## **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

July 8, 2025 9:00 AM Regular Meeting

#### MAYOR'S AGENDA

**PRESENT:** Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen (arrived at 9:06 a.m.) and Councilors John Anker, Travis L. Chambers, Joanne Cogle, Charmaine Crabb (arrived at 9:10 a.m.), Glenn Davis, Byron Hickey, Bruce Huff (arrived at 10:08 a.m.), and Toyia Tucker. Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Assistant City Attorney Lucy Sheftall, Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore and Deputy Clerk of Council Tameka Colbert.

**ABSENT:** Councilor R. Walker Garrett was absent.

The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet: (1) CM#5(A) – Presentation: Columbus SS4A Plan Project Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting #1; (2) CM#5(B) – Presentation: South Lumpkin Road Streetscape Project No. 0019528; (3) CM#5(C) – Presentation: Cooper Creek Flood Map Revision

The following documents were distributed around the Council table: (1) Finance Documents (Redacted – Payment approved per Resolution No. 193-25 on 06-17-2025); (2) PA#1 – Event Flyer: Lifting Up East Wynnton; (3) PA#1 – Event Program: Lifting Up East Wynnton (Provided to select individuals at the request of applicant); (4) PA#4 – Statement; (5) PA#5 – Statement (Submitted to Clerk of Council after appearance); (6) PA#7 – Images of Property Damage

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

**INVOCATION**: Offered by Youth Pastor Mitchell Harris, Pleasant Grove Baptist Church of Columbus, Georgia

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

**MINUTES** 

1. Approval of minutes for the June 17, 2025 Council Meeting and Executive Session. Councilor Cogle made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Crabb and Huff being absent for the vote, and Councilor Garrett being absent for the meeting.

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

- 2. Introduction of Missy Kendrick, President & CEO of Choose Columbus
  - Selvin Hollingsworth, Chairman of the Development Authority of Columbus

After a brief introduction, newly appointed **President & CEO of Choose Columbus, Missy Kendrick**, came forward and expressed her appreciation for the Council's input on how to move economic development forward in Columbus and Muscogee County. She noted that the community has adopted a new structure for economic development, which was previously housed under the Chamber of Commerce. This new, more focused approach aims to engage young professionals, support established businesses in utilizing available resources, and attract new businesses to Columbus.

### **CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA**

#### **ORDINANCES**

- 1. Ordinance (25-037) 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: An Ordinance providing for the levy, assessment, and collection of taxes for the public school system of Columbus, Georgia; and for other purposes. (Budget Review Committee) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the vote, and Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.
- 2. 1st Reading- An Ordinance amending Chapter 14 pertaining to Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions of the Columbus Code to insert a code section 14-24 to provide for fees for lift assistance service calls made by the Columbus Department of Fire and Medical Emergency Services to licensed healthcare and affiliated facilities; to provide penalties for violations thereof; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

<u>Fire/EMS Chief Sal Scarpa</u> approached the rostrum to explain the proposed amendment, stating this amendment is to encourage healthcare facilities to staff appropriately to provide necessary care for their residents.

#### **Public Comment:**

- Mr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., came forward asking questions on the fees received, to which Chief Scarpa responded.
- **3. 1st Reading-** An Ordinance amending the Columbus Code to add a new Article V to Chapter 11 to require safety standards pertaining to powered bicycles, powered mobility devices and storage batteries; and for other purposes. (Councilor Cogle)

<u>Fire/EMS Chief Sal Scarpa</u> explained the proposed amendment intended to address a fire hazard that has been recognized regarding powered bicycles, powered mobility devices and the storage of batteries.

<u>Councilor Toyia Tucker</u> recognized the Columbus Fire/EMS Department for winning the 2025 National Association of Counties Achievement Award for the Columbus Correct Care.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

**4. Resolution** (205-25) – A Resolution updating the Travel Policy for members of the Columbus, Georgia Council. (Councilor Tucker) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to amend the resolution to add language requiring members of Council to submit a travel request identifying training subject matter that will later be shared upon return and the \$3,500 limit per councilor is non-transferable, seconded by Councilor Crabb and continued with discussion. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a substitute motion to amend the resolution to add language requiring members of Council to submit a travel request identifying training subject matter that will later be shared upon return and the \$3,500 limit per councilor is non-transferable unless approved by Council, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the vote, and Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

A lengthy discussion was held during which <u>Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen</u> shared his concerns regarding the proposed change to the Council Travel Policy. He stated that he would like the Council to consider adding language to the resolution specifying that the funds are non-transferable between councilors, that the topics or courses registered are included with the travel request submitted to Council, and that information learned from the training or class is later presented to the Council. He further shared that, based on his research of councilors' travel over the past few years, there has been no instance of a trip exceeding the allocated \$3,500, and therefore he does not believe there is a need to allow funds to be transferred between councilors.

