

# **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

December 9, 2025  
9:00 AM  
Regular Meeting

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### **M A Y O R ’ S   A G E N D A**

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**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, R. Walker Garrett, Byron Hickey, Bruce Huff (arrived at 9:28 a.m.) and Toyia Tucker (arrived at 9:07 a.m.). 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:** N/A

**The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet:** (1) MA#2: Historic Westville Village Presentation; (2) CA#7: FY2025 Fiscal Conditions Report; (3) CM#9(A): Columbus Safe Street for All Plan Presentation

**The following documents were distributed around the Council table:** (1) MA#2: Lease Agreement- Historic Westville Inc.; (2) CA#2: Opposition Statement & Photos – Submitted by Oakland Park Neighborhood Association; (3) CA#9: Resolution – Frederick Bailey Settlement; (4) PA#5: City Manager Proposal for Executive Search Service Columbus Georgia Consolidated Government; (5) PA#7: Acknowledgement and Appreciation: On Public Agenda Rights, Mayoral Authority, and Misapplication of Procedural Rules; (6) COC ADD-ON: Resolution – Columbus Airport Commission; (7) CM ADD-ON: Resolution – Afterschool Network BOOST 2.0 Grant

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

**INVOCATION:** Offered by Reverend Adriane Burgess, St. Mary’s Road United Methodist Church

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Mayor Skip Henderson

**MINUTES:**

1. Approval of minutes for November 18, 2025, Council Meeting and Executive Session. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

### **PRESENTATIONS:**

2. Historic Westville Update – Presented by April Kirk, Executive Director, and Thornton Jordan, Board President

**Thornton Jordan, Board President** explained the history of Westville’s relocation to Columbus and the challenges that led to its closure during the pandemic. He reported that Westville has now reopened, regained its tax-exempt status, eliminated all debt, secured first-year operating funds, and established a donor-advised fund.

**April Kirk, Executive Director**, shared that Westville has rebuilt its staff and has reopened with regular programming every Friday and Saturday. She outlined plans to expand educational programs, workshops, artist residencies, exhibitions, and event offerings, as well as opportunities with the film industry. She emphasized Westville’s role in helping transform South Lumpkin Road and expressed gratitude for the City’s support as Westville continues to grow.

### **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

#### **3. Historic Westville, Inc. Lease Agreement**

**Resolution (389-25)** A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, requesting approval for the Mayor or his designee is to execute a Lease Agreement with Historic Westville, Inc. Councilor Cogle made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the vote.

### **MAYOR'S AGENDA (continued)**

#### **ADD-ON PROCLAMATION**

**Proclamation:** Parks & Recreation Day

**Receiving:** Holli Browder, Director, Columbus Parks & Recreation

**Councilor Travis Chambers** read the proclamation into the record proclaiming Tuesday, December 9, 2025, as *Parks & Recreation Day*, recognizing the Columbus Parks and Recreation Department for receiving multiple district and state awards from the Georgia Recreation and Parks Association, honoring staff, volunteers, and partner organizations for outstanding service and innovative programming.

## **CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA**

### **ORDINANCES**

1. **1st Reading-** REZN-10-25-1930: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **2047 Cusseta Road** (parcel # 041-003-003) from Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2) Zoning District to Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Cogle)

*(NOTE: The applicant was recognized as present, and the floor was declared open for public comment. No public comment and no questions from the Council.)*

2. **1st 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.) (Councilor Cogle)

**Hardrick Porchia, Applicant,** stated that he is seeking approval to open a small automotive repair shop. He explained that the business would provide minor services only, such as basic repairs and minor tire work, and body work.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- *Patrick Prescott* – Raised concerns about revitalizing South Lumpkin Road and Oakland Park and stated that the neighborhood’s priority is to maintain a family-friendly, residential character rather than increasing commercial activity.
- *Juanita Taylor* – Raised concerns about safety and traffic creating unsafe conditions.
- *Pat Frey* – Voiced concerns about the over saturation of auto repair and tire repair shops on South Lumpkin Road.

