

# **COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA**

## **CITY COUNCIL MEETING** **MINUTES**

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

April 14, 2026  
9:00 AM  
Regular Meeting

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### **MAYOR'S AGENDA**

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**PRESENT:** Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen and Councilors John Anker, Travis L. Chambers, Joanne Cogle, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis (arrived at 10:04 a.m.), R. Walker Garrett, Byron Hickey and Toyia Tucker. Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Assistant City Attorney Lucy Sheftall, Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore and Deputy Clerk of Council Tameka Colbert.

**ABSENT:** Councilor Bruce Huff was absent. Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin was also absent.

**The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet:** (1) MA#5: Georgia Cities Week PP; (2) MA#7: National Travel & Tourism Week PP; (3) CM#4 Park & Recreation Projects Update PP

**The following documents were distributed around the Council table:** (1) CA - Add-On: Resolution – Technology Overlay District; (2) PA#13 Flight Blight Columbus Initiative: Columbus Is Not a Dumping Ground; (3) PA#14: Official Agenda: Haygood Recreation Center Boxing Gym; (4) PA#17: Contradictions of Politics; (5) PA#18: Technology Overlay District Ordinance

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

**INVOCATION:** Offered by Rev. Grace Burton-Edwards - St. Thomas Episcopal Church

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Alexander Mitchell - Rainey-McCullers School of the Arts

### **MINUTES:**

1. Approval of minutes for the March 31, 2026, Consent Agenda / Work Session 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 Councilor Davis being absent for the vote and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

## **PROCLAMATIONS**

2. **Proclamation:** Jubilee Freedom Day

**Receiving:** Johnnie Warner, Aaron Guest, Sr., and Spencer High School Students

**Councilor Toyia Tucker** read the proclamation into the record proclaiming Thursday, April 16, 2026, as *Jubilee Freedom Day*, recognizing and commemorating the end of slavery in the region following the Battle of Columbus in 1865 and honoring the resilience, freedom, and contributions of formerly enslaved individuals.

3. **Proclamation:** Arts & Culture Month

**Receiving:** Carrie Beth Wallace, Founder and Editor-in-Chief of The Columbusite

**Councilor Joanne Cogle** read the proclamation into the record proclaiming the month of April 2026, as *Arts & Culture Month*, recognizing the importance of the arts to the city's quality of life, economic development, and community engagement, and encouraging citizens to support local arts initiatives and events.

4. **Proclamation:** Ridgecrest Rehab & Skilled Nursing Center Recognition Day

**Receiving:** Jennifer Kelley, Administrator of Ridgecrest

**Councilor Walker Garrett** read the proclamation into the record proclaiming Tuesday, April 14, 2026, as *Ridgecrest Rehab & Skilled Nursing Center Recognition Day*, recognizing Ridgecrest Rehab and Skilled Nursing Center for its commitment to high-quality patient care and its achievement of Joint Commission accreditation.

5. **Proclamation:** Georgia Cities Week

**Receiving:** Teasha Hollis, Director of Communications & Community Affairs, City Manager's Office

**Mayor Pro Tem Gary Allen** read the proclamation into the record proclaiming the week of, April 20-25, 2026, as *Georgia Cities Week*, recognizing the role of city government in serving residents and encouraging civic engagement and public awareness of municipal services.

6. **Proclamation:** Fair Housing Month

**Receiving:** John Bunn, Jerry Tucker, and Anthony Montgomery

**Councilor Charmaine Crabb** read the proclamation into the record proclaiming the month of April 2026, as *Fair Housing Month*, recognizing the anniversary of the Fair Housing Act and reaffirming the community's commitment to equal housing opportunities and the elimination of discrimination.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

7. National Travel and Tourism Week, May 3-9, 2026 – Presented by: Ashley Woitena, President-CEO of VisitColumbusGA

**Ashley Woitena, President-CEO of VisitColumbusGA,** provided a brief presentation highlighting National Travel and Tourism Week (May 3–9, 2026), including upcoming events and the economic impact of tourism, noting visitor spending, job support, and community engagement initiatives.

