



~~POST SUMMARY MINUTES~~

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

August 25, 2026
5:30 PM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen and Councilors Simi Barnes, Travis L. Chambers, Joanne Cogle, Cathy Cook, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis, Bruce Huff (arrived at 5:40 p.m.) 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 R. Walker Garrett was absent.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen, III, Presiding

INVOCATION: Offered by Pastor Carlos Coleman, New Birth Outreach

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by The Youth Advisory Council

MINUTES:

Mayor's Agenda #1: Vote Result: APPROVED

1. Approval of minutes for the August 11, 2026, Council Meeting and Executive Session.

PROCLAMATIONS:

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

2. **Proclamation:** Steve Brown Day

Receiving: Steve Brown

Mayor's Agenda #3: *No Action Taken (Proclamation read into the record by Councilor Chambers)*

3. **Proclamation:** International Overdose Awareness Day

Receiving: River City Recovery

PRESENTATIONS

4. Youth Advisory Council – Presented by Lisa Goodwin, Deputy City Manager. ***No Action Taken***

5. Oakland Park Community Emergency Response Team, Chance Corbet, Director of Emergency Management & Homeland Security. ***No Action Taken***

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

City Attorney's Agenda #1: ***PUBLIC HEARING HELD***

1. **1st Reading:** REZN-04-26-0739: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **6909 Buena Vista Road** (parcel # 115-008-029) from Single Family Residential – 2 (SFR2) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Delayed 30 days on 1st Reading from 6-9-26, delayed again for 30 days on 1st Reading 7-14-26.) (Councilor Tucker)

City Attorney's Agenda #2: ***PUBLIC HEARING HELD***

2. **1st Reading:** An Ordinance approving a policy concerning Domain/Website purchasing and use as Addendum 7 to the Acceptable and Supportable use of Technology Policy Number 210-1000-004. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

City Attorney's Agenda #3: ***Vote Result: AMENDED adding language stating that the employee contribution reduction would be effective January 1, 2027, or on an earlier date approved by the City Manager. The amendment applied to both the General Government and Public Safety pension plan sections.***

3. **1st Reading:** An ordinance (i) amending the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for General Government Employees and the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for Employees of the Department of Public Safety to reduce the vesting schedule for active participants, add benefit accruals for up to 40 Years of Service, and reduce mandatory contributions for employees hired after July 1, 2012, and (ii) amending the Columbus, Georgia Employees' Deferred Retirement Option Plan to remove the three-year suspension period for new participants. (Councilor Davis)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Mr. Carlton Brantley, representing Georgetown Subdivision, Re: Cat Colony Issue. ***No Action Taken***
2. Dr. Natalie Nicole, representing Role Model Academy, Re: Community Concerns & Elected Accountability. ***No Action Taken***
3. Mr. Lakeithon Coleman, Re: Request for a Public Park on 1st Avenue. ***No Action Taken***
4. Ms. Kim Decker, Re: Transparency and Full Disclosure of "Secret Talks". ***No Action Taken***
5. Mr. Val McGowan, Re: Zoning and Code Enforcement. ***No Action Taken***
6. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Free-Speech Rights and Violations of the Open Records and Open Meetings Acts. ***No Action Taken***
7. Mrs. Darlene Laird, Re: Response to Allegations Regarding Data Center Opposition. ***No Action Taken***
8. Ms. Nargarina Burkley, Re: East Columbus – Forrest Road and Floyd Road Blight. ***No Action Taken***
9. Mr. Gannon Harris, Re: Community Support. ***No Action Taken***
10. Mr. Mick Etchison, Re: Natural Gas Pipeline Usage in Rural Areas of Columbus. ***No Action Taken***
11. Mr. Corie Wilson, Re: Loitering Ordinance. ***No Action Taken***

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

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

1. Acquisition of Property

Approval is requested to authorize the City Manager to execute a Real Estate Agreement for approximately 42.54 acres located at Cusseta Road and 10th Ave.

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

2. Columbus Airport Commission Funding Support

Approval is requested to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Columbus Airport Commission and the Development Authority to support the economic development activities at the airport and rescind Resolution No. 192-26.

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

3. Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement Between Columbus Consolidated Government and the Georgia State Historic Preservation Officer Regarding the Demolition of 2610 16th Avenue, Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia

Approval is requested to execute an amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Columbus Consolidated Government and the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) to extend the MOA timeline for the demolition of 2610 16th Avenue, which is contributing to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)-eligible expansion of the NRHP-listed Weracoba - St. Elmo Historic District.

