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

October 27, 2026
5:30 PM
Regular Meeting

M A Y O R' S A G E N D A

PRESENT: Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III, Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen and Councilors Simi Barnes, Travis L. Chambers, Joanne Cogle, Cathy Cook, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis, R. Walker Garrett, Bruce Huff (arrived at 5:31 p.m.) and Toyia Tucker. City Manager Tyson Begly, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Senior Assistant City Attorney Lucy Sheftall, Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin, Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge, Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore, and Deputy Clerk of Council Tameka Colbert.

ABSENT: N/A

The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet: (1) CM#15(C): Community Care Program Update; (2) CM#15(A): Parks & Recreation Update

The following documents were distributed around the Council table: (1) PA#2: Petition in Support of Sensation's Liquor License; (2) CM (Add-On): Resolution – 2027 Legislative Agenda

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Rev. Thad Haygood, St. Luke

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mara Upton and Genesis Bryant from Wynnton Arts

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT – PASSING OF SMITHS STATION MAYOR RICHARD COOLEY

Mayor Henderson acknowledged the passing of Smiths Station, Alabama, Mayor Richard Cooley and extended his condolences, asking everyone to keep his wife, family, friends, and the entire Smiths Station community in their thoughts and prayers.

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the October 13, 2026, Council Meeting and Executive Session. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members.

PROCLAMATIONS:

2. **Proclamation:** Filipino American Heritage Month

Receiving: Jocelyn Galang- Ray

Councilor Simi Barnes read the proclamation into the record proclaiming the month of October 2026, as *Filipino American Heritage Month*, recognizing the rich history, cultural heritage, military service, and significant contributions of Filipino Americans to the nation, state, and local communities.

3. **Proclamation:** Enrichment Services Program Month

Receiving: Tracy Belt, Collaboration Manager and Ashley Williams, Head Start Director

Councilor Cathy Cook read the proclamation into the record proclaiming the month of October 2026, as *HeadStart Preschool Awareness Month*, recognizing Enrichment Services Program, Inc. for its commitment to early childhood education, supporting families, and reducing poverty through its Early Head Start and Head Start programs.

4. **Proclamation:** Operation Green Light Week

Receiving: CCG, MCSO, Post 333 & Community Partners

Councilor Toyia Tucker read the proclamation into the record proclaiming November 1-14, 2026, as *Operation Green Light Week*, recognizing the service and sacrifices of military personnel and veterans.

5. **Proclamation:** Albright's Florist Community Appreciation Day

Receiving: Albright Family

Councilor Charmaine Crabb read the proclamation into the record proclaiming Tuesday, October 27, 2026, as *Albright's Florist Community Appreciation Day*, recognizing the family-owned business for 89 years of dedicated service to the community.

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **Ordinance (26-049) - 2nd Reading:** REZN 07-26-1373**:** An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **3813 Meritas Drive** (parcel # 014-004-005) from General Commercial (GC) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Garrett) Councilor Garrett made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the ten members.

2. **Ordinance (26-050) - 2nd Reading:** REZN 08-26-1524: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **1404 Hunt Avenue** (parcel # 086-063-016) from Single Family Residential – 2 (SFR2) Zoning District to Single Family Residential – 4 (SFR4) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Barnes) Councilor Barnes made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the ten members.

3. **Ordinance (26-051) - 2nd Reading:** REZN 08-26-1525: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **4458 and 4462 Steam Mill Road** (parcel #088-021-004/3) from Single Family Residential – 2 (SFR2) Zoning District to Single Family Residential – 4 (SFR4) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Barnes) Councilor Cook made a motion to correct the rezoning classification from SFR2 to SFR4, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the ten members. Councilor Barnes made a motion to adopt the ordinance as amended, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members.

4. **Ordinance (26-052) - 2nd Reading:** REZN 08-26-1527: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at 6800 Macon Road (parcel # 111-014-030) from Residential Office (RO) Zoning District to Heavy Manufacturing/Industrial (HMI) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Council Tucker) Councilor Tucker made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members.

5. **Ordinance (26-053) - 2nd Reading:** REZN-08-26-1656: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at 7500 Heardmont Ct, Lot 9 (parcel # 167-001-033) from Residential Estates 10 (RE10) Zoning District to Residential Estates 5 (RE5) Zoning District with a condition. Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Davis) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members.

6. **Ordinance (26-054) - 2nd Reading:** REZN-08-26-1677: An ordinance amending Sections 13.1.1 and 3.2.66 the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) for Columbus, Georgia, to revise certain definitions. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Mayor Pro-Tem) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Cook and carried unanimously by the ten members.

