

COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING **MINUTES**

Council Chambers
C. E. “Red” McDaniel City Services Center- Second Floor
2960 Macon Road, Columbus, GA 31906

February 10, 2026
9:00 AM
Regular Meeting

M A Y O R ’ S A G E N D A

PRESENT: Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson, III, Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen and Councilors John Anker, Travis L. Chambers, Joanne Cogle, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis, Byron Hickey, Bruce Huff and Toyia Tucker (via teleconference). Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin, 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.

The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet: (1) MA#5: Columbus Consolidated Government Financial & Compliance Audit – June 30, 2025; (2) MA#6: Columbus Police Department: Progress and Performance Update; (3) CA#7: Series 2026 Revenue Bonds Presentation

The following documents were distributed around the Council table: (1) MA#5: FY25 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report; (2) CA#7: Resolution of Columbus Water Works; (3) PA#5: Government Trust and Government Follow-Through; (4) PA#10: ETAL Contact Portion of Heir Property

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Skip Henderson

At this point in the meeting, Mayor Henderson announced Councilor Toyia Tucker being in attendance virtually.

MINUTES:

1. Approval of minutes for the January 27, 2026, Council Meeting and Executive Session. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

PROCLAMATIONS

2. **Proclamation:** Arbor Day

Receiving: Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission

Mayor Pro Tem Gary Allen read the proclamation into the record proclaiming Saturday, February 21, 2026, as *Arbor Day*, recognizing the City's longstanding Tree City USA designation and the 48th Anniversary Celebration to be held at Lake Bottom Park.

3. **Proclamation:** 211 Day

Receiving: Ben Moser, President & CEO of United Way, and Jennifer St John, Senior Vice President of Impact

Councilor Travis Chambers read the proclamation into the record proclaiming Wednesday, February 11, 2026, as *211 Day*, recognizing 211 of the Chattahoochee Valley for providing free, confidential, multilingual assistance connecting residents to essential community resources.

4. **Proclamation:** Brian Daniel Waters

Receiving: Family of Brian Daniel Waters

Councilor Charmaine Crabb read the proclamation into the record proclaiming Wednesday, January 28, 2026, as *Brian Daniel Waters Day*, honoring the life and legacy of Brian Daniel Waters, recognizing his dedicated service to Paws Humane, his creation of the Barks and Blues fundraiser, and his contributions to student broadcasting and the local music community.

PRESENTATIONS

5. FY25 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report – David Irwin, External Auditor, Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC

Finance Director Angelica Alexander introduced David Irving of Mauldin & Jenkins, the City's external independent auditors, to present the FY25 Financial and Compliance Audit. She also recognized Accounting Manager Sharita Wiggins for her leadership during what was her first audit cycle.

David Irwin, External Auditor, Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC presented the FY25 financial and compliance audit, reporting that the City received a clean (unmodified) opinion with no audit findings, including unmodified opinions on required federal compliance reviews. He highlighted the City's strong financial position, stable revenues and expenditures, and continued compliance with fund balance policies, noting the City also earned its 35th consecutive Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. While overall finances remain sound, he recommended periodic evaluation of certain enterprise funds, particularly waste management, to support long-term operational sustainability.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT:

- A request was made for an update on the Integrated Waste Fund to assess whether previously implemented corrective actions are effectively addressing the identified issues. Staff responded affirmatively. *(Councilor Crabb)*

6. 2025 Year-End Statistical Data & Accomplishments – Chief Stoney Mathis, Columbus Police Department

Chief Stoney Mathis, Columbus Police Department, addressed Council and highlighted recent recognitions received on behalf of the Columbus Police Department. He credited the men and women of the department for their dedication and frontline service, reporting reductions in crime, including historically low homicide numbers in 2025.

Deputy Chief Roderick Graham presented an overview of the Police Department's recruiting, staffing, training, and community engagement efforts, highlighting significant improvements in sworn personnel vacancies. He also reported continued investments in training and leadership development, as well as reductions in major crime categories.