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

4. Acceptance of a Sidewalk and Maintenance Easement Deed for Additional Right-of-Way Adjacent to Airport Thruway and Manchester Expressway

Approval is requested for an Easement Deed for Sidewalks from CGP COLUMBUS (AIRPORT) TB, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, being in that portion of Land Lot 55, 8th District, 3484.8 sq. ft. (.08 Acres), along and adjacent to Airport Thruway and Whitesville Road.

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

5. FY27 Inmate Capacity Agreement

Approval is requested to enter into an Inmate Capacity Agreement with the Georgia Department of Corrections for up to and including five-hundred and twenty eight (528) State inmates to be housed at the Muscogee County Prison.

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

6. DOJ FY 2026 Bridging Immigration-Related Deficits Experienced Nationwide (“BIDEN”) Program

Approval is requested for submission, acceptance, and expenditure of any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, a grant from the Department of Justice’s (DOJ) FY 2026 Bridging Immigration-Related Deficits Experienced Nationwide (BIDEN) Program, to increase investigations and prosecutions of crimes by individuals unlawfully present and drug/human trafficking cases.

7. PURCHASES

City Manager’s Agenda #7(A-R): Vote Result: APPROVED

- A. Liberty Theater Electrical Work and Temporary Lighting
- B. 7 Yard Dump Truck for Public Works – Georgia Statewide Cooperative Contract Purchase
- C. One (1) F-450 Flatbed Dump Truck for Public Works - Georgia Statewide Cooperative Contract Purchase
- D. One (1) Water Truck 4,000 Gallon for Public Works – Omnia Partners Cooperative Contract Purchase
- E. One (1) New Way Viper 11 Yard Rear Loader Refuse Body for Public Works – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase
- F. One (1) D3 Bulldozer for Public Works – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase
- G. Contract Extension for Portable Toilet Rental and Service (Annual Contract) - RFB No. 20-0054
- H. Contract Extension for Leather Items (Annual Contract) - RFB No. 20-0013
- I. Fifteen (15) Z930 Zero Turn Mowers for Public Works – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase
- J. Three (3) Ford Explorers for State Court Solicitor – Georgia Statewide Cooperative Contract Purchase
- K. One (1) Mini Excavator for Public Works – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase
- L. One (1) Inmate Detail Van for Public Works – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase
- M. Amendment 22 for Construction Manager as General Contractor Services for Columbus Government Center Complex – RFQ No. 20-0002

- N. Custom Mobile Drone Command and Control Van for Fire & EMS
- O. (1) Purchase - Thirty-Eight (38) 2027 Ford Interceptors for the Police Department; (2) GMA Lease for Thirty-Eight (38) 2027 Ford Interceptors for the Police Department
- P. (1) Purchase - Thirty-Eight (38) Vehicle Buildout Packages for the Police Department; (2) GMA Lease for Thirty-Eight (38) Vehicle Buildout Packages for the Police Department
- Q. (1) Purchase - Vehicle Graphics for Thirty-Eight (38) Patrol Vehicles for the Police Department; (2) GMA Lease for Vehicle Graphics for Thirty-Eight (38) Patrol Vehicles for the Police Department
- R. (1) Purchase - Thirty-Eight (38) Hand-Held Electronic Citation/Summons Printers for the Police Department; (2) GMA Lease for Thirty-Eight (38) Hand-Held Electronic Citation/Summons Printers for the Police Department

ADD-ON RESOLUTION:

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

Approval is requested to apply for the FY2026 Model Cities Initiative (MCI) grant from the Department of Justice in the amount of \$115,298,250.00, or as otherwise awarded, which will be utilized to leverage federal resources to build capacity, strengthen accountability, hire and protect law enforcement officers, support American victims, and deliver measurable reductions in violent crime that can serve as a model of innovation for replication nationwide. Council approval is required before acceptance of any awarded funds.

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - INFORMATION ONLY

1. **Meeting Schedule:** Council Meeting Schedule for the remainder of 2026.

ADD-ON RESOLUTION:

Clerk of Council (Add-on Resolution): Vote Result: APPROVED

A Resolution rescinding Resolution No. 219-26 and changing the regularly scheduled Council meetings for the month of November 2026.

ENCLOSURES – ACTION REQUESTED

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

2. **Resignation:** Correspondence from Anna-Claire Daniels, resigning from her seat on the Animal Control Advisory Board.

Clerk of Council's Agenda #3: Vote Result: APPROVED

3. **Resolution:** A Resolution excusing Councilor R. Walker Garrett from the August 25, 2026, Regular Council Meeting.

Clerk of Council's Agenda #4: Vote Result: RECEIVED

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

Board of Children & Family Services 07-22-26

Board of Elections and Registration 06-22-26

Board of Tax Assessors #29-26 & 30-26

Board of Water Commissioners 07-20-26

Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority 07-13-26 & 08-10-26

Development Authority of Columbus 07-09-26

BOARD APPOINTMENTS – ACTION REQUESTED

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

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

A. **AUDIT COMMITTEE:**

Vacant

Finance/Accounting or Governmental Rep.

