COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

Council Chambers	August 11, 2026
C. E. "Red" McDaniel City Services Center- Second Floor	9:00 AM
3111 Citizens Way, 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 Simi Barnes, Travis L. Chambers (arrived at 9:03 a.m.), Joanne Cogle (arrived at 9:21 a.m.), Cathy Cook, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis, R. Walker Garrett, and Toyia Tucker. City Manager Tyson Begly, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Assistant City Attorney Lucy Sheftall, Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore, and Deputy Clerk of Council Tameka Colbert.

ABSENT: Councilor Bruce Huff was absent.

The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet: (1) MA#3: River Valley Regional Commission Columbus City Council; (2) MA#4: Internal Audit of Engineering Department PP; (3) CM#6(A): Columbus Consolidated Government Governmentwide Operational Performance Assessment: Phase I Results Presentation to City Council; (4) CM#6(B): Update: Results of AED Project

The following documents were distributed around the Council table: (1) MA#4: Internal Audit of Engineering Department PP; (2) MA#4: Engineering Department Operational Internal Audit; (3) CM#6(A): Operational Performance Assessment-Phase 1 Executive Summary (4) PA#6: XI MU Upsilon Sorority Incorporated

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Rev. John Hamilton, St Thomas Episcopal Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Serenity Powell from Hannan Elementary

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the July 28, 2026, Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Cogle being absent for the vote and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

PROCLAMATIONS:

2. **Proclamation:** Ridgecrest Rehab & Skilled Nursing Day

   Receiving: Britt Hayes, President/CEO Hospital Authority of Columbus

Mayor Pro Tem Allen read the proclamation into the record proclaiming Tuesday, August 11, 2026, as *Ridgecrest Rehab & Skilled Nursing Day*, recognizing Ridgecrest Rehabilitation and Skilled Nursing Center for receiving the 2026 Silver Achievement in Quality Award from the American

Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living for its commitment to quality long-term care.

PRESENTATIONS

3. River Valley Regional Commission Update - Jim Livingston, Executive Director, RVRC, and Hon. Carvel Lewis

Jim Livingston, Executive Director, RVRC introduced Chairman Carvel Lewis and provided an overview of the Commission. He explained that the Commission administers federal funding programs requiring local matching funds and thanked the City for its continued financial support. He highlighted regional transit expansion and efforts to establish a regional transit hub with METRA, along with the Commission's support of the Board of Historic Architectural Review.

Carvel Lewis, Chairman, RVRC outlined the Commission's mission to promote orderly growth and economic prosperity throughout the region and highlighted its core services, including planning and government services, aging services, and workforce development.

4. Engineering Department Operational Internal Audit Report – Donna McGinnis, Internal Auditor/Compliance Officer

Donna McGinnis, Internal Auditor/Compliance Officer, advised that the Internal Audit Division has recently focused on team development and cross-training to strengthen staff skills. She then turned the presentation over to Internal Auditors Benjamin Meadow and Grant , who assisted with completing the audit.

Forensic Auditor Benjamin Meadow stated that the Engineering Department audit was authorized by Council on January 13, 2026. He explained that the audit reviewed departmental and administrative operations, fleet and facility assets, staffing and payroll, purchasing practices, financial controls, and prior fiscal-year budgets. He also provided a short list of recommendations.

Forensic Auditor Grant Conoway summarized audit activities. He reported no significant issues with payroll, timesheets, or fleet maintenance and found the Department's new facility well suited for operations. However, the audit identified concerns regarding security in the employee parking area and unrestricted elevator access, opportunities to improve interdepartmental communication, and staffing challenges within the support specialist position.

Engineering Director Vance Beck addressed the audit findings, acknowledging turnover in the administrative support specialist position and stating that the Department's transition to digital processes should reduce the workload associated with that position.