Assistant Chief Lance Deaton continued the presentation by highlighting proactive policing efforts. He reported that investigative clearance rates significantly exceeded national averages. He also cited strong clearance rates in robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, and motor vehicle theft cases.

Chief Stoney Mathis, Columbus Police Department reiterated the department's long-standing goal of reaching 400 sworn officers to sustain crime reduction efforts. He formally requested certification incentive pay for specialized roles, estimating an annual cost of approximately \$270,000. He also urged Council to consider future implementation of overtime compensation for officers called out for extended incidents.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE MAYOR:

- A request was made for a copy of the Police Department's presentation to be provided to Council.
(*Councilor Anker*)
- A request was made for an update on other law enforcement agencies and their current efforts.
(*Councilor Cogle*)

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **2nd Reading-** REZN-10-25-1931: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **2361 South Lumpkin Road** (parcel # 059-053-001) from Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Continued from 12-16-26) (Councilor Cogle) Councilor Cogle made a motion to deny the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Chambers and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Hickey and Huff being absent for the vote and Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.
2. **Ordinance (26-002) – 2nd Reading-** REZN-11-25-2127: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **6213 and 6221 Macon Road** (parcel # 111-008-005) from Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District with conditions. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Crabb) Councilor Crabb made

a motion to add the following conditions: 1) There will be a buffer of 10 feet with a certain amount of shrubs/ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet as specified by the City Arborist and a wood fence or masonry wall. 2) All lighting shall be directed internally and away from all residential housing, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Hickey and Huff being absent for the vote and Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting. Councilor Crabb made a motion to adopt the ordinance as amended, seconded by Councilor Chambers and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Hickey and Huff being absent for the vote and Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

3. **Ordinance (26-003) – 2nd Reading:** REZN CUVA: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain portions of a district known as the Conversation Use Valuation Assessment, from RE1 (Residential Estate 1) Zoning District to RE5 (Residential Estate 5) Zoning District. (Planning Department recommends approval.) (Mayor Pro-Tem and Councilor Davis) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Hickey and Huff being absent for the vote and Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.
4. **1st Reading:** REZN-11-25-2173: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **3233 6th Avenue** (parcel # 014-018-028) from Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1) Zoning District with conditions. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval) (Continued on 1st Reading from 1-27-26.) (Councilor Garrett)

(Note: This item was withdrawn from the City Attorney's Agenda prior to consideration.)

5. **1st Reading-** REZN-12-25-2295: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **4937 Macon Road** (parcel # 097-001-002) from Single Family Residential – 2 (SFR2) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1) with conditions Zoning District. (Planning Department recommends approval with conditions. PAC recommends denial) (Councilor Hickey)

(Note: This item was withdrawn from the City Attorney's Agenda prior to consideration.)

6. **1st Reading-** An ordinance regulating the vehicular traffic in Columbus, Georgia, by amending City Code Section 20-8.1.1 **Through Streets Designated** by deleting "Averette drive" as an intersecting street with the through street of Preston Drive; by amending Columbus Code Section 20-8.1.2 **Multi-way Stops Designated** for the purpose of establishing a multi-way stop at the intersection of Preston Drive and Averett Drive; authorizing the installation of official traffic control devices indicating said stop intersections and repealing any conflicting ordinances and for other purposes. (Councilors Garrett and Crabb)

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge stated that the Director of Engineering provided information to Council regarding the requested four-way stop. She explained that installation of traffic control devices is governed by the national Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), and the intersection in question does not meet the required warrants for a four-way stop.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- *Sid Yarbrough* – Expressed concerns that increased traffic, speeding, and cut-through activity have created unsafe conditions for pedestrians and requested consideration of a traffic stop.

Engineering Director Vance Beck explained that four-way stops are typically reserved for high-traffic intersections, because drivers are less likely to comply in low-volume areas, and added that traffic counts at this location do not meet the national MUTCD criteria required to justify a four-way stop.

- *Ed Berry* – Expressed concerns about excessive speeding along creating unsafe conditions for pedestrians and neighborhood residents.

