its details.

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **Ordinance (26-028) - 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) Councilor Crabb made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

2. **Ordinance (26-029) – 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). Councilor Crabb made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

3. **Ordinance (26-030) - 2nd Reading:** 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) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

4. **Ordinance (26-031) - 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) Councilor Garrett made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

5. **Ordinance (26-032) - 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) Councilor Garrett made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

6. **Ordinance (26-033) - 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. (Mayor Pro-Tem).

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to amend the proposed curfew ordinance by establishing a penalty structure for parents or guardians of juveniles found in violation of the curfew, consisting of a written warning for a first offense, a minimum fine of $500 for a second offense, and a minimum fine of $1,000 for a third and each subsequent offense. The motion was seconded by Councilor Davis and was opened for Council discussion.

Councilor Chambers offered a substitute motion to apply the curfew citywide, seconded by Councilor Barnes and defeated by a two-to-six vote with Councilors Barnes and Chambers voting in favor, Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Anker, Cogle, Crabb, Davis and Garrett voting in opposition, and Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

Councilor Cogle made a substitute motion to amend the penalty language 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, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried by a seven-to-one vote with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Anker, Barnes, Cogle, Crabb, Davis and Garrett voting in favor and Councilor Chambers voting in opposition, with Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance as amended, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

7. **Ordinance (26-034) - 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. (As amended on 1st Reading 6-9-26.) (Mayor Pro-Tem)

Councilor Crabb made a motion to adopt the ordinance, and after receiving a seconded by Councilor Davis, the motion was on the table for discussion.

Councilor John Anker stated for the record that the Technology Overlay District is a planning and zoning tool designed to establish standards for future technology related developments and is not a vote on a specific data center project. He explained that the proposal incorporates recommendations from the Planning Advisory Commission, including a 500-foot buffer requirement, and stated that any future data center proposal would still be subject to extensive review, studies, and public hearings.

Councilor Joanne Cogle stated for the record that Council had received significant public input on the proposed Technology Overlay District from residents, stakeholders, and the Chamber of Commerce committee. She expressed concern that several recommendations had not yet been fully considered and stated that she believed the proposal was premature. She further stated that she was not satisfied that the overlay contained sufficient enforceable protections to adequately safeguard citizens.

After discussion, during which Council members expressed their views and concerns regarding the proposed Technology Overlay District, the motion for adoption carried by a six-to-two vote, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Anker, Chambers, Crabb, Davis and Garrett voting in favor, Councilors Barnes and Cogle voting in opposition, and Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

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)

(NOTE: The City Attorney clarified that the 1st Reading Ordinance was not a public hearing before the City Council but rather a matter under the jurisdiction of the School Board.)

RESOLUTIONS

9. **Resolution (154-26):** 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) Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Ms. Kim Decker, Re: PAWS. ***Rescheduled***

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.

3. Mr. Danny Arencibia, representing Columbus Collaborative, Inc., Re: Action Plan with Strategic Local Public and Private Partnerships for Youth Community.

4. Dr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: Landlords & Property Owners Must Do Better.

5. Dr. Natalie Nicole, representing Role Model Academy of Arts, Re: ADA Compliance: Accessibility Is a Civil Right.

6. Mr. Gregory Foster, Re: Curfew.

7. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Understanding Social Movements & How Not to Betray Them.

8. Ms. Pamela Moss, Re: Whose Best Interest is Being Represented by Columbus City Council? ***Cancelled***

9. Miss. Haley Sargent, Re: Data Center Overlay.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Risk Management Legal Services

Resolution (155-26): - A resolution authorizing payment of attorney fees which may be incurred for legal services rendered regarding Risk Management issues during fiscal year 2027. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

2. PURCHASES

A. Contract Extension for Elevator Maintenance Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 19-0025

Resolution (156-26): - A resolution authorizing the extension of the annual contract for Elevator Maintenance Services with Elevated Facility Services (Tampa, FL) through September 30, 2026. Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