7. **Ordinance (26-055) - 2nd Reading:** An Ordinance amending Chapter 2 of the Columbus Code to add a representative of the Columbus Lions professional indoor football team as a non-voting ex officio member of the Columbus Sports and Entertainment Authority; and for other purposes. (Councilor Cogle) Councilor Cogle made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members.

8. **Ordinance (26-056) - 2nd Reading:** An ordinance to amend the Uptown Parking Enforcement Map contained in Section 20-13.11(b)(1). of the Columbus Code to revise permitted parking time limitations; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem) Councilor Cogle made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members.

9. **1st Reading:** An Ordinance amending Section 17-25 of the Columbus Code to revise certain Columbus Police Department promotional requirements; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem) Mayor Pro Tem All

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to delay the ordinance on first reading for two weeks, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the ten members.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY ATTORNEY:

- Review and prepare an amendment to the City's travel policy prohibiting elected officials from using funds or property appropriated to personnel supervised by another elected official for travel purposes without authorization. (*Councilor Barnes*)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Dr. Natalie Nicole, representing Role Model Academy of Arts, Re: Formal Request for Council Motion to Conduct a Review of the Police Chief Under Established Leadership Accountability Standards.

2. Mr. Carey Hall, Re: Alcohol License.

Finance Director Angelica Alexander stated that Code Section 3-5(D) prohibits issuing alcoholic beverage licenses to certain establishments located within 600 feet of another licensed establishment. She explained that compliance with the distance requirement is determined by a survey.

3. Mrs. Stephanie Nash, Re: Neighborhood Concerns.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR INSPECTIONS & CODE:

- Request that staff provide a status update on properties in the East Highland area, that were previously identified and requested to be placed on the demolition list. (*Councilor Garrett*)

4. Dr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: Pickleball, A.J. McClung, and Youth Programs.

5. Mr. Justin Allen, representing Empire Strategies, Re: Pickleball.

6. Mr. Corie Wilson, Re: Utilizing 1st Amendment.

7. Ms. Nina Gomez, Re: Community Cat and Animal Control Management.

8. Mr. Val McGowan, Re: Sheriff's Athletic League (SAL).

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Request that staff explore the feasibility of establishing a Police Athletic League (PAL) program. (*Councilor Tucker*)

- Have the Parks & Recreation Department review the property at the Primus King Recreation Center to determine the feasibility of demolishing the long-vacant recreation building and redeveloping the site. (*Councilor Huff*)

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Intergovernmental Agreement with the Columbus Airport Commission

Resolution (371-26) – A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, to authorize the City Manager to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Columbus Airport Commission to construct an airside electric charging station and dedicated vertiport for the arrival/departure of eVTOL Aircraft at the Columbus Airport. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cook and carried unanimously by the ten members.

2. FY2027 Georgia Department of Transportation – Transportation Planning Contract

Resolution (343-26) – **Resolution (372-26)** – A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the City Manager of Columbus, Georgia to execute a contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation on behalf on the city for financial assistance to carry out the FY2027 Y410 planning funds for safe & accessible transportation options – (H.R. 3684 – sect 11206), as outlined in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs act (IIJA) and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the award. This funding is required to be included in the Transportation Planning Work Activities of the Columbus-Phenix City Transportation Study (C-PCTS). Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Barnes and carried unanimously by the ten members.

3. FY2027 Georgia Department of Transportation – Y410 Funds -Transportation Planning Contract

Resolution (373-26) – A resolution of the Council Of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the City Manager of Columbus, Georgia to execute a contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation on behalf on the city for financial assistance to carry out the FY2027 Y410 planning funds for safe & accessible transportation options – (H.R. 3684 – Sect 11206), as outlined in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the award. This funding is required to be included in the Transportation Planning Work Activities of the Columbus-Phenix City Transportation Study (C-PCTS). Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Barnes and carried unanimously by the ten members.

15. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

C. Community Care Program Update - Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager, Finance, Planning, and Development

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge provided an update on the implementation of the Community Care Program, formerly known as the Indigent Care Program. She explained that the program will

provide healthcare services to eligible uninsured and underserved Muscogee County residents, with benefits capped at $10,000 per participant.

Note: This item was called up as the next order of business on the City Manager's Agenda

4. Community Care Program – Provider Participation Agreement with The Medical Center, Inc., DBA Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown.

Resolution (374-26) – A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, to authorize the City Manager to execute a provider participation agreement between the Columbus Consolidated Government (CCG) and the Medical Center, Inc. Dba Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown for the provision of essential healthcare services under the Community Care Program. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Barnes and carried unanimously by the ten members.

5. Community Care Program – Provider Participation Agreement with St. Francis Health, LLC

Resolution (375-26) – A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, to authorize the City Manager to execute a Provider Participation Agreement between the Columbus Consolidated Government (CCG) and St. Francis Health, LLC for the provision of essential healthcare services under the Community Care Program. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Barnes and carried unanimously by the ten members.

