COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Chambers	August 25, 2026
C. E. “Red” McDaniel City Services Center- Second Floor	5:30 PM
3111 Citizens Way, Columbus, GA 31906	Regular Meeting

M A Y O R ’ S   A G E N D A

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.

The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet: N/A

The following documents were distributed around the Council table: (1) CA#1: Photos of existing businesses on Buena Vista Rd.; (2) CA#1: Information Regarding the Impact of Liquor Stores on Students; (3) CA#1: Map Identifying Liquor-Licensed Businesses, Distances, and Areas of Blight (4) PA#1: Photos of Georgetown Subdivision Cat Colony Issues; (5) PA#5: Code Enforcement is About Community Dignity; (6) PA#10: Natural Gas Pipeline Usage in Rural Areas of Columbus

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

PRESENTATIONS

4. Youth Advisory Council – Presented by Lisa Goodwin, Deputy City Manager

Utkarsh Anand, Youth Advisory Council President, welcomed members to the 2026–2027 session and highlighted the Council’s role in providing youth with opportunities for civic engagement, community involvement, and leadership. He encouraged members to share their ideas and actively participate in addressing community issues and recognized YAC Advisor Ashley Hamilton for her continued guidance and support.

Senior Director of Student Services Michael Forte congratulated the newly sworn-in members and expressed enthusiasm for the 2026–2027 session. He recognized the students' commitment and engagement, thanked parents for their continued support.

Dr. Tavari Turner, Georgia Municipal Association Representative, recognized Ashrit Gangineni and Elijah Crawford for representing Columbus on the Georgia Municipal Association's Statewide Youth Advisory Council.

(NOTE: This item was called up as the next order of business as listed on the Mayor's Agenda Item #4)

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the August 11, 2026, Council Meeting and Executive Session. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Cook and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the vote and Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

PROCLAMATIONS:

2. **Proclamation:** Steve Brown Day

Receiving: Steve Brown

Councilor Charmaine Crabb read the proclamation into the record proclaiming Tuesday, August 25, 2026, as *Steve Brown Day*, in recognition of Mr. Brown's 44 years of service as Superintendent of Bull Creek Golf Course, his dedicated oversight of City golf facilities, leadership and service to the golfing community, and positive impact on participants in the prison work program.

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

Receiving: River City Recovery

Councilor Travis L. Chambers read the proclamation into the record proclaiming Monday, August 31, 2026, as *International Overdose Awareness Day*, in remembrance of those who have lost their lives to overdose and in recognition of individuals, families, first responders, healthcare professionals, recovery providers, and community organizations working to prevent overdoses, support recovery, and increase access to treatment and care.

PRESENTATIONS (continued)

5. Oakland Park Community Emergency Response Team, Chance Corbett, Director of Emergency Management & Homeland Security

Chance Corbett, Director of Emergency Management & Homeland Security announced the reintroduction of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program, which provides residents with emergency preparedness and disaster response training. He recognized Oakland Park as the first neighborhood to complete the renewed 16-hour program.

Quincy Prior, Deputy Emergency Management Director, recognized the Oakland Park residents who successfully completed the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training and presented certificates of completion.

Pat Frey, CERT Participant, reflected on the training experience, stating that participants learned how to respond effectively during emergencies while also identifying the needs and vulnerabilities within their neighborhood.

Patrick Prescott, Oakland Park Association Vice President, expressed the community's commitment to improving the Oakland Park neighborhood. He stated that the CERT training has strengthened and revitalized residents' efforts to build a safer and better community.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVELDGE – DISTRICT 9 TOWN HALL MEETING

Councilor Cathy Cook announced that her first town hall meeting would be held Tuesday, September 1, 2026, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m**.**, and expressed interest in partnering with Emergency Management to expand CERT training opportunities to homeowners' associations throughout the city.

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

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)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Toni Webb
- Zentima Motly
- Kenya Miley
- Val McGowan
- Theresa El-Amin

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)

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 COMMENT:

- Theresa El-Amin

Finance Director Angelica Alexander clarified that the City's pension plan remains well funded, reporting that the Public Safety Pension Plan is 101.47% funded and the General Government Pension Plan is 109.45% funded for FY27. She stated that both plans have improved significantly since FY13.