B. Contract Extension for Post-Accident Drug Screening: After-Hours, Weekends, Holidays

Resolution (157-26): - A resolution authorizing extension of the annual contract for Post-Accident Drug Screening: After-Hours, Weekends, Holidays with 4D GA Fastest Labs (Columbus, GA) through August 30, 2026. Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

C. Contract Amendment for Inmate Food Management Services for Muscogee County Prison (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 20-0005

Resolution (158-26): - A resolution authorizing an amendment to the annual contract for Inmate Food Management Services for Muscogee County Prison with Aramark Correctional Services, LLC (Philadelphia, PA). The amendment is needed to increase the price per meal charged to the City for inmate meals during the current term. Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

D. Four (4) Salt/Sand Tailgate Spreaders and Hydraulic System Upfit for Public Works

Resolution (159-26): - A resolution authorizing the purchase of four (4) salt/sand tailgate spreaders and hydraulic system vehicle upfitting from Viking-Cives Midwest, Inc. (Oran, MO) in the amount of $77,130.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase, via Sourcewell Contract

#062222-VCM Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

E. Four (4) Washer/Extractors for Muscogee County Prison – BuyBoard Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (160-26): - A resolution authorizing the purchase of four (4) Washer/Extractors (including delivery and installation) for the Muscogee County Prison, from Alliance Distribution Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Alliance Laundry Systems Distribution LLC at a total cost of $190,802.80. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via BuyBoard Contract #784-25. Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

F. Mold Removal and Remediation Services

Resolution (161-26): - A resolution authorizing payment to MLB Envirohealth & Safety, LLC (Columbus, GA), in the amount of $670,000, for mold removal and remediation services at The Liberty Theatre; and $60,000 for mold removal and remediation services at Frank D Chester Recreation Center, for a grand total of $730,000.00. Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

G. Grant Writing Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 25-0020

Resolution (162-26): - A resolution authorizing the execution of an annual contract with GAFS Co. LLC d/b/a Grant and Funding Solutions Company (Key West, FL) for grant writing services for the Columbus Consolidated Government on an "as needed" basis. Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

ADD-ON RESOLUTION

Resolution (163-26): - 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 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 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. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

3. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Columbus Uptown Pickleball Complex Update - Ryan Pruett, Director of Inspections & Code

Inspections & Code Director Ryan Pruett provided an update on the proposed pickleball complex, stating that the project is moving forward through a partnership with the Columbus Pickleball Association. He reviewed the current project scope, funding, and anticipated timeline, and advised that related agreements will be brought back to Council for future consideration.

In response to a question raised by Councilor Cogle, **Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge** explained that the project falls within the Second Avenue Village TAD rather than the Midtown TAD. She stated that staff has worked to keep the project within the budget approved by Council by utilizing multiple funding sources, including TAD funds and OLOST infrastructure funds.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE DEPUTY CITY MANAGER:

- A request was made for staff to explore potential funding options to support the addition of four pickleball courts beneath the Second Avenue Bridge. *(Councilor Cogle)*

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

Finance Director Angelica Alexander explained that pursuant to Ordinance 13-39, the Golf Authority was requesting Council approval for a budget adjustment, including the use of salary savings for operational expenses at Oxbow Creek Golf Course and an additional appropriation for Bull Creek Golf Course, both supported by golf course revenues.

Jim Arendt, Executive Director of the Golf Authority further explained that the request included the reallocation of $55,000 in salary savings to operational expenses at Oxbow Creek Golf Course and an additional appropriation of $216,000 for Bull Creek Golf Course, funded through golf course revenues.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the 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 revenues generated by Bull Creek Golf Course operations, seconded by Councilor Anker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

C. FY26 Budget Update – David Britt, Tax Commissioner

Finance Director Angelica Alexander explained that the Tax Commissioner’s Office was appearing pursuant to Ordinance 13-39 to request approval for the use of salary savings within its existing budget and was not seeking any additional appropriation.