In response to questions and concerns raised by Councilor Cogle, **Planning Director Will Johnson** explained that the surrounding road network is expected to remain at a Level-of-Service C. He noted that several existing businesses already have access points on Wise Street. While he acknowledged that the gas station likely should not have been permitted access there under current standards, he emphasized that those access points are already in place.

3. **1st Reading-** REZN-10-25-1941: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **4454 Warm Springs Road** (parcel # 083-028-031) from General Commercial (GC) Zoning District to Light Manufacturing/ Industrial (LMI) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Crabb)

*(NOTE: The applicant was recognized as present, and the floor was declared open for public comment. No public comment and no questions from the Council.)*

4. **1st Reading-** REZN-10-25-2079: An ordinance amending various provisions in the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) for Columbus, Georgia pertaining to Single Family Detached structures; and for other purposes. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Mayor Pro-Tem)

**Planning Director Will Johnson** explained that the first change in the UDO would repeal earlier setback authority granted to the Board of Historic and Architectural Review (BHAR). He added that single-family homes would now be allowed in the Uptown (UPT) High District and Liberty District. Lastly, he described a new allowance for “carriage house” units, single-family or duplex-style buildings within larger multifamily developments, in RO, RMF-1, and RMF-2 zones as part of overall site design.

*(NOTE: The floor was declared open for public comment. No public comment and no questions from the members of Council.)*

5. **1st Reading-** REZN-11-25-1962: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **100-800 Havenbrook Court** (parcel #040-016-006/7/8/9/010/011/012/013) from Light Manufacturing/ Industrial (LMI) Zoning District to Residential Office (RO) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Cogle)

*(NOTE: The applicant was recognized as present, and the floor was declared open for public comment. No public comment and no questions from the Council.)*

6. **1st Reading- REZN-07-25-1260:** An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **8828 Veterans Parkway and 4885 Charleston Way** (parcel # 079-002-002A) from Planned Unit Development (PUD) Zoning District to Planned Unit Development (PUD) Zoning District with conditions. (Planning Department recommends approval with conditions. PAC recommends denial.) (Mayor Pro-Tem)

**Dave Erickson, Tiger Creek Development,** came forward to provide information on the requested rezoning, stating the request is for a change in the conditions of an existing PUD zoning. He explained the requested change is for larger lots than what is typical in one section of the Charleston Subdivision and small lots in the rear of the property for the development of townhomes. He attributed the reasons for the request being due to the increase in construction costs and interest rates and described the benefits to townhomes being the availability of affordable housing with an intended listing price of \$325,000 to \$350,000.

**Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen** shared his concerns with the proposed development based on the volume of traffic coming through the Promenades Community from the Charleston Place Subdivision due to the failure of the developer to add an additional outlet to the Charleston Subdivision. He asked his fellow councilors to support him in denying this rezoning.

**Director Will Johnson, Planning,** confirmed the buffer was established in 2014 when the developer originally came for the Planned Unit Development (PUD) rezoning for the development of single-family homes. He recognized there were no specifications regarding the buffer on the east side of the property.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to increase the buffer on the east side of the property that backs up to properties on Blackmon Road to 50 feet and seconded by Councilor Tucker, which was later withdrawn after discussion.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen amended his original motion requesting to amend the ordinance by adding the condition that the green space as shown on the site plan will be preserved and maintained with no development in perpetuity regardless of ownership and seconded by Councilor Garrett. After discussions where Councilor Crabb shared her concerns with the condition, the motion carried by a nine-to-one vote, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Anker, Chambers, Cogle, Crabb, Garrett, Hickey, Huff and Tucker in favor, and Councilor Davis opposed. *(NOTE: When the meeting*

*was reconvened after Executive Session, Councilor Davis requested on record to change his vote to reflect in favor of the amendment.)*

**Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge** briefly came forward to share the road plan for the TSPLOST project in front of the Promenades and Charleston Place depicting sidewalks and a center turn lane coming out of both subdivisions.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- *Ben Sorrell* – Spoke in opposition to the rezoning request as a resident on Blackmon Road that backs up to the property in question.
- *Katherine Gant* spoke in opposition to the rezoning request as the President of the Promenades HOA and recognized the many residents of the Promenades present who are also in opposition.
- *Patricia Ashley* spoke in opposition to the rezoning request as a resident of the Promenades.
- *Steve Dunn* spoke in opposition to the rezoning request as a representative of the Charleston Place HOA.