Councilor Davis made a motion to amend the ordinance , to require the employee pension contribution adjustment from 8% to 6% to be effective January 1, 2027, seconded by Councilor Cogle.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Review the City's age and service requirements for possible early retirement options for eligible employees. (*Councilor Tucker*)

- Review the feasibility and timeframe for moving toward a standardized employee pension contribution percentage and report the findings back to Council. (*Councilor Cook*)

Councilor Glenn Davis stated for the record that his primary objective was to reduce employee pension contributions to provide employees with additional take-home pay. He expressed reservations regarding other proposed pension changes but indicated his willingness to support them if desired by employees, while maintaining that additional outside review was unnecessary because the relevant information had already been provided. He stated that while several pension plan changes had been recommended, his primary focus remained on reducing the employee contribution rate and expediting implementation of that change by January 1, 2027.

Councilor Tucker made a substitute motion to amend the ordinance to provide that the employee pension contribution rate be reduced from 8% to 6% effective January 31, 2027, or sooner**,** seconded by Councilor Davis.

City Attorney Clifton Fay explained the motion would amend the language of Sections 3 and 7 of the ordinance to state that the employee pension contribution rate for both the General Government and Public Safety Pension Plans would decrease from 8% to 6% effective January 1, 2027, or on an earlier date approved by the City Manager.

The motion carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Cogle and Huff being absent for the vote and Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- A request was made for proposed amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) regarding tiny homes and Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) to be forwarded to the Planning Advisory Commission (PAC) for consideration. (*Councilor Tucker*)

Councilor Glenn Davis stated for the record, funds already contributed to the pension plan could not be retroactively withdrawn and returned to employees. He requested clarification to ensure the record accurately reflected that understanding.

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Mr. Carlton Brantley, representing Georgetown Subdivision, Re: Cat Colony Issue.

2. Dr. Natalie Nicole, representing Role Model Academy, Re: Community Concerns & Elected Accountability.

3. Mr. Lakeithon Coleman, Re: Request for a Public Park on 1st Avenue.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- A request was made for staff review the ownership, current condition, and future use of the former 23rd Street Park property, including its potential for redevelopment as a public park or playground. (*Councilor Cogle*)

4. Ms. Kim Decker, Re: Transparency and Full Disclosure of "Secret Talks".

5. Mr. Val McGowan, Re: Zoning and Code Enforcement.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Review and consider amendments to the City's cat colony ordinance to provide a process for neighborhoods or subdivisions to petition against having a cat colony within their community.. (*Councilor Tucker*)

- Schedule a meeting regarding the Georgetown cat colony concerns with the Georgetown community, PAWS Humane Society, Animal Care and Control/Animal Services, appropriate City staff, and other relevant parties. (*Councilor Tucker*)

FOR THE CITY ATTORNEY:

- Review and clarify whether Code Enforcement/Code Inspection has authority to issue citations or otherwise take action regarding cat colony violations and report the findings back to Council. (*Councilor Tucker*)

6. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Free-Speech Rights and Violations of the Open Records and Open Meetings Acts.

7. Mrs. Darlene Laird, Re: Response to Allegations Regarding Data Center Opposition.

8. Ms. Nargarina Burkley, Re: East Columbus – Forrest Road and Floyd Road Blight. ***Not Present***

9. Mr. Gannon Harris, Re: Community Support. ***Not Present***

10. Mr. Mick Etchison, Re: Natural Gas Pipeline Usage in Rural Areas of Columbus.

11. Mr. Corie Wilson, Re: Loitering Ordinance.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Acquisition of Property

Resolution (223-26): - A resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Real Estate Agreement for approximately 42.54 acres located at Cusseta Road and 10th Ave. per attached exhibit 1 between Columbus, Georgia ("CCG"), Summerstone, LLC ("SS"), and Columbus Futbol Club, Inc. ("CFC") to provide property for city purposes and execute all closing documents. Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