RESOLUTIONS

7. **Resolution (029-26):** A Resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia authorizing the issuance of Columbus, Georgia Water and Sewerage Revenue Bonds, Series 2026, in accordance with the request of the Columbus, Georgia Board of Water Commissioners; to authorize the Mayor and other officials of Columbus to take such further actions as are necessary to provide for the sale, issuance, and delivery of the bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$140,000,000 for the purpose of financing or refinancing certain additions, extensions, and improvements to the water and sewerage system and refunding a portion of the Series 2014A and the Series 2016 Water and Sewerage Revenue Bonds; and for other purposes. (Request of Columbus, Georgia Board of Water Commissioners) Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote and Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

Jeremy Cummings, Chief Executive Officer of Columbus Water Works presented a proposal to issue up to \$140 million in revenue bonds. He provided additional details on the proposed bond issue and referenced the previously presented capital plan. He stated his request is for Council to adopt a parameter bond resolution authorizing issuance of Series 2026 Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds

Brian Huskey, Managing Director of Stifel Public Finance, explained that the proposed transaction includes both a 30-year “new money” bond and a 10-year refunding bond and provided a market update noting that long-term municipal bond rates have remained relatively stable amid broader economic uncertainty.

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Ms. Vickie C. Stafford, Re: The Proposed Rezoning of 4937 Macon Road.
2. Mrs. Monica Luker, Re: A presentation of thanks and appreciation for all that the Mayor of Columbus and City Council Members do for our AMAZING Columbus!
3. Mr. Johnathan Cole, representing Cole’s Towing, Re: Vehicle Towing Services Contract.
4. Mr. Nakia Lee, representing Topic Salon, Re: Road construction and the impact on businesses.
Not Present
5. Dr. Natalie Nicole, representing Role Model Academy, Re: Public Trust and Government Follow-Through.
6. Mr. Timothy Veals, Re: Head Street Safety Concerns and Property Owner Responsibilities.
7. Mr. Val McGowan, Re: Buena Vista Road & Spider Web Project – Quality of work, materials, and oversight.

Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin advised that the City cannot enter active construction zones to perform cleanup, but will notify the responsible contractor and follow up to ensure the area is properly addressed.

8. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Planning Department, Inspections, Demolitions, and Land for Sale. ***Not Present***
9. Mrs. Robyn Burnett, representing New Bethel AME Church, Re: Hazardous walkway and a need for stop light similar to other cities in Georgia.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE ENGINEERING DIRECTOR:

- A request was for Director Beck to conduct a site visit to evaluate the identified area. (*Councilor Cogle*)

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge advised that concerns regarding Victory Drive would be referred to GDOT, as it is a state route, and staff will evaluate potential pedestrian improvements in coordination with the South Lumpkin Road project and consult with GDOT. She agreed to conduct an on-site meeting with the church congregation to assess the concerns firsthand.

10. Mrs. Audrey Holston-Palmore, Re: ETAL Contact Portion of Heir Property
11. Reverend Mark Lawrence, representing Mount Olive Baptist Church, Fortson, Re: Moving forward without looking back.
12. Mr. John Scott, Re: Destruction of property in Windsor Park and Tanglewood.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. 2026 Legislative Agenda Items – Additional Proposed Items

Approval is requested of the resolutions for the 2026 Legislative Session of the Georgia General Assembly.

5 (1). MUSCOGEE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT CLERK – SALARIES:

The Columbus Council requests that the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce legislation to amend the local act found at Georgia Laws 1984, page 4314. The requested amendment would provide that the salary of the Muscogee County Superior Court Clerk shall be no less than 80% of the state base salary of the superior court judges for the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit or any future judicial circuit that includes Muscogee County. Based upon the terms of office served by the Muscogee County Superior Court Clerk, longevity and cost of living increases shall be added to the salary of the clerk of said court under the same provisions and in the same manner as provided for longevity and cost of living increases pursuant to general law. The salary of the Chief Deputy Clerk appointed pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 15-6-59 shall be recommended by the Muscogee County

Superior Court Clerk and approved in the Clerk of Superior Court's Budget. In no event shall such Chief Deputy Clerk's salary be less than 65% of the base salary of the Muscogee County Superior Court Clerk, excluding any longevity or cost of living increases. (*Request of Councilor Toyia Tucker*)

(Note: This item was withdrawn at the request of the Clerk of Superior Court.)