In response to questions and concerns of Councilor Tucker, **Donna McGinnis, Internal Auditor/Compliance Officer,** explained that all audits begin with the same standardized framework based on Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) standards, including reviews of payroll, assets, organizational structure, and field interviews. She stated that the scope may vary depending on departmental engagement and additional issues or projects identified during the audit process.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE INTERNAL AUDITOR:

- Going forward, include the applicable audit standards, requirements, and evaluation criteria in audit presentations to Council (*Councilor Tucker*)

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

6. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Operational and Performance Assessment Presentation - David Roberts, Partner, Mauldin & Jenkins

(NOTE: This item was called up as the next order of business as listed on the City Manager's Agenda Item #6 "A")

David Roberts, Partner, Mauldin & Jenkins presented Phase One of the City's Operational Performance Assessment, covering 13 departments reporting to the City Manager. He explained that the assessment included interviews and job shadowing with more than 180 employees and highlighted several positive initiatives

Senior Associate Haley Kasnic summarized the enterprise-wide findings of the Operational Performance Assessment, identifying opportunities to improve departmental procedures, performance management, technology, facilities, equipment, and employee development. She recommended greater standardization, modernization, and investment in resources and workforce development across City departments.

City Manager Tyson Begly provided a response to the Operational Performance Assessment, stating that the recommendations will help guide the City's long-term planning. He reported that several recommendations are already underway, including the compensation study, facility assessments, technology improvements, SOP development, strategic planning, and performance measures. Other recommendations require further evaluation or Council consideration during future budget discussions.

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **Ordinance (26-037) - 2nd Reading:** REZN 05-26-0955: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at 3849 N Linden Drive (parcel # 087-028-012) from Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District to Single Family Residential – 2 (SFR2) Zoning District.) (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Barnes) Councilor Barnes made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

2. **Ordinance (26-038) - 2nd Reading:** An ordinance amending Article XIV of Chapter 13 of the Columbus Code to revise and modernize the Article; to adopt current state rules and regulations; to provide for a penalty for violations; and for other purposes. (Request of Muscogee County Board of Health) (Mayor Pro Tem) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

3. **Ordinance (26-039) - 2nd Reading:** An Ordinance amending Chapter 5 of the Columbus Code to rename and update the provisions pertaining to the Animal Services Advisory Board; and for other purposes. (Councilors Tucker, Crabb, and Garrett) Councilor Crabb made a motion to adopt

the ordinance, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Mr. Tim Mason, Re: PAWS Humane. *(Rescheduled from 07-14-2026.)* ***Not Present***

2. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Pay Equity – Speaking up for Women.

3. Mx. Mary Reynolds, Re: Opposition to ICE Cooperation. ***Not Present***

4. Mr. Gregory Foster, Re: Support for Sheriff Greg Countryman.

5. Ms. Kim Decker, Re: Public Comment Decorum and Sign Regulations.

6. Ms. Sanquenetta Requena, representing Xi Mu Upsilon Sorority Incorporated, Re: Community Baby Shower Event.

7. Dr. Natalie Nicole, representing Role Model Academy, Re: Community Concerns & Elected Accountability. ***Not Present***

8. Mr. Corie Wilson, Re: Department Oversight & Accountability. ***Not Present***

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA (continued)

1. Street Acceptance – Flame Street, that portion of Georgia Fire Street, and that portion of Confetti Blush Drive

Resolution (208-26): - A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the acceptance of a deed to Flame Street, that portion of Georgia Fire Street, and that portion of Confetti Blush Drive located in Old Town, a mixed community, on behalf of Columbus, Georgia. Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Cogle and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

2. GDOT Street Lighting Agreement

Resolution (209-26): - A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, to enter into an agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for the GDOT P.I. No. 000019535, SR 22/US 80 at Schomburg Road & at Blackmon Road – TIA Project on behalf of Columbus, Georgia. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Cogle and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

3. Intergovernmental Agreement with the Columbus Water Works

Resolution (210-26): - A resolution authorizing the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Board of Water Commissioners d/b/a Columbus Water Works (CWW) to transfer property located at 1125 Alexander Street (188 020 006) and beneficial use and improvements of portions of 1331 Alexander Street (188 020 005) & 1315 Alexander Street (188 020 008) to facilitate to accommodate CWW Expansion of the Administrative, Environmental Service, Field Service, and