2. Columbus Airport Commission Funding Support

Resolution (224-26): - A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, to authorize the City Manager to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Columbus Airport Commission and the Development Authority for $260,000 out of the Economic Development Fund and rescind Resolution No. 192.26. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

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

Resolution (225-26): - A resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), to extend the mitigation timeline for the demolition of 2610 16th Avenue, which contributes to the National Register of Historic Places - eligible expansion of the NHRP-listed Weracoba - St. Elmo Historic District. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

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

Resolution (226-26): - A resolution authorizing the acceptance of an easement deed to part of Land Lot 55, 8th District, 3,484.8 sq feet development for the purpose of incorporating the sidewalk into the street right-of-way , on behalf of Columbus, Georgia. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

5. FY27 Inmate Capacity Agreement

Resolution (227-26): - A resolution authorizing a maximum of five hundred and twenty-eight (528) state inmates to be housed at the Muscogee County Prison. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

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

Resolution (228-26): - A resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and city regulations, if awarded, a grant in the amount of $7,000,000, or as otherwise awarded, DOJ FY2026 Bridging Immigration-Related Deficits Experienced Nationwide ("BIDEN") Program, and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount awarded. Funds will be utilized to increase MCSO'S operational capabilities by providing equipment and technology that directly supports efforts to identify, locate, apprehend, investigate, detain, and transport criminal illegal aliens, drug trafficking suspects, and human trafficking perpetrators. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

7. <u>PURCHASES</u>

A. Liberty Theater Electrical Work and Temporary Lighting

Resolution (229-26): - A resolution authoring the Liberty Theater electrical work and temporary lighting services from River City Contracting, Inc. (Fortson, GA) in the amount of $79,450.00 and Change Order 1 in the amount of $5,895.00, for a total amount of $85,345.12. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

B. 7 Yard Dump Truck for Public Works – Georgia Statewide Cooperative Contract Purchase

Resolution (230-26): - A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) 7 Yard Dump Truck from Rush Truck Center Atlanta, (Atlanta, GA) at a total cost of $142,861.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-SPD-0000155-0001. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

C. One (1) F-450 Flatbed Dump Truck for Public Works - Georgia Statewide Cooperative Contract Purchase

Resolution (231-26): - A resolution authorizing the purchase of One (1) 2027 F-450 Flatbed Dump Truck for Public Works Department from Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA) in the amount of $85,622.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia State Contract #99999-SPD-SPD0000155-0006. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

D. One (1) Water Truck 4,000 Gallon for Public Works – Omnia Partners Cooperative Contract Purchase

Resolution (232-26): - A resolution authorizing the purchase of One (1) 4,000 Gallon Water Truck for Pine Grove Landfill from Yancey Brothers (Austell, GA) in the amount of $193,745.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Omnia Partners Contract #212816-01. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

E. One (1) New Way Viper 11 Yard Rear Loader Refuse Body for Public Works – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase

Resolution (233-26): - A resolution authorizing the purchase of One (1) New Way Viper 11 Yard Rear Loader Refuse Truck for Public Works Department from Sansom (Stonecrest, GA) in the amount of $222,373.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #110223-NWY. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

F. One (1) D3 Bulldozer for Public Works – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase

Resolution (234-26): - A resolution authorizing the purchase of One (1) 2026 D3 Bulldozer for Public Works Department from Yancey Brothers (Fortson, GA) in the amount of $199,393.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #011723-CAT. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

G. Contract Extension for Portable Toilet Rental and Service (Annual Contract) - RFB No. 20-0054

Resolution (235-26): - A resolution authorizing the extension of the annual contract for Portable Toilet Rental and Service (Annual Contract) with Lane Services LLC D/B/A Lane Environmental & Best Portables (Phenix City, AL) through December 31, 2026, on an “as needed” basis. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

H. Contract Extension for Leather Items (Annual Contract) - RFB No. 20-0013

Resolution (236-26): - A resolution authorizing the extension of the annual contract with Galls, LLC (Lexington, KY) and Strack, Inc. (formerly Black Gear Industries) (Yorktown, VA), through December 31, 2026, for the purchase of Leather Items on an "as needed" basis. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

