

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

May 27, 2025
5:30 PM
Regular Meeting

M A Y O R ’ S A G E N D A

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, R. Walker Garrett, Byron Hickey, Bruce Huff and Toyia Tucker. City Manager Isaiah Hugley, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore and Deputy Clerk of Council Tameka Colbert.

<p><u>The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet:</u> (1) CCG Pension Plan Presentation; (2) Outdoor Pools and Splash Pads Presentation; (3) The Liberty District Presentation; (4) Career Ladders and CCG Pay Plan Presentation</p>

<p><u>The following documents were distributed around the Council table:</u> (1) Monthly Financial Snapshot FY 2025 – April 2025</p>

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Sgt. Angela Florence, Columbus Police Department

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Skip Henderson

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the May 13, 2025 Council Meeting and Executive Session. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the ten members.

PRESENTATIONS

2. CCG Pension Plan Update – Chuck Carr, Actuary

Mr. Chuck Carr, Actuary, approached the rostrum and explained that there are two separate pension funds - one for the general employees and one for Public Safety. He advised that each year, an actual evaluation is conducted to make assumptions of what will happen in the future. He pointed out that the required pension contribution for Public Safety will decrease by about \$80,000 compared to the previous year while the contribution requirement for the general plan has increased.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE MAYOR:

- Would like to get the current balance of the pension fund. (*Request of Councilor Davis*)
- Can we go back and run some models on what we can look at that would be ideal based on the conversation we are having tonight. (*Request of Councilor Davis*)

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **Ordinance (25-024) - 2nd Reading-** An Ordinance amending Sections 3-1 (mm) and 3-12(e) of the Columbus Code pertaining to the various regulations pertaining to on-premises alcohol consumption; and for other purposes. (Councilor Chambers, Mayor Pro-Tem and Councilor Garrett) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the ten members present.
2. **1st Reading-** An Ordinance amending Section 11-17.15 of the Columbus Code to revise the definition of division chief positions in the Columbus Department of Fire and Medical Emergency Services; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

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

RESOLUTIONS

3. **Resolution (164-25):** A Resolution Supporting Recreational Use of the former Columbus State Farmer's Market Property Located at 318 10th Avenue, Columbus, Georgia 31901. (Councilor Cogle) Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Mr. Corbin McEntire, Re: Free Use of Public Spaces. ***Not Present***
2. Rev. Johnny Flakes, Re: Misrepresentation
3. Mrs. Angela White, Re: Integrity and Consistency Concerns in CCG and Council Members
4. Mr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: Front Row Seating at Council Meetings
5. Mr. Mark Lawrence, Re: Staying Focused on the Future
6. Ms. Kathryn Tanner, Re: The Future of Columbus
7. Miss. Ashlee S. Williams, Re: Life

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. FY26 Inmate Capacity Agreement

Resolution (165-25): 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 ten members present.

2. FY26 Sec. 5307 and Sec. 5339 Grant for Capital and Planning Assistance - METRA

Resolution (166-25): A resolution to submit a grant application and if awarded, accept funds from the Federal Transit Administration's Title 49 U.S.C. Section 5307 Formula Grant Program for capital and planning assistance in an amount up to \$2,527,946, or as otherwise awarded, and amend the transportation fund by the amount of the grant award. Metra is also authorized to submit a grant application and if awarded, accept funds from the Federal Transit Administration's Title 49 U.S.C. Section 5339 Formula Grant Program for capital assistance in an amount up to \$269,182 or as otherwise awarded, and amend the transportation fund by the amount of the grant award. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

3. PURCHASES

- A. Muscogee County Board of Elections & Registration Voting Equipment Delivery Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 25-0016

Resolution (167-25): A resolution authorizing the execution of an annual contract with ATL Family Logistic (Pompano Beach, FL) to provide voting equipment delivery services for the Muscogee County Board of Elections and Registration. The department budgets \$50,000 annually for the services. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Chambers and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

- B. Backdrop Curtains and Porter Curtains for the Civic Center

Resolution (168-25): A resolution authorizing the purchase of backdrop curtains and porter curtains, for the Civic Center, from Radius Display Products (Dallas, TX), in the amount of \$ 1,795.20. The purchase amount falls within the City's small purchase limit; however, Council approval is required for the purchase due to funding via the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Chambers and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

- C. Declaration of Surplus and Trade-In of Eleven (11) All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) and Two (2) Scooters