Maintenance Personnel. Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cook and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Cogle and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

4. State of Georgia Department of Community Affairs Georgia Rehoused Application (Valley Healthcare)

Resolution (211-26): - A resolution to apply for and accept, if awarded, a Georgia Department of Community Affairs Acute Homeless Response and Prevention Services Grant through Georgia Rehoused and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount awarded. Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Cogle and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

5. <u>PURCHASES</u>

A. One (1) 2026 Chevrolet Suburban 2WD 4DR LS for Muscogee County Prison – Georgia Statewide Cooperative Contract Purchase

Resolution (212-26): - A resolution authorizing the purchase of One (1) 2026 Chevrolet Suburban 2WD 4dr LS for Muscogee County Prison from Hardy Chevrolet (Dallas, GA) in the amount of $66,625.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia State Contract #99999-SPD-SPD0000218-0006. Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Cogle and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

B. FY27 Sidewalk Construction and Repairs for Engineering

Resolution (213-26): - A resolution authorizing the FY27 sidewalk construction and repairs services from Alexander Contracting Company, Inc. (Fortson, GA) in the amount of $171,263.00. Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Cogle and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

C. Onsite Imaging and Indexing Services for Clerk of Superior Court – OMNIA Partners Cooperative Contract Purchase

Resolution (214-26): - A resolution authorizing the procurement of onsite imaging and indexing services for the Clerk of Superior Court from KoFile Technologies, Inc. (Dallas, TX) in the amount of $299,658.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Omnia Partners Contract # R231003. Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Cogle and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

D. Rescue Pumper for Fire and EMS Department – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase

Resolution (215-26): - A resolution authorizing the purchase of an E-One rescue pumper for Fire and EMS from Fireline, Inc. (Winder, GA) in the amount of $898,000.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #082025-RVG-1. Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Cogle and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

E. E-1 Three (3) Sutphen Heavy Duty Custom Pumpers for Fire and EMS Department – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase/ E-2 GMA Lease for Three (3) Sutphen Heavy Duty Custom Pumpers for Fire and EMS Department

Resolution (216-26): - A resolution authorizing the purchase of three (3) Sutphen Heavy Duty Custom Pumpers from The Sutphen Corporation (Dublin, OH)/Williams Fire Apparatus (Ashland, AL) Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Cogle and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

Resolution (217-26): - A resolution to authorize and direct the City Manager to execute one or more lease supplements for a lease or leases under the GMA Direct Leasing Program; to designate such leases as qualified tax-exempt obligations; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes. Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Cogle and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

F. Laundry Room Renovations for Muscogee County Prison

Resolution (218-26): - A resolution authorizing renovation services, for the laundry room at Muscogee County Prison, from Prime Contractors (Powder Springs, GA), in the amount of $50,500.00, plus any contingencies that may arise due to the age of the facility. Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Cogle and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

EMERGENCY PURCHASES

1. Emergency Purchases – Information Only

On July 28, 2028, the Engineering Director, R. Vance Beck, identified the need for repairs to a portion of the retaining wall on the Riverwalk. The repairs will stabilize a section of the wall where a brick has fallen. This will prevent the structure from failing and avoid potential injury to citizens.

The Engineering Department received a quote for the repair from Brasfield & Gorrie in the amount of $70,000.00. Brasfield & Gorrie is one of the vendors awarded the contract for On-Call General Contractor Services (Annual Contract), RFP No. 25-0003, per Res. No. 460-24 dated November 19, 2024.

The City Manager approved the emergency purchase on July 28, 2026

Funds are available in the FY27 budget: LOST-Infrastructure Fund – Engineering – Infrastructure-LOST – General Construction – Riverwalk Renovations; 0109-250-9901-LOST-7661-94003-20270.

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On Saturday, July 4, 2026, Warden Walker at Muscogee County Prison reported an unidentifiable person had breached the MCP property inside of the guard line. The civilian was on a bike and rode down the driveway, then turned around at the 4-way stop. Once out of sight, MCP had no way to determine exactly where the person went. Rutledge State Prison was also notified to be on the lookout. Due to this incident, Warden Walker requested an emergency purchase for additional rearfacing surveillance cameras to help prevent such occurrences, which could involve contraband introductions.