I. Fifteen (15) Z930 Zero Turn Mowers for Public Works – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (237-26): - A resolution approving the purchase of fifteen (15) Z930 Zero Turn Mower for Public Works from Deere and Company. (Cary, NC) at a unit price of $12,174.48 and a total cost of $182,618.20. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia State Contract #99999-001-SPD0000177-0026. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

J. Three (3) Ford Explorers for State Court Solicitor – Georgia Statewide Cooperative Contract Purchase

Resolution (238-26): - A resolution approving the purchase of three (3) 2027 Ford Explorers for the State Court Solicitor from Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA) at a unit price of $41,785.00, and total cost of $125,355.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia State #99999-001-SPD0000218-0001. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

K. One (1) Mini Excavator for Public Works – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase

Resolution (239-26): - A resolution approving the purchase of one (1) Mini Excavator for the Public Works Department from Yancey Brothers (Forston, GA) in the amount of $52,152.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #011723-CAT. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

L. One (1) Inmate Detail Van for Public Works – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (240-26): - A resolution approving the purchase of one (1) 2027 inmate detail van, upfitted with metal insert and cameras, for the Public Works Department, from Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA) in the amount of $112,662.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia State #99999-001-SPD0000218-0001. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

M. Amendment 22 for Construction Manager as General Contractor Services for Columbus Government Center Complex – RFQ No. 20-0002

Resolution (241-26): - A resolution authorizing the execution of Amendment 22 in the amount of $869,127.00 with Gilbane Building Company (Atlanta, GA), in association with Freeman & Associates, Inc., for construction manager as general contractor services for the Government Center Complex. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

N. Custom Mobile Drone Command and Control Van for Fire & EMS

Resolution (242-26): - A resolution authorizing the purchase of a custom designed drone command van for the Fire & EMS Department from Airworx Unmanned Solutions (Greenville, SC) in the amount of $149,000.00. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

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

Resolution (243-26): - A resolution authorizing the purchase of hirty-eight (38) 2027 Ford Interceptors from Allan Vigil Ford Lincoln (Morrow, GA) at a unit price of $47,980.00 and a total cost of $1,823,240.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-SPD0000218-0002. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

Resolution (244-26): - A resolution to authorize and direct the City Manager to execute one or more lease supplements for a lease or leases under the GMA Direct Leasing Program; to designate such leases as qualified tax-exempt obligations; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

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

Resolution (245-26): - A resolution authoring the purchase of thirty-eight (38) 2027 Ford Interceptors from Allan Vigil Ford Lincoln (Morrow, GA) at a unit price of $47,980.00 and a total cost of $1,823,240.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-SPD0000218-0002. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

Resolution (246-26): - A resolution to authorize and direct the City Manager to execute one or more lease supplements for a lease or leases under the GMA Direct Leasing Program; to designate such leases as qualified tax-exempt obligations; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

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

Resolution (247-26): - A resolution authorizing the purchase of vehicle graphics for thirty-eight (38) patrol vehicles, for the Police Department, from D & S Sign Company (Columbus, GA) in the amount of $12,920.00. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

Resolution (248-26): - A resolution to authorize and direct the City Manager to execute one or more lease supplements for a lease or leases under the GMA Direct Leasing Program; to designate such leases as qualified tax-exempt obligations; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

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

Resolution (249-26): - A resolution authorizing the purchase of thirty-eight (38) hand-held electronic citations/summons printers, for the Police Department, from Tyler Technologies (Plano, TX) in the amount of $27,588.00. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

Resolution (250-26): - A resolution to authorize and direct the City Manager to execute one or more lease supplements for a lease or leases under the GMA Direct Leasing Program; to designate such leases as qualified tax-exempt obligations; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

ADD-ON RESOLUTION

Resolution (251-26): - A resolution authorizing the Mayor, City Manager, or designee 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 used 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. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

BID ADVERTISEMENTS

DATE: August 25, 2026

TO: Mayor and Councilors

FROM: Finance Department

SUBJECT: Advertised Bids/RFPs/RFQs

September 2, 2026

1 **Portable Toilet Rental and Service (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 26-0036**
Scope of RFP
The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia (the City) is seeking vendors to provide portable toilets, hand washing stations, and grey water collection containers at various City location sites.