## **CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA**

### **ORDINANCES**

1. **1st Reading:** REZN-07-25-1259: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **6821 Mobley Road** (parcel # 190-014-020) from Single Family Residential – 1 (SFR1) Zoning District to Single Family Residential – 2 (SFR2) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Davis)

Councilor Davis made a motion to delay the ordinance 1<sup>st</sup> Reading for two weeks, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

**Scott Burkhalter, Applicant,** explained his request to rezone property at 6821 Maui Road from SFR1 to SFR2 in order to purchase and combine an adjacent strip of land and gain access to his property from King Place Drive.

**Planning Director Will Johnson** explained that the applicant previously sought rezoning in July 2025 to match existing zoning for a lot combination, which was opposed by neighboring residents. The applicant is now requesting to rezone his property to SFR2 to align with the adjacent parcel for the purpose of combining the properties.

2. **1st Reading:** REZN-02-26-0189: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **5306 Buena Vista Road** (parcel # 095-045-019) from Single Family Residential – 2 (SFR2) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1) Zoning District with conditions. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.)(Councilor Tucker)

Councilor Tucker made a motion to amend the ordinance to add the following nine (9) conditions: (1) maximum building height if 45-feet, (2) the subject property shall revert back to the zoning at the time of application if developer does not construct and maintain subject property as shown on approved site plan within 24 months of adoption of this ordinance, (3) developer must use concrete composite wood material or brick on exterior of all buildings, (4) developer or successor in interest shall maintain a 50-foot natural undisturbed buffer on all property lines, (5) all lighting shall be LED and directed downward internally on the subject property, (6) the approved landscape plan shall be maintained by developer or successor in interest, (7) a minimum 6-foot high privacy fence of wood or black chain link shall be erected and maintained by developer or successor and interest, (8) all trash dumpsters shall be emptied only between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and (9) only one (1) three-story building shall be permitted in Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the development, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

**Carter Brown of IDP Properties, Applicant** explained that the proposal includes affordable housing, with an initial phase of 56 units and a potential second phase and reflects coordination with city officials and neighborhood stakeholders to address community concerns.

**REFERRAL(S):**

**FOR THE DEPUTY CITY MANAGER:**

- A request was made to evaluate traffic impacts in the area, including consideration of a traffic study to assess ingress and egress near Buena Vista Road. (*Councilor Tucker*)

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- *Brian Beverly* – expressed support for the proposed development but raised concerns regarding public safety, specifically traffic speeding issues.
- *Val McGowan* – expressed support for the proposed development, noting the inclusion of green space and its potential community benefits, while also encouraging additional economic development in the area.

## **REFERRAL(S):**

### **FOR THE DEPUTY CITY MANAGER:**

- A request was made for increased traffic enforcement in the area, including the possibility of scheduling additional police details to address speeding concerns. (*Councilor Tucker*)
  
- 3. **1st Reading:** REZN-02-26-0346: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **9055 Veterans Parkway** (parcel # 079-001-034) from Residential Office (RO) Zoning District to Residential Estate - 1 (RE1)(Planning Department and PAC recommend approval)(Councilor Davis)

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

## **RESOLUTIONS**

- 4. **Resolution (086-26)** - A resolution approving a Special Exception to allow for a Tattoo Studio in the existing building located at **1023 Broadway** located in the Central Riverfront (CRD) zoning district. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.)(Councilor Cogle) 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 from the meeting. (*NOTE: Councilor Tucker was out of the Council Chamber at the time this vote was taken and requested her vote reflect in favor.*)

## **ADD-ON RESOLUTION**

**Resolution (087-26)** - A resolution delaying any first reading of the Technology Overlay District amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance for up to 45 days. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

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

### 5. **NOMINATIONS – CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL:**

## **A. AIRPORT COMMISSION:**

A nominee for a vacant seat for a term expiring on December 31, 2026, on the Airport Commission (*Waiting on nominee – Confirmed by Council*). The Airport Commission has submitted Daria Cruzen for confirmation. Councilor Davis moved confirmation. Seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting. (*NOTE: Item called forward at the request of Councilor Davis.*)