**REFERRAL(S):**

**FOR ENGINEERING:**

- A request was made to see if the State will look into installing a traffic light. (*Councilor Crabb*)

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into Executive Session to litigation as requested by City Attorney Fay. Councilor Tucker made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the ten members present, with the time being 11:06 a.m.

The Regular Meeting was reconvened at 12:10 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in Executive Session to discuss litigation; however, there were no votes taken.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA (continued)**

7. **1st Reading-** An ordinance amending the budgets for the Fiscal Year 2025 by appropriating amounts in each fund for various operational activities. (Final amendment) (Budget Review Committee)

**Finance Director Angelica Alexander** presented the final FY25 budget reconciliation and an overview of the City's financial position. She reported that the FY25 audit is nearly complete and the City is projected to end the year with 87.11 reserve days, reflecting intentional fund balance spend-downs over the last two years. Several departments required final budget adjustments due to higher-than-budgeted costs, and total FY25 general fund expenditures were amended by about \$15.9 million, offset by \$20.9 million in increased revenues. She also reviewed long-term reserve trends, major revenue sources, and key spending categories, noting that public safety remains the largest expenditure. She concluded with an update on FY26 sales tax collections, which are currently trending slightly above projections.

### **REFERRAL(S):**

#### **FOR THE FINANCE DIRECTOR:**

- A request was made for a detailed list of all FY25 additional expenditures that required the use of reserves, including, Departmental overages and capital improvement projects referenced in the report. (*Councilor Davis*)
- A request was made for a comparison of LOST revenue and LOST expenditures. (*Councilor Davis*)
- A request was made for a list identifying all 1999 SPLOST projects that were never completed and/or for which funds remain unspent. (*Councilor Davis*)
- A request was made to collect and display all monthly revenue reports in a dashboard-style format on the City's website. (*Councilor Tucker*)
- A request was made for an ongoing project list, essentially a dashboard-style report, that would allow Council to track current projects and their status. (*Councilor Tucker*)

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- *Dr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr.* – Expressed concern about departments exceeding their budgets and questioned how such overages are approved.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

8. **Resolution (390-25)** - A Resolution concerning the Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia's issuance of bonds to finance a project located in Columbus, Georgia. (Request of the Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia) Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Chambers being absent for the vote.

**Chief Real Estate Officer Laura Johnson** came forward and explained that the project is a partnership with NeighborWorks to complete the final phase of the Elliott's Walk development, creating 102 affordable housing units for residents aged 55 and older. She said the bonds being approved will support the financing needed for the development.

9. **Resolution (391-25)** - A Resolution authorizing a settlement in the matter Frederick Bailey. Georgia Department of Community Supervision, et al. 4:24-CV-00173 in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia. (Mayor Pro-Tem) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Chambers being absent for the vote.

## **CA#6 - AMENDMENT**

**Councilor Glenn Davis** requested on record to change his vote to reflect in favor of the amendment for this item.

## **PUBLIC AGENDA**

1. Mr. Val McGowan, Re: Stronger Zoning Laws, Stormwater Runoff & Development

**Engineering Director Vance Beck** clarified that the drainage problems referenced are private stormwater issues. He explained that Public Works cannot intervene or perform work on privately owned stormwater systems.

## **REFERRAL(S):**

**FOR THE DEPUTY CITY MANAGER:**



-A request was made for staff to review and explain the ordinance requiring minor land-disturbance permits, including how citations and permitting processes work for private property. (*Councilor Tucker*)

2. Ms. Ilana Kearns, representing GoatMatters.com, Re: Approval Request for an Urban Agriculture Project ***Not Present***
3. Dr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: Appreciation for Veterans & Disabled Parking
4. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Hiring from Within and Other Good HR Practices
5. Mr. Steven Kelly, Re: Pause in Search for City Manager
6. Mrs. Audrey Holston-Palmore, Re: Heir Property

**Assistant City Attorney Lucy Sheftall** explained that the City's involvement with the property ended after the demolition process, during which all required notices and procedures were properly followed. Any issues that have arisen since are private legal matters between the citizen and the heirs.