The contract will be for two (2) years with an option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods. Contract renewal shall be contingent upon the mutual agreement of the City and the Contractor.

2 **Plumbing & Irrigation Supplies (Annual Contract) – RFB 27-0007**
Scope of Bid
Columbus Consolidated Government to establish an annual contract with qualified vendors to provide plumbing & irrigation supplies on an “as needed basis”

The contract will be for two (2) years with an option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods. Contract renewal shall be contingent upon the mutual agreement of the City and the Contractor.

September 9, 2026

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

Scope of RFP

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

2 **Used & Confiscated Firearms for Credit or Swap – RFB No. 27-0004**

Scope of Bid

The Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) Police Department is offering used and confiscated firearms for sale to a licensed firearms dealer who can issue a credit to purchase or swap for Heckler & Koch MR556 A4 SBR 11" Part No. 81001048 rifles with accessories.

September 23, 2026

1 **Dragonfly Trail – River Road Segment (S.R. 219) – RFP No. 27-0006**

Scope of Bid

This project consists of constructing a new trail beginning near Cascade Road in Columbus, Georgia. The trail will run south along River Road (SR 219) and continue west to the existing riverwalk at Lake Oliver Road. The project length is approximately 5,026 lf and includes a 10' wide concrete trail, pedestrian bridge, landscape improvements, stormwater improvements, and trail amenities. Additional work associated with the project includes minor demolition and clearing, erosion control, grading, and signage. Portions of the project are located on state right-of-way. A GDOT encroachment permit has been obtained by the City of Columbus. A dbe goal of 10% has been established for this project.

September 30, 2026

1 **On-Call Plumbing Installation and Maintenance Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 27-0003**

Scope of RFP

It is the intent of the Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) to establish an annual contract with a Primary and a Secondary contract to provide all labor, equipment and materials for on-call plumbing installation and maintenance services during normal business hours and after hours on an "as needed basis", on all buildings and structures for Columbus Consolidated Government.

The contract will be for two (2) years with an option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods. Contract renewal shall be contingent upon the mutual agreement of the City and the Contractor.

2 **On-Call Painting, Pressure Washing and Waterproofing Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 27-0004**

Scope of RFP

It is the intent of the Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) to establish an annual contract with a qualified Primary and Secondary contractor to provide all labor, equipment and materials for the provision of on-call Painting, Pressure Washing, and Waterproofing Services for buildings and structures for Columbus Consolidated Government. on an as-needed basis.

The contract will be for two (2) years with an option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods. Contract renewal shall be contingent upon the mutual agreement of the City and the Contractor.

3 **On-Call Electrical Installation and Maintenance Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 27-0009**

Scope of RFP

It is the intent of the Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) to establish an annual contract with a Primary and a Secondary contractor to provide all labor, equipment and materials for the provision of on-call Electrical installation and maintenance services during normal business hours and after hours on an “as needed basis”, on all buildings and structures for Columbus Consolidated Government.

The contract will be for two (2) years with an option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods. Contract renewal shall be contingent upon the mutual agreement of the City and the Contractor.

4 **On-Call Irrigation Installation and Maintenance Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 27-00010**

Scope of RFP

It is the intent of the Columbus Consolidated Government (City) to establish an annual contract with a Primary and a Secondary contractor to provide all labor, equipment and materials to install/troubleshoot irrigation systems for on-call installation and maintenance services during normal business hours and after hours on an “as needed basis”, throughout the City.

The contract will be for two (2) years with an option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods. Contract renewal shall be contingent upon the mutual agreement of the City and the Contractor.