## **PUBLIC AGENDA**

1. Mr. Timothy Veals, Re: School Zone Signs, Neighborhood Property Owners, Responsibility of Landlords to Clean Up Properties ***Not Present***
2. Mr. Joshua Broomfield, Re: Inclusion of Local and Minority Businesses in Major Projects.
3. Mr. Paul Olson, Re: Public Agenda, Open Meetings Act, and the Planning Advisory Commission (PAC). ***Not Present***
4. Mr. Gregory Foster, Re: The Ugly Truth About the *Stop Hypercycle Data Centers in Muscogee County Group*.
5. Mr. Daniel Veach, Re: Proposed Data Center. ***Not Present***
6. Mrs. Jessica Warchal, Re: Who are the purveyors of misinformation?
8. Mr. Joshua Ferguson, Re: Business Development, Public Goods, and the Signal that Columbus Sends. ***Not Present***
9. Mr. Scott Johnson, Re: Proposed Data Center for AI. ***Not Present***
10. Mr. Matthew Davidson, Re: Inconsistencies in Zoning Overlay for Data Center. ***Not Present***
11. Ms. Sophia Rother, Re: Moratorium or Send to Ballot – Zoning Overlay for Data Center.
7. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Correct Care, Crime Prevention Department Reforms. (*Referral from Mayor’s Commission on Persons with Disabilities*)
12. Dr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: Board Appointment Concerns.

**Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore** stated she would follow up and continue efforts to educate local boards on proper procedures and compliance with applicable laws, including the Georgia Open Meetings Act.

13. Dr. Natalie Nicole, representing Role Model Academy, Re: Fight Blight Columbus, GA Initiative.

**REFERRAL(S):**

**FOR THE DEPUTY CITY MANAGER:**

- A request was made to explore the expansion of surveillance camera installations in targeted areas to address ongoing littering and illegal dumping. (*Councilor Hickey*)
  - A request was made to evaluate lighting conditions along Moy Road, particularly near the guardrail area off Buena Vista Road. (*Councilor Tucker*)
  - A request was made to explore establishing a whistleblower-style reporting program for illegal dumping that would incentivize citizens to report violations. (*Councilor Garrett*)
14. Ms. Inja Gordon, representing Haygood (Boxing Gym) Recreation Center, Re: Community Legacy, Exposure & Athletic Funding, and Accessibility Alignment.

**Parks and Recreation Director Holli Browder** clarified that the \$20 fee associated with the Haygood Boxing Gym is a standard membership fee comparable to other recreational facilities, reflecting access to specialized equipment such as boxing rings.

15. Ms. Pamela Mulvaney, Re: Data Center, Tech and Environmental Concerns.
16. Ms. Patricia Stephens, Re: Patterns in Economics.
17. Mrs. Debra Jarzomjoski, Re: Contradictions of Politics.
18. Mrs. Darlene Laird, Re: Proposed Technology Overlay District.
19. Mr. Val McGowan, Re: Civility and Good Trouble.
20. Mrs. Audrey Holston Palmore, Re: Heir Property.

**CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA (continued)**

**COUNCIL HEARING(S):**

9. Request for refund of property taxes as submitted by Mr. Andrew Ruh, Executive Director of Columbus Botanical Garden, for property located in Columbus, Georgia in the amount of \$28,706.62. (*NOTE: Request for waiver of penalty and interest on property tax in the amount of \$7,935.60 was approved by Council on 03/24/2026. Property taxes for years 2023, 2024, and 2025 were paid in full on 03/25/2026.*)

**Mr. Andrew Ruh, Executive Director of Columbus Botanical Garden**, addressed Council regarding a previously requested waiver of back taxes on a parcel of property acquired in 2022. He explained that the property, a five-acre donation adjoining the garden, had not been properly filed as tax-exempt by prior administration.

Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the request for a full refund in the amount of \$28,706.62, seconded by Councilor Tucker and found inconclusive with a five-to-four vote, with Councilors Chambers, Cogle, Garrett, Hickey and Tucker voting in favor and Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Anker, Crabb and Davis voting opposed and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting. (*NOTE: With an inconclusive vote, this item will be listed on the April 28, 2026, Council Meeting Agenda.*)

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

### **1. Sidewalk and Maintenance Easement Deed for Additional Right-of-Way Adjacent to Manchester Expressway and Armour Road**

**Resolution (088-26)** – A resolution authorizing the acceptance of easement deeds to part of Land Lot 48, 8<sup>th</sup> District 27.14 sq feet 0.001 acres and 290.88 sq feet 0.007 acres along Manchester Expressway and 609.22 sq feet 0.014 acres along armor Road, Chick-Fil-A development for the purpose of incorporating the sidewalk into the street right-of-way, on behalf of Columbus, Georgia. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

### **2. Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant Program**

**Resolution (089-26)** – A resolution to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and city regulations, if awarded, a grant of \$40,000, or as otherwise awarded, the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation grant, and to amend the multi-governmental fund by the amount awarded. Funds will be utilized for enhancing community safety through new tools, including AEDs, rescue equipment, and educational resources. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

### **3. PURCHASES**

- A. Construction Manager as General Contractor Services for Public Safety Building Renovations – RFP No. 26-0016

**Resolution (090-26)** – A resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with Freeman & Associates (Columbus, GA) for Construction Manager as General Contractor services for Public Safety Building Renovations to construct renovations to the existing Public Safety building located at 510 10<sup>th</sup> Street. The recommended contractor’s cost proposal is within the amount budgeted. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Anker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

B. Provision and Installation of Lighting Upgrade for Cooper Creek Tennis Center – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase

**Resolution (091-26)** – A resolution authorizing the provision and installation of lighting upgrade for Cooper Creek Tennis Center from Musco Sports Lighting LLC (Oskaloosa, IA) in the amount of \$489,840.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #041123-MSL. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Anker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

C. Memorandum of Agreement for Mental Health Services for Muscogee County Prison

**Resolution (092-26)** – A resolution authorizing the Memorandum of Agreement with New Horizons Community Service Board d/b/a New Horizons Behavioral Health (Columbus, GA), for inmate mental health services for the Muscogee County Prison. New Horizons Behavioral Health will provide five telephone consultations and contract administration in the amount of \$250.00 per month. Provider services will be \$150.00 per hour; clinician services will be \$100.00 per hour; psychologist services will be \$100.00 per hour; and additional consultations beyond the five monthly telephone consultations will be \$50.00 per call. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Anker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

D. Retrofit/Upgrade of Bomb Squad Robot for EMA/Homeland Security

**Resolution (093-26)** – A resolution authorizing purchase of retrofit/upgrade services for the bomb squad robot from Pareton/Remotec, Inc., (Clinton, TN) in the amount of \$112,523.00. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Anker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

**Director of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Chance Corbett** offered comments regarding the Council’s approval of a fully funded \$112,523 grant, highlighting that the funding will

support the retrofit of bomb squad equipment to enhance safety by allowing hazardous situations to be handled remotely, benefiting the region's consolidated bomb squad.

In response to a question posed by Councilor Hickey, **Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge** provided comments regarding signage at the Public Safety Building, indicating that plans are underway to include recognition of former Police Chief Weatherington as part of the facility's ongoing renovations.

*(Note: Councilor Cogle left the meeting at 12:39 p.m.)*

*(Note: Councilor Hickey left the meeting at 12:40 p.m.)*

#### **4. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS**

A. Parks & Recreation Update - Holli Browder, Director Parks & Recreation

**Director of Parks & Recreation Holli Browder** delivered a presentation outlining recent accomplishments and ongoing projects within the department. She also provided updates on current and upcoming projects, and efforts to improve facilities through partnerships, new designs, and the potential addition of a project manager to support the department's extensive workload.

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

##### **FOR THE DEPUTY CITY MANAGER:**

- A request was made to move forward with renaming Carver Park to the Honorable Evelyn Turner Pugh Park and Recreation Center, including coordinating a potential dedication around her birthday and involving her family in the recognition. *(Councilor Tucker)*
- A request was made to revisit plans for improvements at AJ McClung, including discussion of turf options and clarification of available funding for the project. *(Councilor Tucker)*
- A request was made to amend the existing ordinance or resolution for Carver Park to align park operating hours with splash pad hours. *(Councilor Tucker)*
- A request was made for staff to research whether the City can reinstall or rehabilitate septic systems at facilities such as Flat Rock Park. *(Councilor Davis)*

In response to Councilor Davis's referral, **Interim Director of Facilities Maintenance Allen Minton** explained that while replacing septic systems is feasible, significant challenges remain due to the lack of water service. He explained that extending water lines to the facilities would require substantial cost and rock excavation and noted that prior estimates and contractor discussions have been conducted but not recently revisited.