Several councilors shared their perspectives on the proposed travel policies, during which <u>Councilor</u> <u>Travis L. Chambers</u> requested clarification on whether the \$3,500 allocation per councilor would also apply to mandated training, to which the City Attorney responded in the negative.

After the City Attorney clarified that the language requiring councilors to obtain Council approval for travel had been omitted, <u>Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore</u> requested that the Council consider adding this language into the resolution to ensure that this responsibility does not fall on the Clerk. As the discussion continued, it was stated the Clerk would include a balance of the line items for travel to be included with each travel request.

#### DISCUSSION: Resolution No. 193-25 (Approved June 17, 2025)

Councilor Glenn Davis requested a status update on the invoice for the payment approved on June 17, 2025, pursuant to Resolution No. 193-25. He expressed his disapproval of what he described as excessive attorney fees and made a motion for the Council to reconsider the action taken on June 17, 2025; however, the motion failed for lack of a second, and his comments continued. He clarified that the issue was not whether the invoice should be paid — acknowledging the obligation to do so — but rather that the fees themselves were excessive. No remedies were discussed during the meeting. He further noted that a judge has the authority to determine whether attorney fees are excessive and stated that there was no reason for a grievance should not have been filed with the Court of Appeals.

After <u>Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge</u> reported that the payment was issued on June 27, 2025, Councilor Davis made a motion to reconsider the action and to file a grievance through the Court of Appeals process; however, the motion failed for lack of a second.

<u>City Attorney Clifton Fay</u> stated that this matter is governed by the case law established by the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals. He explained that if an official, acting in their official capacity, is required to hire outside counsel to assert a legal position that the local government attorney cannot take due to a conflict — as is the case here — and if the official is successful in asserting their position, then the payment of attorney fees is the responsibility of the local government. This has been affirmed by the Court of Appeals since 2014 and by the Supreme Court since 2001. He recommended Council not

Councilor Davis made a motion for a resolution to be created asserting Council's intent to file a grievance with the State Bar of Georgia based on what they believe to be excessive attorneys fees, seconded by Councilor Hickey and continued with discussion.

During the discussion, <u>City Attorney Clifton Fay</u> stated that his office would not draft the requested resolution and that he does not recommend the Council adopt any resolution claiming the fees are excessive when the courts have mandated payment. He advised Councilor Davis that if he wishes to pursue a grievance, he should do so as an individual, but he does not recommend filing such a grievance at the taxpayers' expense. City Attorney Fay stated for the record that Councilor Davis is welcome to seek a second opinion; however, neither he nor his office would file a grievance against another attorney whose fees have been authorized by appellate court decisions.

After a discussion was held on the need for the Council to identify the cost associated with filing the grievance as requested by Councilor Davis, Councilor Hickey withdrew his second to the motion on the table. Clerk of Council McLemore restated the action taken, to which Councilor Davis withdrew his last motion for a resolution to be created asserting Council's intent to file a grievance with the State Bar of Georgia based on what they believe to be excessive attorney's fees

## PUBLIC AGENDA Last Application Received: July 3, 2025, 1:39 p.m. (Online)

- 2. Mr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: Attorney Fees Paid for by Taxpayers.
- 1. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, Re: Political Shenanigans, Staff Appreciation, and Uplifting the East Wynnton Campaign.
- 3. Miss. Ashlee Williams, Re: Unanswered Questions, Unethical Use of Power and Mismanagement of Money.
- 4. Mrs. Kathryn Bailey (Tanner), Re: Corruption.

<u>Crime Prevention Director Seth Brown</u> approached the rostrum to respond, summarizing the functions of his office and the grant application process.