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - INFORMATION ONLY

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

ADD-ON RESOLUTION

Resolution (252-26): - A Resolution rescinding Resolution No. 219-26 and changing the regularly scheduled Council meetings for the month of November 2026. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cook and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

2. **Resignation:** Correspondence from Anna-Claire Daniels, resigning from her seat on the Animal Control Advisory Board. Councilor Crabb made a motion to receive the resignation, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

3. **Resolution (253-26):** - A Resolution excusing Councilor R. Walker Garrett from the August 25, 2026, Regular Council Meeting. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

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

   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

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

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

   A. **AUDIT COMMITTEE:**

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

   B. **COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:**

A nominee for a vacant seat for a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) on the Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority that expired on June 30, 2026. *(Mayor's Appointment)* There were none.

   C. **PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES' BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

A nominee for a vacant seat with a term that expired on June 30, 2026, as a representative of the Business Community on the Pension Fund, Employees' Board of Trustees *(Mayor's Appointment).* There were none.

6. **NOMINATIONS – CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL:**

   A. **HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (BHAR):**

A nominee for a vacant seat *(Uptown Business Association)* for a term expiring on January 31, 2029, on the Historic & Architectural Review Board *(Confirmed by Council).* There were none.

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

   A. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

A nominee for the vacant seat of the District 1 Representative for a term that expired on March 27, 2026, on the Community Development Advisory Council *(District 1 – Barnes).* There were none.

   B. **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:**

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

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

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

A nominee for the vacant seat of District 5 Representative for a term that expires on October 31, 2026, on the Public Safety Advisory Commission *(District 5 – Crabb).* Clerk of Council McLemore announced that Councilor Crabb nominated David "Scott" Thomann to fill the District 5 vacant seat on the Public Safety Advisory Council. Councilor Crabb 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.

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 that expired on December 31, 2025, on the Board of Health *(Council's Appointment).* There were none.

B. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

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

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

A nominee for the seat of Sandra Gill *(Does not desire reappointment)* for a term that expired on June 30, 2026, on the New Horizons Behavioral Health – Mental Health, Addictive Diseases and Developmental Disabilities – Community Service Board *(Council's Appointment).* There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Nancy Schroeder *(Does not desire reappointment)* for a term that expired on June 30, 2026, on the New Horizons Behavioral Health – Mental Health, Addictive Diseases and Developmental Disabilities – Community Service Board *(Council's Appointment).* There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Judge David Ranieri *(Does not desire reappointment)* for a term that expired on June 30, 2025, on the New Horizons Behavioral Health – Mental Health, Addictive Diseases and Developmental Disabilities – Community Service Board *(Council's Appointment).* There were none.

D. PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:

A nominee for a vacant seat *(Alternate Member 1)* for a term that expires on December 31, 2027, on the Personnel Review Board (*Council's Appointment)***.** There were none.

A nominee for a vacant seat *(Alternate Member 2)* for a term that expires on December 31, 2027, on the Personnel Review Board (*Council's Appointment)***.** There were none.

A nominee for a vacant seat *(Alternate Member 3)* for a term that expires on December 31, 2027, on the Personnel Review Board (*Council's Appointment)***.** There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Delano Leftfwich *(Not Eligible – Alternate Member 4)* for a term that expired on December 31, 2025, on the Personnel Review Board (*Council's Appointment)***.** There were none.

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

A nominee for the seat of Dr. Janet C. Bussey *(Does not desire reappointment)* for a term that expires on June 30, 2026, on the Region Six Regional Advisory Council for Department of Behavioral Health & Development Disabilities *(Council's Appointment).* There were none.

F. TREE BOARD:

A nominee for a vacant seat *(At-Large)* for a term that expires on December 31, 2026, on the Tree Board (*Council's Appointment)***.** Councilor Cogle nominated Dawson Buchanan to fill the At-Large vacant seat on the Tree Board.

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

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

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

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

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

PUBLIC AGENDA (continued)

1. Mr. Carlton Brantley, representing Georgetown Subdivision, Re: Cat Colony Issue.

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.

ADD-ON RESOLUTION

Resolution (254-26): - A resolution authorizing the City Manager, City Attorney, Risk Manager, Finance Director, and their representatives to make a payment of $65,000 to settle all damage claims of Eddie Hamilton. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

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.

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