7. Dr. Natalie Nicole, representing Role Model Academy, Re: Acknowledgement and Appreciation for the Open Records Request Fulfilled on November 24, 2025
8. Ms. Z Lawrence, representing Columbus Jazz Society and MEC, Re: Christmas Cantata, Jazz & Music Impacting the Quality of Life – Citywide Invitation
9. Mrs. Kaitlynn Etheridge, representing Columbus Collective Museums, Re: Request to Amend Parks & Recreation's Special Event Fee for Park Rentals

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA (continued)**

### **1. GDOT Street Lighting Agreement - SR 520/US 280 @ Chattahoochee River Project**

**Resolution (392-25)** - 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. 0015559, SR 520/us 280 @ Chattahoochee River Project on behalf of Columbus, Georgia. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

## **2. Flint Electric Membership Corporation Right of Way Easement for Fire Station 5**

**Resolution (393-25)** - A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, requesting approval for the Mayor to execute a right-of-way easement with Flint Electric Management Corporation (Flint EMC). Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

## **4. Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Safety Action Plan**

**Resolution (394-25)** - A resolution to approve and adopt a City Of Columbus Safe Streets and Roads For All (SS4A) Safety Action Plan. Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Chambers and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

## **9. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS**

A. Columbus Safe Streets for All Plan - Alex Henry, Project Manager, Benesch

**Alex Henry, Project Manager, Benesch** outlined the development of Columbus's Local Roadway Safety Action Plan, funded largely through the federal Safe Streets for All program, with the long-term goal of eliminating all traffic fatalities and serious injuries by 2050. He explained that the plan analyzes five years of crash data, incorporates extensive public and stakeholder input, identifies high-injury corridors, and recommends targeted infrastructure upgrades, enforcement strategies, education efforts, and policy changes.

### **ADD-ON RESOLUTION (Submitted by Councilor Davis):**

**Resolution (395-25)** - A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia (The “**Council**”), requesting that the Columbus Airport Commission (“**The Commission**”) nominate three new members to the commission from the Council's recommended slate as vacancies arise; recognizing the critical role of the Columbus Airport in regional economic development; and for other purposes. Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

**Councilor Glenn Davis** read the resolution into the record and requested it be forwarded to the Airport Commission by the Clerk of Council.

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*Note: Councilor Anker left the meeting at 2:36 p.m.*

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*Note: Councilor Cogle left the meeting at 2:37 p.m.*

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## **5. Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) Annual Update**

**Resolution (396-25)** - A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the approval of the annual update to Metra's Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) and approving, submitting, and implementing this safety plan through Metra and in compliance with federal requirements. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Anker and Cogle being absent for the vote.

## **6. FY26 Local Government & Improvement Grant (LMIG)**

**Resolution (397-25)** - A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the application and acceptance of the FY 2026 Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG) from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Anker and Cogle being absent for the vote.

## **7. 2025-2026 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant – DA's Victim Witness Assistance Program**

**Resolution (398-25)** - A resolution authorizing the Mayor or their designee to submit an application, on behalf of the District Attorney and, if approved, to accept a VOCA Grant of \$144,246 or as otherwise awarded from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Of Georgia along with \$132,077 from the 5% Crime Victim Assistance Surcharge Fund allocated in the FY26 budget, to provide funding for crime victim assistance in the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit from October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026, and, amend the multi-governmental fund by like amount. Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Anker and Cogle being absent for the vote.

## **ADD-ON RESOLUTION:**

**Resolution (399-25)** - A resolution authorizing the city to apply for the BOOST Grant and, if awarded, accept the monies granted by the Georgia Statewide Afterschool Program Network "building opportunities for out of school time" BOOST Grant 2.0. No local match is required and the multi-governmental fund would be amended by the amount of the award. Councilor Tucker made a

motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Anker and Cogle being absent for the vote.