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

#### FOR THE CRIME PREVENTION DIRECTOR:

- Bring information on the original intent of the Crime Prevention Grants to a work session to explain and discuss possible changes based on the needs identified. Bring metric reports. (*Councilor Tucker*)
- Provide information where the grant funds are being spent on the metric reports. (Councilor Hickey)
- Provide quarterly reports/updates for transparency. (Councilor Chambers)

- 5. Mr. Tim Mason, Re: PAWS Humane Animal Control Services.
- 6. Mr. Randy Foster, Re: PAWS Humane Animal Control Services.
- 7. Mr. Gregory Foster, representing the Chatham Woods Neighborhood Association, Re: Department of Inspections and Code.

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

#### FOR THE CITY ATTORNEY:

- See what can be done to amend the Code of Ordinances to allow Inspections & Code more leeway to address the upkeep of private properties to keep neglect from affecting surrounding properties. (Councilor Hickey)

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

#### 1. Service Agreement with Public Consulting Group, LLC

**Resolution** (206-25): A resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to enter into a service agreement with Public Consulting Group, LLC to pursue Medicaid supplemental payments for Fire-EMS Services, allowing a 10% contingency-based fee structure tied to recovered funds. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Chambers and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote, and Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

# 2. GA Medicaid Fee for Service – Ground Ambulance Upper Payment Limit – Supplemental Payment Program

**Resolution** (207-25): A resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to participate in the Georgia Medicaid Fee-For-Service Upper Payment Limit Supplemental Payment Program and authorizing payment via intergovernmental transfer to the State of Georgia, as required, based on formulaic calculations derived by the Department of Community Health. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote, and Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

#### 3. Flint Energies Foundation Grant

**Resolution** (208-25): A resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant for the purchase of a Spot robot with public safety payloads for \$410,465.35, or as otherwise awarded, from the Flint Energies Foundation Grant Program with no matching funds required. The Multi-Governmental Fund will be amended by the amount of the award. Mayor Pro Tem Allen 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. PURCHASES

#### A. Fuel Purchases for Fiscal Year 2026

**Resolution** (209-25): A resolution authorizing payment for Fiscal Year 2026 fuel purchases awarded to the vendor submitting the lowest, responsive, responsible quote via the daily fuel quote process. Mayor Pro Tem Allen 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.

#### B. Federal and State Mandated Fees for Fiscal Year 2026

**Resolution** (210-25): A resolution authorizing the payment for various federal and state mandated fees during the Fiscal Year 2026. Mayor Pro Tem Allen 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.

#### C. Vehicle Buildout Services for the Sheriff's Office

**Resolution** (211-25): A resolution authorizing payment to 911iNet (Phenix City, Alabama) in the total amount of \$200,521.00 for vehicle buildout services for the Sheriff's Office. The amount includes \$169,990.00 for Park Patrol buildout services and \$30,531.00 for pursuit vehicle buildout services. Mayor Pro Tem Allen 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.

D. Contract Amendment for NeoGov Application Management Tracking System for Human Resources

Resolution (212-25): A resolution authorizing the contract amendment with NEOGOV (El Segundo, CA), to add the PowerDMS Attract and SparkHire subscription modules in the total amount of \$74,694.00; which includes a discounted rate for Year 1 in the amount of \$22,609.50; and a discounted rate of \$52,084.50 for Year 2. Approval is also requested to the annual maintenance/support renewals, including cost increases for all aspects of the system, which will be budgeted in the appropriate subsequent fiscal years. Future renewals will be coterminous with other software modules from NEOGOV licensed from July-June. Mayor Pro Tem Allen 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.

E. Amendment 21 for Construction Manager as General Contractor Services for Columbus Government Center Complex - RFQ No. 20-0002

**Resolution** (213-25): A resolution authorizing the execution of Amendment 21 in the amount of \$783,530.00 with Gilbane Building Company (Atlanta, GA), in association with Freeman & Associations, Inc., for construction manager as general contractor services for the Government Center Complex. Mayor Pro Tem Allen 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.