2. Department of Accountability Courts – CACJ Annual Grant

Resolution (030-26) - A resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to submit and if approved, accept a grant of \$650,000 or as otherwise awarded from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to fund the Superior Court Accountability Courts from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 with a 15% cash local match requirement and also authorizing Dr. Andrew Cox as the sole provider for evaluation and clinical services for the program for fiscal year 2026/2027 and to amend the multi-governmental fund by the award amount. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Hickey being absent for the vote and Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

3. Department of Accountability Courts – Jail Screening Expansion Grant

Resolution (031-26) - A resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to submit and, if approved, accept a grant of \$169,720 or as otherwise awarded from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to fund the Superior Court Accountability Courts jail screening project from February 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027, and to amend the multi-governmental fund by the award amount. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Hickey being absent for the vote and Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

4. Project Life Saver- BJA FY25 The Kevin and Avonte Program: Reducing Injury and Death of Missing Individuals with Dementia and Developmental Disabilities

Resolution (032-26) - A resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and city regulations, if awarded, a grant of \$150,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, BJA FY25 the Kevin and Avonte program: reducing injury and death of missing individuals with dementia and developmental disabilities grant, and to amend the multi-governmental fund by the amount awarded. Funds will be utilized to purchase tracking technology used to find vulnerable missing persons. It also funds

wandering prevention, intervention, and rescue programs. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Chambers and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Hickey being absent for the vote and Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

5. PURCHASES

- A. Paint (Interior/Exterior) and Accessories (Annual Contract) – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (033-26) - A resolution authorizing the purchase of Paint, Interior/Exterior and Accessories from Sherwin Williams (Atlanta, GA), for the annual estimated contract value of \$25,000.00. The purchases will be accomplished by Cooperative contract, via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-001-SPD0000223-0002. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Hickey being absent for the vote and Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

- B. Two (2) Ford Transit Vans for Public Works – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (034-26) - A resolution to authorizing the purchase two (2) Ford Transit Vans for the Public Works Department from Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA) at a unit price of \$60,980.00 and a total cost of \$121,960.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia State Contract #99999-001-SPD-SPD0000218-0001. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Hickey being absent for the vote and Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

- C. Refurbishment of Solid Waste Grapple Truck for Public Works

Resolution (035-26) - A resolution authorizing payment to Environmental Products Group, (Atlanta, GA), in the amount of \$59,375.31, for the refurbishment of a 2017 Grapple Truck, Vehicle #19041. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Hickey being absent for the vote and Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

- D. Declaration of Surplus and Donation of Police Bicycles

Resolution (036-26) - A resolution declaring three (3) police bicycles from the Police Department, as surplus, in accordance with section 7-501 of the Charter of Columbus Consolidated Government; and further authorized to donate the bicycles to the Wavely Hall, Georgia Police Department. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Hickey being absent for the vote and Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

F. Electric Buses for Metra - Washington State Transit Bus Cooperative Contract Purchase

Resolution (037-27) - A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) 40 ft Electric Bus, in the amount of \$1,376,275.00, and two (2) 35 ft Electric Buses, in the amount of \$2,725,960.00 (2 @ \$1,362,980.00 each), from Gillig (Livermore, CA); the grand total purchase amount is \$4,102,235.00, plus any price increases due to manufacturer changes or freight charges. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via the Washington State Transit Bus Cooperative Contract #06719-01. Additionally, approval is requested to execute the cooperative purchasing agreement required by the Washington State Department of Enterprise Services. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Hickey being absent for the vote and Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