## **REFERRAL(S):**

### **FOR THE DEPUTY CITY MANAGER:**

- A request was made for staff to assess restroom conditions at Woodruff Park Soccer Complex.  
(*Councilor Chambers*)
- A request was made to explore the inclusion of restroom facilities in future plans for Flat Rock Park.  
(*Mayor Pro Tem Allen*)
- A request was made for an update on the engineering progress of the traffic study for the Sumac and Techwood area. (*Councilor Crabb*)

## **CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA (continued)**

### **ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED**

1. **Resignation:** Correspondence received from Avianca C. Dowdell, resigning from her seat on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (KCBC). Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the resignation, seconded by Councilor Chambers and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Cogle, Hickey and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.
2. **Travel Authorization Request:** Approval is requested for Councilor Toyia Tucker to attend the 2026 ACCG Annual Conference, scheduled for April 23-26, 2026. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the authorization, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Cogle, Hickey and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.
3. **Minutes of the following boards:**
  - Board of Historic and Architectural Review 12-11-23
  - Board of Historic and Architectural Review 07-08-24, 10-15-24
  - Board of Historic and Architectural Review 09-08-25, 10-14-25
  - Board of Tax Assessors #10-26, 11-26, 12-26
  - Board of Water Commissioners 02-09-26
  - Development Authority of Columbus 02-12-26, 02-24-26

New Horizon Behavioral Health 01-13-20, 04-13-20, 05-11-20, 06-08-20, 07-13-20, 11-09-20, 12-14-20

New Horizon Behavioral Health 01-09-23, 02-13-23, 03-13-23, 05-08-23, 06-12-23, 08-14-23, 09-11-23, 10-09-23, 12-11-23

New Horizon Behavioral Health 09-09-24, 10-14-24, 12-09-24

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

**ADD-ON:**

**Resolution (094-26)** - A Resolution excusing Councilor Bruce Huff from the March 31, 2026, Consent Agenda / Work Session. Councilor Anker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Chambers and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Cogle, Hickey and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

**Resolution (095-26)** - A Resolution excusing Councilor Bruce Huff from the April 14, 2026, Council Meeting. Councilor Anker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Chambers and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Cogle, Hickey and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED**

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

**A. 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.

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

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

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. NOMINATIONS – READY FOR CONFIRMATION:**

**A. DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:** Laura Gower was nominated to serve another term. New term expires: 04/30/2030 (*Mayor Pro Tem Allen*) Mayor Pro Tem Allen moved confirmation. Seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Cogle, Hickey and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

**B. DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:** Doug Jenkins was nominated to serve another term. New term expires: 04/30/2030 (*Mayor Pro Tem Allen*) Mayor Pro Tem Allen moved confirmation. Seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Cogle, Hickey and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

**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 expiring on March 27, 2026, on the Community Development Advisory Council (*District 1 – Hickey*). There were none.

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*). 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.

**B. 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.

**8. 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.

**C. 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.

**D. LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:**

A nominee for a vacant seat for a term that expired 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, 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.

**E. 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.

**F. 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.

*(Note: Councilor Davis left the meeting at 1:27 p.m.)*

**PUBLIC AGENDA (continued)**

4. Mr. Gregory Foster, Re: The Ugly Truth About the *Stop Hypercycle Data Centers in Muscogee County Group*.
7. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Correct Care, Crime Prevention Department Reforms. (*Referral from Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities*)
12. Dr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: Board Appointment Concerns.

20. Mrs. Audrey Holston Palmore, Re: Heir Property.

13. Dr. Natalie Nicole, representing Role Model Academy, Re: Fight Blight Columbus, GA Initiative.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Skip Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Councilor Garrett to adjourn the April 14, 2026, Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Cogle, Davis and Hickey being absent for the vote, and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting, with the time being 1:41 p.m.

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