David Britt, Muscogee County Tax Commissioner, explained that he was requesting the reallocation of approximately $64,000 in salary savings to cover increased postage and advertising expenses resulting from a higher volume of tax sales and delinquent taxpayer mailings. He added that the increased costs have been addressed in the upcoming budget to help mitigate similar expenses in the future.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the request to reallocate $64,000 from salary savings to operations within the Tax Commissioner's Office budget to cover increased postage and advertising costs, seconded by Councilor Chambers and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

D. Revenue Division Update - Angelica Alexander, Finance Director

Finance Director Angelica Alexander provided a revenue update, reporting that occupation tax license processing and revenues remained on pace with the prior year. She also reviewed ongoing efforts to improve collections, customer service, and operational efficiency, including enhancements to online services and evaluation of a new software system.

E. Finance Update - Angelica Alexander, Finance Director

Finance Director Angelica Alexander provided the May 2026 financial update, reporting that overall revenues remained strong across most operating funds and that general fund revenues were up compared to the prior year. She reviewed year-over-year revenue and expenditure trends, highlighted several departments being monitored for budget performance, and stated that the City remained within its overall budget targets as the fiscal year nears completion.

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - INFORMATION ONLY

1. **Current Vacancy Report:** Boards, Commissions & Authorities. ***No Action Taken***

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

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

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the minutes of various boards, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

ADD-ON RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution (164-26) - A Resolution excusing Councilor Bruce Huff from the June 16, 2026, Council Meeting. Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

Resolution (165-26) - A Resolution excusing Councilor Toyia Tucker from the June 16, 2026, Council Meeting. Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro

Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

ADD-ON ITEM: Request to declare the seat of Tracy Belt on the Community Development Advisory Board as vacant. Councilor Anker made a motion to declare the seat as vacant, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

A. AUDIT COMMITTEE:

A nominee for a vacant seat for a Finance/Accounting or Governmental Rep. on the Audit Committee that expires on June 30, 2027. *(Mayor's Appointment)* There were none.

B. COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENERTAINMENT 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)* There were none.

C. PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES' BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

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.

D. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:

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

4. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – LISTED FOR CONFIRMATION:

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, Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

5. 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.

6. 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).* Clerk of Council McLemore advised that Councilor Tucker is nominating Val McGowan to fill the seat of Tracy Belt on the Community Development Advisory Council. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

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.

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.

C. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:

A nominee for the District 2 Representative on the Youth Advisory Council *(District 2 – Davis).* Clerk of Council McLemore announced that Councilor Davis is nominating Mary-Piper Scarborough of Calvary Christian to represent District 2. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

A nominee for the District 4 Representative on the Youth Advisory Council *(District 4 – Tucker).* 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.

7. 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.

Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore shared the Animal Control Advisory plans to submit recommendations on the board composition to the Assistant City Attorney soon.

B. BOARD OF FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES:

A nominee for the seat of Darlene Small *(Eligible to succeed)* with the term that expired on June 30, 2025, on the Board of Family & Children Services *(Council's Appointment).* Councilor Crabb nominated Darlene Small to serve another term on the Board of Family & Children Services.

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

A nominee for the seat for Sandra Gill *(Does not desire reappointment)* 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.

A nominee for the seat for Nancy Schroeder *(Does not desire reappointment)* 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.

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.

F. 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 Leftfwich *(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.

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

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.

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:

Resolution (166-26) - A resolution authorizing the Mayor, or his designee, the City Attorney and the Finance Director to make payments which total $500,000.00 to settle the above referenced claims of Clarence Nash against any and all parties, including attorney's fees which may be paid without presentation of a business license by Stewart Miller Simmons Trial Attorneys. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

Resolution (167-26) - A resolution authorizing the Mayor, Deputy City Manager, City Attorney, Risk Manager, Finance Director, and their representatives to make a payment of $27,000 to settle all damage claims of Dearrious Sparks stemming from the incident which occurred on May 27, 2025, and to execute all appropriate settlement documents to this effect. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

Resolution (168-26) - A resolution confirming the appointment of Pedro F. Cardenas as the Deputy Warden of Security for Muscogee County Prison. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

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.

Lindsey G. McLemore

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