Term Expires: June 30, 2027

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 2 Year Term Limit: 3

Meetings: Meets as needed.

Open for Nominations
(Mayor's Appointment)

Women:	1	Senatorial District 15:
Vacancies:	1	Senatorial District 29:

Clerk of Council's Agenda #5(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 #5(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 – 1 st Wednesday	
Women:	4	Senatorial District 15: 9
Vacancies:	1	Senatorial District 29: 2

6. NOMINATIONS – CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL:

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

A. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (BHAR):

Open for Nominations

Vacant
Uptown Business Association
Term Expires: January 31, 2029

(Confirmed by Council)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year	Term Limit: 2
Meetings:	Monthly – 2 nd Monday	
Women:	4	Senatorial District 15: 6
Vacancies:	2	Senatorial District 29: 2

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

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

A. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:

Vacant
Term Expired: March 27, 2026

Open for Nominations
(District 1 – Barnes)

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:	3	Senatorial District 15: 7
Vacancies:	2	Senatorial District 29: 4

Clerk of Council's Agenda #7(B): Nomination(s): Councilor Crabb nominated David "Scott" Thomann to fill the District 5 vacant seat on the Public Safety Advisory Council; Vote Result: CONFIRMED

B. PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:

Vacant
Term Expired: October 31, 2026

Open for Nominations
(District 2 – Davis)

Vacant
Term Expired: October 31, 2028

Open for Nominations
(District 3 – Huff)

Vacant
Term Expired: October 31, 2026

Open for Nominations
(District 4 – Tucker)

Vacant
Term Expired: October 31, 2028

Open for Nominations
(District 5 – Crabb)

Membership and Meeting Information

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

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

Clerk of Council’s Agenda #8(A): No Action Taken

A. 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	
Women:	4	Senatorial District 15: 0
Vacancies:	1	Senatorial District 29: 5

Clerk of Council’s Agenda #8(B): No Action Taken

B. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

Vacant
Term Expires: March 24, 2027

Open for Nominations
(Council’s Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	2 Year	Term Limit: n/a
Meetings:	As needed.	
Women:	1	Senatorial District 15: 1
Vacancies:	1	Senatorial District 29: 3

Clerk of Council's Agenda #8(C): No Action Taken

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

Sandra Gill

Does not desire reappointment
Term Expired: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Nancy Schroeder

Does not desire reappointment
Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Judge David Ranieri

Does not desire reappointment
Term Expired: June 30, 2025

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year	Term Limit: n/a
Meetings:	Monthly – 2nd Monday	
Women:	2	Senatorial District 15: 3
Vacancies:	0	Senatorial District 29: 1

Clerk of Council's Agenda #8(D): No Action Taken

D. PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:

Vacant

(Alternate Member 1)

Term expires: December 31, 2027

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Vacant

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

(Alternate Member 2)

Term expires: December 31, 2027

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 #8(E): No Action Taken

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

Dr. Janet C. Bussey

Does not desire reappointment

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year	Term Limit: 2
Meetings:	Bimonthly – 2nd Wednesday (Odd months)	
Women:	4	Senatorial District 15: 3
Vacancies:	0	Senatorial District 29: 1

Clerk of Council's Agenda #8(F): Nomination(s): Councilor Cogle nominated Dawson Buchanan to fill one of the At-Large vacant seats on the Tree Board.

F. TREE BOARD:

Vacant

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

(At-Large)

Term expires: December 31, 2026

Vacant

(At-Large)

Term expires: December 31, 2028

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Vacant

(At-Large)

Term expires: December 31, 2028

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Vacant

(Residential Development)

Term expires: December 31, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Vacant

(Commercial or Industrial Development)

Term expires: December 31, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Vacant

(Public Utility Representative)

Term expires: July 1, 2028

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 3 Year

Term Limit: 2

Meetings: Meets as needed.

Women: 4

Senatorial District 15: 4

Vacancies: 6

Senatorial District 29: 1

PUBLIC AGENDA (continued)

1. Mr. Carlton Brantley, representing Georgetown Subdivision, Re: Cat Colony Issue. ***No Action Taken***

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Pro Tem Allen entertained a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Litigation as requested by City Attorney Fay. Councilor Cogle made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Crabb carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Davis and Huff being absent for the vote and Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting, and the time being 9:07 p.m.

The Regular Meeting was reconvened at 9:52 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.

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

A resolution authorizing a payment of \$65,000 to settle claims filed by Eddie Hamilton.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Skip Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Councilor Tucker to adjourn the August 25, 2026, Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Cook and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting and the time being 9:53 p.m.