#### **EMERGENCY PURCHASES**

1. Information Only: Exigent "Off the Lot" Vehicle Purchases – Resolution No. 354-24

#### 5. <u>UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS</u>

A. Safe Streets 4 All – Alex Henry, Benesch

Mr. Alex Henry, AICP – Project Manager, Benesch, approached the rostrum to deliver a presentation on the Safe Streets 4 All Plan Project, which focuses on developing action plans to improve street safety for the community. He shared the results of a community survey, which identified the following priorities for improving traffic safety in Columbus: (1) Construct additional pedestrian and bicycle facilities, (2) Reduce impaired, distracted, and inattentive driving, (3) Reduce speeding and aggressive driving, and (4) Improve roadway and intersection lighting.

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

#### FOR THE DEPUTY CITY MANAGER:

- Data on the ratio of officers to citizens. (Councilor Anker)
- Request to meet with Mr. Alex Henry. (Councilor Huff)
- A misspelling of the word *arrive* was noted on a sign installed as part of the Buena Vista Road Project, on the section of the roadway closest to Macon Road. (*Councilor Tucker*)
- Place signs between Macon Road and Buena Vista Road to advise drivers to reduce speed when approaching the Buena Vista Road exit. (Councilor Tucker)
- A consolidated, filterable list of road projects by district, start date, etc. that is accessible to the members of Council. (Councilor Cogle)
- Provide details on whether the roadway improvements listed in the document sent to Council members are covered by the approved budget; if not, include the projected cost to complete those improvements. (*Councilor Tucker*)
  - B. South Lumpkin Road Improvements Kathy Stallard, Heath & Lineback

Mr. James Patrick, PE – Active Transportation Division Manager, Health & Lineback Engineers, Inc., approached the rostrum to present the *South Lumpkin Road Streetscape Project*. He summarized the project, which begins north of the roundabout at South Lumpkin Road and Infantry Road and extends to the intersection with Victory Drive (SR 1). The project aims to calm traffic, enhance pedestrian and bicycle accessibility, and improve overall safety.

Ms. Kathy Stallard – Senior Project Manager, Health & Lineback Engineers, Inc., came forward during the presentation to address questions from Council members about the rationale and approach behind the project plans. She noted that feedback from citizens at the public meeting indicated a preference for the three-lane design, as there were concerns the project might negatively impact local businesses.

<u>Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge</u> requested guidance from the Council on which approach the consultants should proceed with.

Councilor Cogle made a motion to move forward with the Preferred Alternative Option (3-Lane Approach) as presented, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Crabb, Hickey and Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

C. Cooper Creek Study - Jeff Keefe, Moon Meeks and Associates, Inc and Binita Shrestha, Waggoner Engineering

Mr. Jeff Keefe, PLS – President, Moon Meeks & Associates, Inc., approached the rostrum to present the *Cooper Creek Flood Map Revision*. He noted that the last map update and data collection was conducted in 1979. He outlined the engineering methodology used for the new study and explained that the updated map will reflect a comparison of floodplain boundaries, identify affected properties, and detail changes to base flood elevations.

<u>Director Vance Beck – Engineering Department</u> came forward and stated that, according to the old map, 83 properties were located within the flood zone. With the updated map, that number will decrease to 19 properties, which will now be required to obtain flood insurance.

<u>Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge</u> provided additional context, explaining that properties located within the floodplain will not be eligible to obtain a building permit.

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

#### FOR THE DEPUTY CITY MANAGER:

- Contact all property owners that will be affected. (*Councilor Crabb*)
- Include in the emails sent to the owners of the three properties discussed. (Councilor Anker)

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT:**

<u>Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge</u> announced the kickoff meeting for the performance and risk assessment will be later that afternoon.

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

#### FOR THE DEPUTY CITY MANAGER:

- Share an update on the changes carried out in the Revenue Division following the audit recommendations. (Councilor Hickey)
- Some features at the Carver Park Splash Pad are not working. (Councilor Tucker)

- Change the hours of the Carver Park Splash Pad to 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sundays and Mondays from now until Labor Day. (*Councilor Tucker*)
- Ensure timely and effective communication to the public regarding changes to the trash pickup schedule due to holidays. (*Councilor Tucker*)