Resolution (169-25): A resolution authorizing the declaration of following eleven (11) all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and two (2) scooters, from the Police Department, as surplus, in accordance with section 7-501 of the Charter of Columbus Consolidated Government; and authorize the trade-in of the surplus equipment towards the purchase of a 2025 Denago Rover XL. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Chambers and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

- D. Networking Equipment for Information Technology – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (170-25): A resolution authorizing the purchase of networking equipment, for Information Technology, from C-Pak Technology Solutions (LaGrange, GA), in the amount of \$156,420.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-SPD0000219-0002. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Chambers and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

E. Refuse Truck Repair for Public Works

Resolution (171-25): A resolution authorizing payment to Carolina Environmental Systems, Inc. (Austell, GA), in the amount of \$51,675.48, for the repair of a Crane Carrier sanitation refuse truck, Vehicle # 19037. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Chambers and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

F. Electric 3-Wheel Scooters for the Sheriff's Office – Federal GSA Cooperative Contract Purchase

Resolution (172-25): A resolution authorizing the purchase of purchase of six (6) electric 3-wheel scooters, for the Sheriff's Office, from Trikke Professional Mobility/Trikke Tech Inc. (Buellton, CA), in the amount of \$73,188.44. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Federal GSA Contract #47QSMA21D08NY. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Chambers and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

H. Government-Wide Operational and Performance Assessment & Consulting Services

Resolution (173-25): A resolution authorizing additional professional services from Mauldin and Jenkins (Atlanta, Ga) to provide a government-wide operational and performance assessment in an amount not to exceed \$580,00.00. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Chambers and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

I. Organizational Risk Assessment & Consulting Services

Resolution (174-25): A resolution authorizing an engagement letter from Mauldin and Jenkins (Atlanta, GA) to provide an organizational risk assessment for the fixed amount of \$69,950.00. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Chambers and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

J. Declaration of Surplus and Recycling of Two (2) Chevrolet Tahoes and One (1) GMC Yukon

Resolution (175-25): A resolution authorizing the declaration of the following two (2) Chevrolet Tahoes and one (1) GMC Yukon as surplus, in accordance with section 7-501 of the Charter of Columbus Consolidated Government; and is further authorized to recycle the vehicles. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Chambers and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

G. Mold Removal and Remediation for the Civic Center

Resolution (176-25): A resolution authorizing the payment to MLB EnviroHealth & Safety, LLC (Columbus, GA), in the amount of \$192,000.00, for mold removal remediation services required at the Civic Center, per Resolution #212-24. Although the Resolution authorizes the vendor to provide the services, Council approval is further requested as the payment will be funded via the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center. Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

4. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

A. FY25 Sheriff's Office Budget Update – Greg Countryman, Sheriff

Finance Director Angelica Alexander advised that Sheriff's Department is appearing before Council pursuant to Ordinance 13-39, as they are expected to exceed their FY25 Budget. The request is for an additional appropriation of approximately \$2.7 million dollars to cover an increase in food costs, outside medical and pharmaceutical services for inmates, and personnel.

Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the request from the Sheriff's Office for additional funding in the FY2025 Budget for \$665,000 or the final determined amount for outside inmate medical and pharmaceutical care for April 1 to June 30, 2025 to be funded from the Indigent Care/Community Care Fund, seconded by Councilor Crabb and opened for further discussion.

Councilor Tucker made a substitute motion to approve the request from the Sheriff's Office for additional funding in the FY2025 Budget for \$665,000 or the final determined amount for outside inmate medical and pharmaceutical care for April 1 to June 30, 2025 to be funded from the Indigent Care/Community Care Fund, and for additional funding in the amount of \$256,000 for inmate food and \$1.84 million for personnel to be funded out of the General Fund, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- In the future include the amount being requested with an explanation with the agenda packet to allow citizens to access the information. (*Request of Councilor Tucker*)
- Provide an explanation of the personnel costs. (*Request of Councilor Tucker*)

FY2026 Budget Add/Delete List (Revisited):

Councilor John Anker commented on the inconclusive vote for several items on the add/delete list presented at the May 20, 2025, Budget Review Committee Meeting.