## **8. PURCHASES**

### **A. Design and Construction Services for Columbus Pickleball Facility – RFP No. 26-0006**

**Resolution (400-25)** - A resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with Brasfield & Gorrie, LLC (Columbus, GA) to design and construct the new Columbus Pickleball Facility. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Anker and Cogle being absent for the vote.

### **B. Seven (7) 2025 Police Interceptors for the Columbus Police Department-Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase**

**Resolution (401-25)** - A resolution authorizing the purchase of seven (7) 2025 Police Interceptors for the Columbus Police Department from Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA) at a unit price of \$63,622.00 and a total cost of \$ 445,354.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia Statewide Contracts # 99999-001-SPD0000183-0006 and #99999-SPD-SPD0000218-0001. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Anker and Cogle being absent for the vote.

### **C. Three (3) 2025 Police Responders for the Columbus Police Department-Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase**

**Resolution (402-25)** - A resolution authorizing the purchase of three (3) 2025 Police Responders for the Columbus Police Department from Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA) at a unit price of \$65,427.00 and a total cost of \$196,281.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia Statewide Contracts #99999-001-SPD0000183-0006 and #99999-SPD-SPD0000218-0001. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Anker and Cogle being absent for the vote.

### **D. Alcohol Management Services for Columbus Civic Center Locations (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 24-0005**

**Resolution (403-25)** - 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. The amendment is required to correct the initial contract term to three (3) years, with the option to renew for two (2) additional twelve-month periods. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Anker and Cogle being absent for the vote.

E. First-In Alerting Smart Station System for Fire & EMS – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase

**Resolution (404-25)** - A resolution authorizing purchase of the First-in Alerting Smart Station System from Westnet, LLC (Huntington Beach, CA) in the amount of \$198,619.82. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #020625-WNT. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Anker and Cogle being absent for the vote.

F. Declaration of surplus and trade-in of Harley Davidson Motorcycles for the Columbus Police Department

**Resolution (405-25)** - A resolution authorizing the declaration of Harley Davidson Motorcycles from the Police Department, as surplus, in accordance with section 7-501 of the Charter of Columbus Consolidated Government; further authorized to trade-in the motorcycles towards the purchase of one new motorcycle. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Anker and Cogle being absent for the vote.

G. One (1) 2026 E350 Transit Van for the Columbus Fire Department – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

**Resolution (406-25)** - A resolution authorizing the purchase one (1) 2026 E350 Transit Van for the Columbus Fire Department from Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA) at a total cost of \$59,960.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia Statewide Contracts #99999-SPD-SPD0000218-0001. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Anker and Cogle being absent for the vote.

H. Bus Refurbishment Services for METRA – Washington State Bus Cooperative Contract Purchase

It is requested that Council approve bus refurbishment services for METRA from Complete Coach Works (Riverside, CA) in the total amount of \$1,429,464.00 (3 buses at \$476,488.00 each). The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via the Washington State Transit Bus

Cooperative Contract #06719-05. Additionally, approval is requested to execute the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement required by the Washington State Department of Enterprise Service. (*Item H was pulled from the agenda at the request of Deputy City Manager Goodwin*)

**Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin** requested this item be pulled from the agenda. There were no objections.

I. Drones for the Police Department

**Resolution (407-25)** - A resolution authorizing the purchase of drones, to include Drone as First Responder (DFR) 2.0 system, including hardware, software, and services, from Flock Group, Inc./dba Flock Safety (Atlanta, GA). The purchase will be made via a Three-year agreement, per the following terms: Year One – no cost with an option to cancel the contract during year one; Year Two - \$600,000 and Year Three - \$600,000 for a total of \$1,200,000.00 during the course of the Three-year agreement. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Anker and Cogle being absent for the vote.

J. Weapons for the Police Department Via Used & Confiscated Firearms for Credit or Swap – RFB No. 26-0005

**Resolution (408-25)** - A resolution authorizing the purchase of two hundred thirteen (213) Heckler & Koch VP9A1F 9mm semi-automatic pistols and accessories from Dana Safety Supply (Jacksonville, FL), at a unit price of \$895.00 and a total amount of \$190,635.00. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Anker and Cogle being absent for the vote.