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

#### **ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED**

#### 1. Minutes of the following boards:

Board of Tax Assessors, #19-25

Board of Tax Assessors, #20-25

Board of Tax Assessors, #21-25

Board of Tax Assessors, #22-25

Board of Water Commissioners, 05.12.25

Columbus Airport Commission, 04.23.25

Columbus Airport Commission, 05.28.25

Columbus Golf Authority, 02.11.25

Columbus Golf Authority, 03.25.25

Columbus Golf Authority, 05.28.25

Columbus Iron Works Convention & Trade Center Authority, 05.22.25

Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners, 05.21.25

New Horizons Community Service Board, 05.12.25

Pension Fund, Employees Board of Trustees, 01.08.25

Pension Fund, Employees Board of Trustees, 02.12.25

Pension Fund, Employees Board of Trustees, 03.12.25

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.

#### **ADD-ON RESOLUTION:**

**RESOLUTION** (214-25): A resolution excusing the absence of Councilor R. Walker Garrett from the July 8, 2025, Council Meeting. (*Add-On*) Mayor Pro Tem Allen 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.

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

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

#### A. COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:

A nominee for a new seat as a Certified Public Accountant, on the Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority. (Mayor's Appointment). There were none.

A nominee for a new seat as a Law Enforcement Representative, on the Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority. (Mayor's Appointment). Mayor Henderson nominated Sgt. Kelly Phillips with the Columbus Police Department. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

#### B. PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES' BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

A nominee for a vacant seat with a term expiring on June 30, 2025, as a representative of the Business Community on the Pension Fund, Employees' Board of Trustees (Mayor's Appointment). There were none.

# 3. <u>COUNCIL DISTRICT SEAT APPOINTMENTS- ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE</u> CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:

#### A. CIVIC CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Johnson Trawick (*Does not desire reappointment*) for a term that expired on March 1, 2025, as the District 8 Representative on the Civic Center Advisory Board (*District 8 – Garrett*). There were none.

#### B. <u>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:</u>

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.

#### C. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:

A nominee for the District 2 Representative on the Youth Advisory Council ( $District\ 2 - Davis$ ). Councilor Davis nominated Eli Smith, Calvary Christian School. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

A nominee for the District 3 Representative on the Youth Advisory Council (District 3 - Huff). Councilor Huff nominated Zion Javon Daise. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

A nominee for the District 5 Representative on the Youth Advisory Council (District 5 - Crabb). There were none.

A nominee for the District 9 Representative on the Youth Advisory Council (District 9 - Anker). There were none.

A nominee for the District 10 Representative on the Youth Advisory Council (District 10 – Chambers). There were none.

#### 4. <u>DESIGNATED SEATS – NOMINATIONS ARE CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL:</u>

#### A. BOARD OF ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION:

A nominee for the seat of U.D. Roberts (*Eligible to serve another term*) for a term expiring on December 31, 2025, as the Republican Party Representative on the Board of Elections & Registration (*Muscogee County Republican Party's Nomination / Confirmed by Council*). Clerk of Council McLemore announced U.D. Roberts is being renominated to continuing serving as the Republican Party Representative. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

# 5. <u>COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – ANY NOMINATIONS WOULD BE LISTED FOR THE NEXT MEETING:</u>

#### A. <u>DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:</u>

A nominee for a vacant seat with an expired term as of August 15, 2023, on the Downtown Development Authority (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

#### B. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:

A nominee for a vacant seat with the term expiring on June 30, 2027, as a Senatorial District 15 Representative on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*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 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. RETIREES' HEALTH BENEFITS COMMITTEE:

A nominee for the seat of Thomas Barron (*Not Eligible to serve another term*) for a term that expired on June 30, 2025, on the Retirees' Health Benefits Committee (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

#### TRANSITION AUDIT REQUEST:

<u>Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore</u> stated she wishes to request a transition audit for the Clerk of Council's Office.

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

#### **FOR THE INTERNAL AUDITOR:**

- Create a resolution for each request for an audit to be conducted by the Internal Auditor. (*Councilor Tucker*)

### **PUBLIC AGENDA** (continued)

- 2. Mr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: Attorney Fees Paid for by Taxpayers.
- 1. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, Re: Political Shenanigans, Staff Appreciation, and Uplifting the East Wynnton Campaign.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Councilor Tucker to adjourn the July 8, 2025, Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting, and the time being 1:30 p.m.

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