G. Amendment – Alcohol Management Services for Columbus Civic Center Locations
(Annual Contract) – RFP No. 24-0005

Resolution (038-26) - A resolution authorizing the amendment of Resolution No. 181-25, which authorized the execution of a contract with Ovations Food Services, L.P. d/b/a OVG Hospitality (Philadelphia, PA) to provide Alcohol Management Services for Columbus Civic Center Locations. Further, this amendment specifically identifies that the award recommendation of the Evaluation Committee was based on Option 2 of the vendor's Financial Proposal. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Hickey being absent for the vote and Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

E. Drone System with Associated Software/Equipment and Installation for the Sheriff's Office

Resolution (039-26) - A resolution authorizing payment to Airworx Unmanned Solutions (Greenville, SC) in the amount of \$154,832.38 for the purchase of a Drone system with associated software/equipment and installation services for the Sheriff's Office. Further, the Mayor and/or his

designee is hereby authorized to render payment for the annual software license fee which will be budgeted in subsequent fiscal years. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

In response to questions raised by Councilor Anker, **Finance Director Alexander** clarified that the purchase was not included in the adopted budget and is being funded through school zone camera revenue, which is restricted for public safety purposes

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE DEPUTY CITY MANAGER:

- A request was made for an update on the safety, maintenance, and possible sandblasting and repainting of the playground equipment on Old Dominion Road. *(Councilor Crabb)*
- A request to address missing or non-existent lane striping at the angled intersection on Norris Road at University Avenue. *(Councilor Crabb)*
- A request to verify the status and quality of the asphalt work, on I-185/Old Cusseta Road Project. *(Councilor Huff)*

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - INFORMATION ONLY

1. **Memo:** Progress Update on Compliance with Board and Commission Minute Submissions.
2. **Minutes of the following boards:**

457 Deferred Compensation Board 01-18-24

457 Deferred Compensation Board 11-06-25

Airport Commission 06-08-20, 06-24-20, 07-10-20, 08-10-20, 08-26-20 & 09-23-20

Airport Commission 04-28-21, 05-26-21, 07-28-21, 08-25-21 & 09-22-21

Airport Commission 09-27-23

Airport Commission 01-22-25, 06-25-25, 07-23-25, 10-19-25, 11-19-25 & 12-07-25

Airport Commission 01-08-26

Animal Control Advisory Board 01-28-26

Board of Family and Children Services 11-19-20

Board of Family and Children Services 02-18-21

Board of Family and Children Services 04-??-23, 05-??-23 & 06-15-23

Board of Family and Children Services 12-??-24

Board of Family and Children Services 07-23-25 & 11-29-25

Board of Family and Children Services 01-21-26

Board of Tax Assessors #02-26 & 03-26

Board of Zoning 05-07-25, 06-04-25, 07-09-25 & 09-03-25

Civic Center Advisory Board 06-13-24, 08-15-24 & 11-21-24

Civic Center Advisory Board 02-20-25 & 08-21-25

Columbus Convention and Visitor Board (CVB) 02-19-25, 03-19-25, 09-17-25 & 11-19-25

Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC) 10-08-20

Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC) 09-09-21

Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC) 03-17-22 & 12-08-22

Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC) 06-13-24

Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC) 09-11-25 & 12-11-25

Golf Course Authority 01-28-20, 02-25-20 & 10-27-20

Golf Course Authority 02-23-21, 03-23-21, 04-27-21, 05-25-21 & 09-28-21

Golf Course Authority 02-21-22, 03-22-22, 05-24-22, 07-26-22, 08-23-22, 10-25-22 & 11-22-22

Golf Course Authority 01-24-23, 04-25-23, 08-23-23 & 10-24-23

Golf Course Authority 01-19-24

Golf Course Authority 06-17-25, 07-22-25, 08-21-25 & 10-28-25

Golf Course Authority 01-06-26

Hospital Authority of Columbus, 10-28-25

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the minutes of various boards, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Davis absent for the vote and Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting. *(Clerk of Council McLemore confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Tucker.)*

ADD-ON RESOLUTION:

Resolution (040-26) - A resolution excusing the absence of Councilor Walker Garrett from the February 10, 2026, Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote and Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting. *(Clerk of Council McLemore confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Tucker.)*

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

A. CIVIC CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:

A nominee for the vacant seat with a term expiring on March 1, 2026, on the Civic Center Advisory Board. *(Mayor's Appointment)*. There were none.

B. COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND CULTURAL LIAISON ENCOUNTERS (CIRCLE):

A nominee for the vacant seat with a term expiring on March 1, 2026, on Commission on International Relations and Cultural Liaison Encounters. *(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.

4. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – LISTED FOR CONFIRMATION:

- A. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (BHAR):** Fran Poole Carpenter was nominated to serve another term on the Historic & Architectural Review Board (BHAR). (*Councilor Cogle's nominee*) Term expires: January 31, 2029. Councilor Huff made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.
- B. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (BHAR):** Shea E. Spencer was nominated to serve another term on the Historic & Architectural Review Board (BHAR). (*Councilor Cogle's nominee*) Term expires: January 31, 2029. Councilor Huff made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.
- C. LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:** Monika Brown was nominated to fill a vacant seat on the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board. (*Councilor Huff's nominee*) Term expires: August 14, 2029. Councilor Huff made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

FOR THE DEPUTY CITY MANAGER:

- Request for a GDOT update on all current projects, specifically including the status of the diverging diamond project. (*Councilor Cogle*)

5. NOMINATIONS – CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL:

A. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Emily Flournoy (*Not Eligible*) with a term expiring on January 31, 2026, on the Historic & Architectural Review Board (*Council's Appointment*) Clerk of Council McLemore announced that Alan Udy has been recommended to succeed Emily Flournoy on the Historic & Architectural Review Board. Councilor Davis made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor

Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

A nominee for a vacant seat (*Board of Realtors Representative*) for a term expiring on January 31, 2026, on the Historic & Architectural Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for a vacant seat (*Columbus Home Builders Association Representative*) for a term expiring on January 31, 2028, on the Historic & Architectural Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

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

A. CIVIC CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Jacob T. Greer (*Eligible for reappointment*) the District 5 Representative with a term expiring on March 1, 2026, on the Civic Center Advisory Board. (*District 5 – Crabb*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Jennifer Teague (*Eligible for reappointment*) the District 6 Representative with a term expiring on March 1, 2026, on the Civic Center Advisory Board. (*District 6 – Allen*). There were none.

A nominee for the vacant seat of the District 9 Representative with a term expiring on March 1, 2026, on the Civic Center Advisory Board. (*District 9 – Anker*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Katie Bishop (*Eligible for reappointment*) the District 10 Representative with a term expiring on March 1, 2026, on the Civic Center Advisory Board. (*District 10 – Chambers*). There were none.

Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin advised that at the recent Sports and Entertainment Authority meeting, a vote was taken to dissolve the Civic Center Advisory Board.

Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore stated for the record that because the Civic Center Advisory Board was created by ordinance, it must be formally dissolved through official action and proper documentation.

City Attorney Clifton Fay confirmed there was no issue moving forward and stated that a first reading to dissolve the board could be placed on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:

A nominee for the vacant seat of the District 1 Representative for a term expiring on March 27, 2026, on the Community Development Advisory Council (*District 1 – Hickey*).

A nominee for the seat of Paul A. Wildes (*Eligible for reappointment*) the District 2 Representative for a term expiring on March 27, 2026, on the Community Development Advisory Council (*District 2 – Davis*). Councilor Davis made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

A nominee for the seat of Xavier M. McCaskey (*Eligible for reappointment*) the District 3 Representative for a term expiring on March 27, 2026, on the Community Development Advisory Council (*District 3 – Huff*). Councilor Huff renominated Xavier M. McCaskey to serve another term. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

A nominee for the seat of Tracy Belt (*Not Eligible*) the District 4 Representative for a term expiring on March 27, 2026, on the Community Development Advisory Council (*District 4 – Tucker*). There were none.

A nominee for the vacant seat of the District 5 Representative for a term expiring on March 27, 2026, on the Community Development Advisory Council (*District 5 – Crabb*).