Councilor Anker made a motion to delete the addition of five (5) Appraisers/Real Property (G117), three (3) Appraisal Technicians (G115), and the reclass of the Chief Appraiser (G134-15) to Chief Appraiser (G134-25) that was included in the FY2026 Budget for the Tax Assessors Office, seconded by Councilor Crabb and was a tie with a five-to-five vote, with Councilors Anker, Crabb, Davis, Hickey and Tucker voting in favor, and Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Chambers, Cogle, Garrett and Huff voting in opposition. Mayor Henderson broke the tie by voting in opposition, defeating the motion with a final vote of five-to-six.

Councilor Davis made a motion to delete the addition of one (1) Administrative Assistant (G115) and one (1) Assistant Finance Director of Revenue and Cash Management (G132) that were included in the FY2026 Budget for the Finance Department, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried by a six-to-four vote, with Councilors Anker, Cogle, Crabb, Davis, Hickey and Tucker voting in favor, and Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Chambers, Garrett and Huff voting in opposition

- B. FY25 Superior Court Judge's Budget Update – Arthur Smith, Chief Superior Court Judge & Ed Berry, Circuit Administrator

Finance Director Angelica Alexander approached the rostrum to introduce the next request from the Superior Court Judges, which is a budget neutral request that would impact the FY2025 Budget and subsequently the FY2026 Budget. She stated for the record, the payments would begin on May 31, 2025, that would be one of the two payments in FY2025.

Court Administrator Ed Berry, Muscogee County/Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit, came forward to provide a more detailed explanation of the request, stating this budget neutral request is for a \$300 a month car allowance for whomever holds the position of Chief Superior Court Judge. He referenced Resolution No. 222-19, approved on August 13, 2019, that states in instances where employees require transportation to complete required/assigned duties, a determination can be made regarding a car allowance by the Mayor, City Manager and City Council. He then listed the duties of the Chief Superior Court Judge that requires transportation.

C. Pool Update - Holli Browder, Director, Parks & Recreation

Parks & Recreation Director Holli Browder approached the rostrum to provide an update on the outdoor pools and splash pads opening for the summer, with the opening day being Wednesday, May 28, 2025. During the presentation information on the operating hours and fees were included.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY ATTORNEY:

- Prepare to update the hours of Carver Park to accommodate the usage of the splash pad. (*Request of Councilor Tucker*)

D. Liberty District Master Plan – Neil Clark, Hecht Burdeshaw Architects, Inc.

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge approached the rostrum to introduce the presentation on the Liberty District Master Plan, explaining if there are no questions from Council then a resolution to adopt the master plan will be brought back for approval at the next meeting.

Mr. Neil Clark, VP, Principal, Architect (Hecht Burdeshaw Architects, Inc.) approached the rostrum to provide an update on the Liberty District Master Plan. The presentation included information on the Liberty Heritage Historic District and plans to take advantage of opportunities to revitalize the area with the assistance of various community organizations and individuals.

E. Career Ladder Positions – Reather Hollowell, Director, Human Resources

Human Resources Director Reather Hollowell approached the rostrum to provide a presentation on the career ladder positions as requested by members of the Council.

F. Monthly Finance Update – Angelica Alexander, Finance Director

Finance Director Angelica Alexander approached the rostrum to provide a monthly finance update for April 2025.

BID ADVERTISEMENT

DATE: May 27, 2025
TO: Mayor and Councilors
FROM: Finance Department
SUBJECT: Advertised Bids/RFPs/RFPs

June 6, 2025

1. Grant Writing Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 25-0020

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is seeking qualified, experienced individuals, groups, or firms to provide Grant Writing Services. The Successful Proposer will secure grant funding through the preparation and submittal of grant proposals to federal, state agencies, and any other applicable entities.

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

CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

1. **Resolution (177-25):** A resolution excusing Councilor Bruce Huff from the May 13, 2025 Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the ten members present.
2. Email correspondence from Jennifer Lamb resigning from her seat on the Historic & Architectural Review Board. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the resignation with regrets, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the ten members present.
3. Email correspondence from Dr. Michael Forte resigning from his seat on the Personnel Review Board. Councilor Crabb made a motion to receive the resignation with regrets, seconded by Councilor Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

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

457 Deferred Compensation Plan Board, 02.06.25

Board of Children and Family Services, 04.30.25

Board of Elections and Registration, 04.03.25

Board of Tax Assessors, #16-25

Board of Water Commissioners, 03.10.25

Board of Zoning Appeals 04.02.25

Hospital Authority of Columbus, Georgia, 03.25.25

New Horizons Behavioral Health Board, 02.10.25

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Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the minutes of various boards, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