K. Real and Personal Property Mail Processing for the Tax Commissioner's Office (Annual Contract) - RFP No. 25-0017

**Resolution (409-25)** - A resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with Direct Technologies Inc. D/B/A as Doxim, (Suwanee, GA) to provide printing and mailing services to the Muscogee County Tax Commissioner's Office. The Department budgets annually for these services. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Anker and Cogle being absent for the vote.

## **9. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS**

- B. Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and Tiny Homes Update - Will Johnson, Director, Planning (*At the request of Council this item was delayed until the December 16, 2025, meeting.*)
- C. Comprehensive Pay Update for Elected Officials - Angelica Alexander, Director, Finance (*At the request of Council this item was delayed until the December 16, 2025, meeting.*)

### **BID ADVERTISEMENT**

**DATE:** December 9, 2025

**TO:** Mayor and Councilors

**FROM:** Finance Department

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

#### **December 10, 2025**

##### **1. Bus Shelters (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 26-0019**

###### **Scope of RFP**

The Columbus Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia (the City) is seeking qualified vendors to provide bus shelters to METRA on an “as needed” basis. The contract term will be for three years.

##### **2. Dragonfly Trail – Midtown Connector Phase I - RFB No. 26-0003**

###### **Scope of Bid**

This project consists of constructing a connection from the existing trail at the intersection of Warren Road and Wynnton Road following Bradley Street and Warren Williams Road to Dinglewood Park. The trail also travels through Dinglewood Park to the intersection of 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street. The project is within the City of Columbus property and public right of way. The project length is approximately 4,956 LF and includes a 10’ wide concrete trail, landscape improvements, stormwater improvements, and trail amenities. Additional work associated with the project includes minor demolition and clearing, erosion control, grading, and signage.

#### **December 19, 2025**

##### **1. Aerial Ground Ladder and Apparatus Pumps Inspection & Testing Services (Annual Contract) - RFB No. 26-0010**

###### **Scope of RFP**

Provide aerial and ground ladder inspection and testing services to the Columbus Consolidated Government Fire and EMS Department. This specification applies to all fire apparatus equipped with

a fire pump and outlines the procedures for annual pump testing, including requirements for equipment, site selection, test procedures, and documentation.

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

**2. 24ft Rolling Scaffolding for METRA- RFB 26-0014**

**Scope of RFP**

METRA Transit System in Columbus, Georgia is seeking bids for one (1) Heavy-Duty 24' Rolling Maintenance Scaffolding in order to perform rooftop maintenance and access on large transit buses. The large transit buses are 30', 35' and 40' in length. The scaffolding must also be able to provide rooftop access to electric bus batteries for the purpose of maintenance and replacement.

**3. Muscogee County Board of Elections & Registration Voting Equipment Delivery Services (Re-Bid) (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 26-0010**

**Scope of RFP**

Muscogee County Board of Elections and Registration is seeking proposals from qualified moving firms to deliver voting equipment to voting sites before the scheduled election events, and to retrieve the same equipment after the election event. The election schedule consists of up to five election events in a presidential election cycle, up to four election events in a mid-term election cycle, and the possibility of special elections in odd-numbered years. Deliveries vary from county-wide (25 precincts) to district elections (as few as five) based on the type of election.

**Note:** The first election expected to be serviced under this contract, if awarded, will be May, 2026.

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

## **CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA**

### **ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED**

- 1. Resolution (410-25)** – A Resolution appointing Douglas M. Jefcoat to the Board of Tax Assessors. (*NOTE: Mr. Jefcoat was confirmed by Council on November 18, 2025.*) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for approval, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Anker and Cogle being absent for the vote.



2. Resolution – A Resolution excusing the absence of Councilor Byron Hickey from the December 9, 2025, Regular Council Meeting. Clerk of Council McLemore requested to withdraw this item due to Councilor Hickey being in attendance.

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

Animal Control Advisory Board 11-17-2025

Board of Tax Assessors #39-25

Board of Tax Assessors #40-25

Board of Water Commission 10-14-25

Conventions & Visitors Board 10-15-25

Planning Advisory Commission 11-05-25

Retirees' Health Benefits Committee 11-19-25

Uptown Facade 07-19-21

Uptown Facade 09-20-21

Uptown Facade 10-18-21

Uptown Facade 11-15-21

Uptown Facade 12-14-21

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

**ADD-ON RESOLUTION:**

Resolution – A Resolution rescheduling the December 16, 2025 – Regular Council Meeting to 9:00 a.m.