The department received a quote from Adapttosolve/Minuteman, in the amount of $51,478.78. Adapttosolve/Minuteman is the City's annual contracted vendor to provide Security Surveillance and Security Access Equipment (RFP No. 23-0002).

The Mayor approved the emergency purchase on July 4, 2026.

<u>POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVELDGE – DISTRICT 8 TOWN HALL MEETING</u>

<u>Councilor Walker Garrett</u> announced a District 8 Town Hall scheduled for August 22 at noon at Columbus Technical College and advised that an "All Hands on Deck" event is being planned for September to address additional District 8 concerns.

6. **<u>UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS</u>**

   A. Operational and Performance Assessment Presentation - David Roberts, Partner, Mauldin & Jenkins

(<u>NOTE:</u> This item was called forward during the Mayor's Agenda.)

   B. Outdoor AED Project Update - Lauren McIntosh - Risk Management & Compliance Officer

<u>Lauren McIntosh - Risk Management & Compliance Officer</u> provided an update on the City's Outdoor AED Project, reporting that 30 outdoor AED units were purchased for parks and other public areas. Twelve units have been installed, with the remaining units expected by the end of the fiscal year. The secured units are accessible by calling 911 for an access code, allowing emergency use while Fire and EMS are dispatched.

<u>ANNOUNCEMENT - ADA COORDINATOR</u>

<u>City Manager Tyson Begly</u> announced the designation of Lauren Macintosh, Risk Manager, as the City's ADA Coordinator and the establishment of an internal ADA committee. Citizens with ADA-related concerns should contact 311, which will forward the matter to the ADA Coordinator for appropriate departmental follow-up.

<u>BID ADVERTISEMENT</u>

DATE: **August 11, 2026**

TO: **Mayor and Councilors**

FROM: **Finance Department**

SUBJECT: **Advertised Bids/RFPs/RFQs**

<u>August 12, 2026</u>

1. **<u>Portable Toilet Rental & Service (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 26-0036</u>**

Scope of RFB

The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia (the City) is seeking vendors to provide portable toilets, hand washing stations and grey water collection containers at various City location sites. The contract term will be for two (2) years, with the option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods.

August 19, 2026

1. **HVAC Maintenance & Repair Services – (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 27-0003**

   Scope of RFB

   Provide HVAC Preventive Maintenance & Repair Services at various locations. The contract term shall be for three (3) years, with the option to renew for two (2) additional twelve-month periods.

August 21, 2026

A. **Environmental Consulting Services for Multipurpose Brownfield (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 27-0001**

Scope of RFP

The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia (the City) is seeking a qualified environmental consultant to provide assistance with its United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) Multipurpose Brownfield Grant. The environmental consultant will assist with the implementation of environmental assessment, site cleanup, remedial planning, and other components of the grant for which funding is secured.

The contract will be for three (3) years with the option to renew for two (2) additional twelve-month periods.

B. **Community Engagement Services For Multipurpose Brownfield Grant (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 27-0002**

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is seeking a qualified vendor to provide community engagement services for the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) Multipurpose Brownfield Grant. The community engagement vendor will coordinate and execute a public engagement strategy for the Multipurpose Grant.

The contract will be for three (3) years with the option to renew for two (2) additional twelve-month periods.

September 9, 2026

1. **Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System – RFP No. 27-0008**

   Scope of RFP

   Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is seeking proposals from qualified vendors to provide a fully integrated Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system and related implementation services. The proposed system shall modernize financial, human resource, and administrative operations through a secure, scalable, and integrated solution.