A. 457 DEFERRED COMPENSATION BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Steven D. Hord (*Eligible – Interested in serving another term*) for a term expiring on May 31, 2025, as a representative of Public Safety Employees on the 457 Deferred Compensation Board (*Mayor's Appointment*). Mayor Henderson renominated Steven D. Hord to serve another term. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

B. AUDIT COMMITTEE:

A nominee for the seat of Mike Baker (*Eligible – Interested in serving another term*) for a term expiring on June 30, 2025 as a Finance/Accounting or Governmental Representative on the Audit Committee (*Mayor's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of John Redmond (*Eligible – Interested in serving another term*) for a term expiring on June 30, 2025 as a Finance/Accounting or Governmental Representative on the Audit Committee (*Mayor's Appointment*). There were none.

C. 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 Corporate/Employment Attorney, on the Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority. (*Mayor's Appointment*). Mayor Henderson nominated Robert L. Wadkins, Jr. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

A nominee for a new seat as a Law Enforcement Representative, on the Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority. (*Mayor's Appointment*). There were none.

D. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:

A nominee for a vacant seat with a term that expired on March 27, 2025, on the Community Development Advisory Council (*Mayor's Appointment*). There were none.

E. PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES' BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

A nominee for the seat of W. Fray McCormick (*Eligible to succeed*) for 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*). Mayor Henderson renominated W. Fray McCormick to serve another term. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

A nominee for the seat of Roderick Graham (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on June 30, 2025, as the representative of Public Safety on the Pension Fund, Employees' Board of Trustees (*Mayor's Appointment*). Mayor Henderson renominated Deputy Chief Roderick Graham to serve another term. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

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.

F. RETIREES' HEALTH BENEFITS COMMITTEE:

A nominee for the seat of Christi H. Johnson (*Eligible to serve another term*) for a term expiring June 30, 2025, as the Chairperson on the Retirees' Health Benefits Committee (*Mayor's Appointment*). Mayor Henderson renominated Christi H. Johnson to serve another term. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made

a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

G. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:

A nominee for the Youth Advisory Council (*Mayor's Nominee*). There were none.

6. CITY MANAGER'S APPOINTMENTS – ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:

A. 457 DEFERRED COMPENSATION BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Drale Short (*Eligible to serve another term*) for a term expiring on May 31, 2025, as a representative of General Government Employees on the 457 Deferred Compensation Board (*City Manager's Appointment*). City Manager Hugley renominated Director Drale Short to serve another term. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

7. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – READY FOR CONFIRMATION:

A. COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY: Jeff Croop was nominated to serve as the Promotional Entity for Professional Hockey Representative. (*Councilor Cogle's nominee*) Term Expires: N/A (Continues) Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

B. DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: Billy Blanchard was nominated to serve another term. (*Councilor Crabb's nominee*) Term expires: August 15, 2027. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

C. DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: Stephen Butler was nominated to serve another term. (*Councilor Crabb's nominee*) Term expires: August 15, 2027. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

- D. DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:** Karl Douglass was nominated to serve another term. (*Councilor Crabb's nominee*) Term expires: August 15, 2025. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the ten members present.
- E. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COMMITTEE:** Shannon Hubbard was nominated to serve another term as the General Government Employee Representative. (*Mayor Pro Tem Allen's nominee*) Term Expires: April 30, 2028. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the ten members present.
- F. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COMMITTEE:** Tommy Beauchamp was nominated to succeed Troy Vanerson as the General Government Employee Representative. (*Mayor Pro Tem Allen's nominee*) Term Expires: April 30, 2028. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the ten members present.
- G. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COMMITTEE:** Deputy Fire Chief Jules Hazen was nominated to succeed Timothy Smith as the Sworn Officer Representative. (*Mayor Pro Tem Allen's nominee*) Term Expires: April 30, 2027. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

8. 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 vacant seat of the District 3 Representative for a term expiring on March 27, 2026, on the Community Development Advisory Council (*District 3 – Huff*). Councilor Huff nominated Dr. Xavier McCaskey. Councilor Huff made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

B. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:

A nominee for the District 1 Representative on the Youth Advisory Council (*District 1 – Hickey*). There were none.

A nominee for the District 2 Representative on the Youth Advisory Council (*District 2 – Davis*). There were none.