A nominee for the seat of Shannon Rowe (*Eligible for reappointment*) the District 6 Representative for a term expiring on March 27, 2026, on the Community Development Advisory Council (*District 6 – Allen*). Mayor Pro Tem Allen renominated Shannon Rowe to serve another term. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

A nominee for the seat of Brandy Tolbert (*Eligible for reappointment*) the District 7 Representative for a term expiring on March 27, 2026, on the Community Development Advisory Council (*District 7 – Cogle*). Councilor Cogle renominated Brandy Tolber to serve another term. Councilor Cogle made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

A nominee for the seat of John House (*Eligible for reappointment*) the District 8 Representative for a term expiring on March 27, 2026, on the Community Development Advisory Council (*District 8 – Garrett*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Mike Welch (*Eligible for reappointment*) the District 9 Representative for a term expiring on March 27, 2026, on the Community Development Advisory Council (*District 9 – Anker*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of James Jordan (*Eligible for reappointment*) the District 10 Representative for a term expiring on March 27, 2026, on the Community Development Advisory Council (*District 10 – Chambers*). There were none.

C. 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.

A nominee for the seat of Scott Taft (*Not Eligible*) for a term that expired on October 31, 2025, on the Public Safety Advisory Commission (*District 9 – Anker*). 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.

B. BOARD OF HEALTH:

A nominee for the seat of Yasmine Cathright (*Not Eligible*) with the term expiring on December 31, 2025, on the Board of Health (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of John House (*Eligible for reappointment*) the District 8 Representative for a term expiring on March 27, 2026, on the Community Development Advisory Council (*District 8 – Garrett*). There were none.

C. BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS:

A nominee for the seat of Alissa Neal (*Eligible for reappointment*) with a term expiring on March 31, 2026, on the Board of Zoning Appeal (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Crabb renominated Alissa Neal to serve another term on the Board of Zoning Appeals.

D. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

A nominee for the seat of Christopher Smith (*Eligible for reappointment*) with a term expiring on March 24, 2026, on the Building Authority of Columbus (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Crabb renominated Christopher Smith to serve another term on the Building Authority of Columbus.

A nominee for the seat of Olive Vidal-Kendall (*Eligible for reappointment*) with a term expiring on March 24, 2026, on the Building Authority of Columbus (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Crabb renominated Olive Vidal-Kendall to serve another term on the Building Authority of Columbus.

A nominee for a vacant seat for a term that expires on March 24, 2026, on the Building Authority of Columbus (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

E. COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND CULTURAL LIAISON ENCOUNTERS (CIRCLE):

A nominee for the seat of Mattie Hall (*Eligible for reappointment*) with a term expiring on March 1, 2026, on the Commission on International Relations and Cultural Liaison Encounters (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Huff renominated Mattie Hall to serve another term on the Commission on International Relations and Cultural Liaison Encounters.

F. LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:

A nominee for a vacant seat for a term that expired on August 14, 2025, on the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Huff nominated Monica Brown to fill the vacant seat on the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board.

A nominee for a vacant seat for a term that expires on August 14, 2026, on the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for a vacant seat for a term that expires on August 14, 2027, on the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board (*Civic Center Director Recommendation / Confirmed by Council*). There were none.

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

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.

H. 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 Leftwich (*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.

I. PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION (PAC):

A nominee for the seat of John R. Steed (*Eligible for reappointment*) with a term expiring on March 31, 2026, on the Planning Advisory Commission (*Council's Appointment*). Mayor Pro Tem Allen renominated John R. Steed to serve another term on the Planning Advisory Commission.

PUBLIC AGENDA (continued)

10. Mrs. Audrey Holston-Palmore, Re: ETAL Contact Portion of Heir Property

(*NOTE: Councilor Cogle left the meeting at 1:01 p.m.*)

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Skip Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Allen to adjourn the February 10, 2026, Regular Council

Meeting, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Cogle being absent for the vote and Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting, with the time being 1:02 p.m.

Lindsey G. McLemore
Clerk of Council
Council of Columbus, Georgia