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

1. **Travel Authorization:** A travel authorization request for Councilor Simi Barnes to attend the ACCG Newly Elected Commissioners Conference in Athens, GA. *(State Mandated Training)* Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the travel authorization, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present with Councilors Cogle and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

2. **Travel Authorization:** A travel authorization request for Councilor Cathy Cook to attend the ACCG Newly Elected Commissioners Conference in Athens, GA. *(State Mandated Training)* Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the travel authorization, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present with Councilors Cogle and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

3. **Travel Authorization:** A travel authorization request for Councilor Cathy Cook to attend the 2026 National Foundation for Women Legislators Annual Conference in Nashville, TN. Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the travel authorization, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present with Councilors Cogle and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

4. **Travel Authorization:** A travel authorization request for Councilor-Elect Sherrie Aaron to attend the ACCG Newly Elected Commissioners Conference in Athens, GA. *(State Mandated Training)* Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the travel authorization, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present with Councilors Cogle and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

5. **Travel Authorization:** A travel authorization request for Councilor-Elect Becca Zajac to attend the ACCG Newly Elected Commissioners Conference in Athens, GA. *(State Mandated Training)* Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the travel authorization, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present with Councilors Cogle and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

6. **Resolution (219-26):** A Resolution changing the regularly scheduled Council meetings for the month of November 2026. Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present with Councilors Cogle and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

7. **Resolution (220-26):** A Resolution changing the regularly scheduled Council meetings for the month of December 2026. Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present with Councilors Cogle and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

ADD-ON RESOLUTION

Resolution (221-26) - A Resolution excusing Councilor Bruce Huff from the August 11, 2026, Regular Council Meeting. **(ADD-ON)** Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Cogle and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

8. Minutes of the following boards:

Airport Commission 06-24-26

Board of Tax Assessors #27-26 & 28-26

Columbus Convention & Visitor Board (CVB) 02-18-26

Columbus Golf Authority 06-16-26

Columbus Water Commission 05-11-26

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

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

9. 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 expired on June 30, 2027. *(Mayor's Appointment)* There were none.

B. COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:

A nominee for a vacant seat for a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) on the Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority that expired 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 expired 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.

10. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – LISTED FOR CONFIRMATION:

A. COLUMBUS GOLF AUTHORITY: Stephen Hyles was nominated to fill a vacant seat. *(Councilor Davis's nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2030 Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Cogle and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

B. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION (KCBC): Shanise Thomason was nominated to fill a vacant seat for a representative of Senatorial District 29 (SD-29). *(Councilor Tucker's nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2029 Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Cogle and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

C. **KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION (KCBC):** Stephanie Quinones was nominated to fill a vacant seat for a representative of Senatorial District 29 (SD-29). *(Councilor Tucker's nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2029 Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Cogle and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

D. **LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:** Fernando C. Verdree was renominated to serve another term as the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) Representative. *(Councilor Huff's nominee)* Term expires: August 14, 2030 Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Cogle and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

E. **LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:** George C. McDowell was renominated to serve another term. *(Councilor Huff's nominee)* Term expires: August 14, 2030 Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Cogle and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

F. **LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:** Zach Lee was renominated to serve another term. *(Councilor Huff's nominee)* Term expires: August 14, 2030 Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Cogle and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

G. **PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION (PAC):** Rick Stallings was renominated to serve another term. *(Councilor Tucker's nominee)* Term expires: August 31, 2029 Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Cogle and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

H. **PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION (PAC):** Ralph King was nominated to succeed Gloria Thomas. *(Councilor Crabb's nominee)* Term expires: August 31, 2029 Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Cogle and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

11. 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.

12. <u>COUNCIL DISTRICT SEAT APPOINTMENTS- ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:</u>

A. <u>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:</u>

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 – Barnes).* There were none.

B. <u>PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:</u>

A nominee for the vacant seat of District 2 Representative for a term that expires on October 31, 2026, on the Public Safety Advisory Commission *(District 2 – Davis).* There were none.

A nominee for the vacant seat of District 3 Representative for a term that expires on October 31, 2028, on the Public Safety Advisory Commission *(District 3 – Huff).* There were none.

A nominee for the vacant seat of District 4 Representative for a term that expires on October 31, 2026, on the Public Safety Advisory Commission *(District 4 – Tucker).* There were none.

A nominee for the vacant seat of District 5 Representative for a term that expires on October 31, 2026, on the Public Safety Advisory Commission *(District 5 – Crabb).* There were none.