A nominee for the District 3 Representative on the Youth Advisory Council (*District 3 – Huff*). There were none.

A nominee for the District 4 Representative on the Youth Advisory Council (*District 4 – Tucker*). There were none.

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

A nominee for the District 6 Representative on the Youth Advisory Council (*District 6 – Allen*). Mayor Pro Tem Allen nominated Cruz Castano. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

A nominee for the District 7 Representative on the Youth Advisory Council (*District 7 – Cogle*). There were none.

A nominee for the District 8 Representative on the Youth Advisory Council (*District 8 – Garrett*). 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.

9. COUNCIL NOMINATIONS- THREE NOMINEES ARE SENT TO THE AUTHORITY FOR SELECTION:

A. HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

A nominee for a vacant seat that expired on November 14, 2024, on the Hospital Authority of Columbus (*Council's Nomination*). Clerk of Council McLemore explained Council submits three (3) nominees to the Hospital Authority for each seat and the Hospital Authority selects the successor for Council's confirmation. Councilor Huff made a motion to submit Sharen Kelly, Linn Storey and Tracy Sayers as nominees for selection by the Hospital Authority, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

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10. APPOINTMENTS – NOMINATIONS ARE CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL:

A. COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:

A nominee for the new seat of the RiverCenter Representative on the Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority (*Confirmed by Council*). There were none.

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

A. 457 DEFERRED COMPENSATION BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Rhonda T. Davis (*Eligible – Interested in serving another term*) for a term expiring on May 31, 2025, as the Plan Expert/Volunteer on the 457 Deferred Compensation Board (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Crabb renominated Rhonda T. Davis to serve another term.

B. AUDIT COMMITTEE:

A nominee for the seat of Michael Bruder (*Eligible to serve another term*) for a term expiring on June 30, 2025, as the Finance/Accounting or Governmental Representation on the Audit Committee (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Davis renominated Michael Bruder to serve another term.

A nominee for the seat of Toyia Tucker (*Eligible to serve another term*) for a term expiring on June 30, 2025, as a City Council Representation on the Audit Committee (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Crabb renominated Councilor Tucker to serve another term.

A nominee for the seat of Glenn Davis (*Eligible to serve another term*) for a term expiring on June 30, 2025, as a City Council Representation on the Audit Committee (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Crabb renominated Councilor Davis to serve another term.

C. BOARD OF FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES:

A nominee for the seat of Chandler Padgett (*Eligible – Interested in serving another term*) for a term expiring on June 30, 2025, on the Board of Family & Children Services (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Crabb renominated Chandler Padgett to serve another term.

D. DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

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

A nominee for the seat of Ernest Smallman, IV (*Not Eligible to succeed – Currently serves on the Board of Zoning Appeals*) for the term expiring on August 15, 2023, on the Downtown Development Authority (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

E. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:

A nominee for a vacant seat with the term expiring on June 30, 2027, for a Senatorial District 15 Representative on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

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

A nominee for the seat Judge David Ranieri (*Does not desire reappointment*) for a term expiring 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.

G. RETIREES' HEALTH BENEFITS COMMITTEE:

A nominee for the seat of Cheryl B. Tate (*Eligible to serve another term*) for a term expiring on June 30, 2025, on the Retirees' Health Benefits Committee (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

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

PUBLIC AGENDA (continued):

2. Rev. Johnny Flakes, Re: Misrepresentation
4. Mr. Marvin Broadwater, Re: Front Row Seating at Council Meetings
5. Mr. Mark Lawrence, Re: Staying Focused on the Future

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss disposal of real estate, potential litigation and personnel as requested by City Attorney Fay earlier in the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Anker and carried unanimously by the ten members present, with the time being 9:48 p.m.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 10:50 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in Executive Session to discuss real estate acquisition, disposal and personnel; however, there were no votes taken.

TERMINATION OF CITY MANAGER ISAIAH HUGLEY:

Councilor Crabb made a motion to terminate City Manager Isaiah Hugley effective immediately, while he will continue to receive his regular salary plus benefits in accordance with his employment agreement through his retirement date of December 31, 2025, seconded by Councilor Anker and carried by a seven-to-three vote, with Councilors Anker, Cogle, Crabb, Davis, Garrett, Hickey and

Tucker voting in favor, and Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Chambers and Huff voting in opposition.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Councilor Garrett to adjourn the May 27, 2025, Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the ten members present, with the time being 10:55 p.m.

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