Councilor Crabb made a motion for approval, seconded by Councilor Tucker. After a brief discussion, the vote was found inconclusive, four-to-three, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Crabb, Hickey, and Tucker voting in favor; Councilors Chambers, Garrett, and Huff voting opposed; and Councilors Anker, Cogle, and Davis absent for the vote.

Councilor Tucker made a motion for reconsideration, seconded by Councilor Huff, and was carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Anker and Cogle absent for the vote. A vote was then taken on the original motion to approve the resolution and was found inconclusive by a five-to-three vote, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Crabb, Davis, Hickey, and Tucker voting in favor; Councilors Chambers, Garrett, and Huff voting opposed; and Councilors Anker and Cogle absent for the vote.

**Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore** explained the meeting schedule history and stated that if Council desires to change the normal meeting schedule going forward during the holiday season, her recommendation is to place this action on record for future reference.

#### **BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED**

##### **4. VOTE TABULATION:**

**A. BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS:** At the November 18, 2025, Council Meeting two nominees were submitted for the seat of Wes Kelley (*Not Eligible*).

- **Councilor Anker nominated Brooks Yancey.**
- **Councilor Cogle nominated Ernie Smallman.**

(*NOTE: Each member of Council will vote for one of the nominees submitted when their name is called. The nominee that receives the most votes will then be confirmed.*)

**Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore** requested this item be delayed until Councilors Anker and Cogle are present. There were no objections.

##### **5. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – READY FOR CONFIRMATION:**

**A. PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:** Donna Tompkins was nominated to succeed Willie Butler (*Not Eligible*) as the Regular Member #1. (*Councilor Crabb's nominee*) Term Expires: December 31, 2028. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Anker and Cogle being absent for the vote.

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

**A. CIVIC CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:**

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.

**7. APPOINTMENTS – CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL:**

**A. AIRPORT COMMISSION:**

A nominee for the seat of Art Guin (*Eligible to serve another term – Renominated by the Airport Commission*) for a term that expires on December 31, 2025, on the Airport Commission (*Commission’s Nominee/Confirmed by Council*). No Action Taken.

*(NOTE: On November 18, 2025, Council chose to take no action on the renomination of Art Guin until after receiving an update from the Columbus Airport scheduled for the December 18, 2025, Council Meeting.)*

**Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore** stated the resolution (*Resolution No. 395-25*) approved earlier in the meeting will be forwarded to the Airport Commission for their consideration.

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

**A. 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.

**B. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD:**

A nominee for a vacant seat (*Historic District Preservation Society Representative*) for a term expiring on January 31, 2028, on the Historic & Architectural Review Board (*Council’s Appointment*). Clerk of Council McLemore stated Councilor Cogle is nominating Chris Henson.

**C. PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:**

A nominee for the seat of Yolanda Sumbry Sewell (*Not Eligible*) for a term that expires on December 31, 2025, on the Personnel Review Board (*Council’s Appointment*). There were none.

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 expires on December 31, 2025, on the Personnel Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for a vacant seat (*Alternate Member 5*) for a term that expires on December 31, 2025, on the Personnel Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

**D. UPTOWN FAÇADE BOARD:**

A nominee for the vacant seat of the Uptown Business Improvement District Representative with a term expiring on October 31, 2026, on the Uptown Façade Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the vacant seat of the Uptown Business Improvement District Representative with a term expiring on October 31, 2027, on the Uptown Façade Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the vacant seat of the Uptown Columbus Representative with a term expiring on October 31, 2026, on the Uptown Façade Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

**PUBLIC AGENDA (continued):**

6. Mrs. Audrey Holston-Palmore, Re: Heir Property

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Councilor Garrett to adjourn the December 9, 2025, Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Anker and Cogle being absent for the vote and the time being 2:53 p.m.

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Lindsey G. McLemore  
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