C. <u>YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:</u>

A nominee for the District 9 Representative on the Youth Advisory Council *(District 9 – Cook).* Councilor Cook nominated Victoria Watson of Columbus High School to represent District 9 on the Youth Advisory Council. Councilor Cook made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Cogle and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

A nominee for the District 10 Representative on the Youth Advisory Council *(District 10 – Chambers).* Councilor Chambers nominated Jordan Borage to represent District 10 on the Youth Advisory Council. Councilor Chambers made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Cogle and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

13. <u>COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – ANY NOMINATIONS WOULD BE LISTED FOR THE NEXT MEETING:</u>

A. <u>ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:</u>

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.

B. <u>BOARD OF HEALTH:</u>

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.

C. 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.

A nominee for the seat of George C. McDowell *(Eligible)* for a term that expires on August 14, 2026, on the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board *(Council's Appointment).* Councilor Huff renominated George C. McDowell to serve another term on the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board.

A nominee for the seat of Zach Lee *(Eligible)* for a term that expires on August 14, 2026, on the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board *(Council's Appointment).* Councilor Huff renominated Zach Lee to serve another term on the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board.

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

A nominee for the seat of Sandra Gill *(Does not desire reappointment)* for a term that expired 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 Nancy Schroeder *(Does not desire reappointment)* for a term that expired 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.

E. 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.

F. 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.

G. TREE BOARD:

A nominee for a vacant seat *(At-Large)* for a term that expires on December 31, 2026, on the Tree Board (*Council's Appointment)***.** There were none.

A nominee for a vacant seat *(At-Large)* for a term that expires on December 31, 2028, on the Tree Board (*Council's Appointment)***.** There were none.

A nominee for a vacant seat *(At-Large)* for a term that expires on December 31, 2028, on the Tree Board (*Council's Appointment)***.** There were none.

A nominee for a vacant seat *(Residential Development)* for a term that expires on December 31, 2026, on the Tree Board (*Council's Appointment)***.** There were none.

A nominee for a vacant seat *(Commercial or Industrial Development)* for a term that expires on December 31, 2026, on the Tree Board (*Council's Appointment)***.** There were none.

A nominee for a vacant seat *(Public Utility Representative)* for a term that expires on July 1, 2028, on the Tree Board (*Council's Appointment)***.** There were none.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS (ADD-ON)

COUNCIL NOMINATIONS – ANY NOMINATION WOULD BE FORWARDED THE MEDICAL CENTER HOSPITAL AUTHORITY:

A. HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

A nominee for the seat of Sarah Banks-Lang *(Not Eligible)* for a term that expires on December 31, 2026, on the Hospital Authority of Columbus (*Council's Appointment)***.** Mayor Pro Tem Allen nominated Dr. Asante Hilts, Sonya Johnson, and Mimi Woodson for the seat of Sarah Banks-Lang, as recommended by the Hospital Authority of Columbus. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to forward the nominations to the Hospital Authority of Columbus for selection, seconded by Councilor Cook and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Cogle and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

B. THE MEDICAL CENTER HOSPITAL AUTHORITY:

A nominee for the seat of Brenda DeRamus *(Not Eligible)* for a term that expires on December 31, 2026, on the The Medical Center Hospital Authority (*Council's Appointment)***.** Mayor Pro Tem Allen nominated Warren Steele, Travis Wade, and Tracy Sayers, for the seat of Brenda DeRamus as recommended by The Medical Center Hospital Authority. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to forward the nominations to the Hospital Authority of Columbus for selection, seconded by Councilor Cook and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Cogle and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

PUBLIC AGENDA (continued)

2. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Pay Equity – Speaking up for Women.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Real Estate Acquisition and Disposal and Litigation as requested by City Attorney Fay. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Davis carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Cogle and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting, and the time being 11:14 a.m.

The Regular Meeting was reconvened at 12:01 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 (222-26) - A resolution authorizing a payment of $42,000 to settle claims filed by Amanda Guthrie. Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cook and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Cogle and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilor Huff 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 August 11, 2026, Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Cogle and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting and the time being 12:02 p.m.

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