6. Community Care Program – Provider Participation Agreement with MercyMed of Columbus, Inc.

Resolution (376-26) – A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, to authorize the City Manager to execute a Provider Participation Agreement between the Columbus Consolidated Government (CCG) and MercyMed of Columbus, Inc. for the provision of essential healthcare services under the Community Care Program. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Barnes and carried unanimously by the ten members.

7. Community Care Program – Provider Participation Agreement with Valley Healthcare System Inc.

Resolution (377-26) – A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, to authorize the City Manager to execute a Provider Participation Agreement between the Columbus Consolidated Government (CCG) and Valley Healthcare System Inc. for the provision of essential healthcare services under the Community Care Program. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Barnes and carried unanimously by the ten members.

8. Community Care Program – Provider Participation Agreement with New Horizons Area MH-SA-MR Programs.

Resolution (378-26) – A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, to authorize the City Manager to execute a Provider Participation Agreement between the Columbus Consolidated Government (CCG) and New Horizons Area MH-SA-MR Programs for the provision of essential healthcare services under the Community Care Program. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Barnes and carried unanimously by the ten members.

9. Community Care Program – Provider Participation Agreement with St. Francis Health, LLC for The Bradley Center

Resolution (379-26) – A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, to authorize the City Manager to execute a Provider Participation Agreement between the Columbus Consolidated Government (CCG) and St. Francis Health, LLC for The Bradley Center for the provision of essential healthcare services under the Community Care Program. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Barnes and carried unanimously by the ten members.

10. 2027 Legislative Agenda

Approval is requested of the resolutions for the 2027 Legislative Session of the Georgia General Assembly, which the Mayor and Council deem appropriate.

10 (1). **AMENDMENT OF CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST PROVISION FOR REDEVELOPMENT POWERS LAW:**

Resolution (380-26) – A resolution requesting the local legislative delegation introduce/support legislation to revise and to clarify the conflict-of-interest provisions in the Redevelopment Powers Law which address the participation of local government elective and appointive officials and employees in the creation and administration of Tax Allocation Districts. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the ten members.

10 (2). **OPPOSE PREEMPTION OF REGULATION OF PET SALES BY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:**

Resolution (381-26) – A resolution requesting that the local delegation oppose any legislation in the General Assembly which would preempt local governments from regulating the sales of animals to be kept as pets. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the ten members.

10 (3). **OPEN MEETINGS AMENDMENT:**

Resolution (382-26) – A resolution requesting that the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce legislation at the 2027 Legislative Session to amend O.C.G.A 50-14-1(g) so that telephonic or video meetings can be held by local boards and commissions under non-emergent circumstances as long as the public can hear, view and participate in the meeting contemporaneously.

Councilor Barnes made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members.

STATE LEVEL FUNDING FOR RIVERCENTER (ADD-ON RESOLUTION):

Resolution (383-26) – A resolution requesting that the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly support any legislation that would provide funding at the state level for the *Re-investing in the Arts: RiverCenter at 25* project. ***(Request of Mayor Pro Tem Gary Allen)*** Councilor Joanne Cogle requested to be recused from voting on the resolution. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve Councilor Cogle's request for recusal, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by all ten members of Council. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cook and carried unanimously by the nine members voting, with Councilor Cogle having been recused from the vote.

STATE LEVEL FUNDING LIBERTY THEATRE CULTURAL CENTER:

Councilor Chambers made a motion to approve an oral resolution requesting that the local legislative delegation to the Georgia General Assembly support any legislation that would provide state-level funding for the Liberty Theatre Cultural Center. The motion was seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote.

During discussions, members of Council expressed the need to further clarify the funding request and identify a specific dollar amount to be presented to Council for consideration and approval through a formal resolution.

11. FY 2027 Gang Activity Prosecution (GAP) Grant

Resolution (384-26) – A resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant of $50,000.00, or as otherwise awarded, from the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA/HS), FY27 Gang Activity Prosecution Grant, with no local match requirement, and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount awarded. Funds will be utilized for the purchase of forensic and surveillance equipment. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Barnes and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote.

12. 2026 Georgia Trauma Commission AEMT Grant

Resolution (385-26) – A resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to accept a grant for equipment in the amount of $12,000.00 or as otherwise awarded, from the Georgia Trauma Commission. These funds will be utilized for the purchase of up-to-date equipment and ensuring

proper training, which are crucial to sustaining operational readiness and providing high-quality care to residents. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Barnes and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote.

13. Greenpower Racing Program Donations FY27

Resolution (386-26) – A resolution authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to accept donations of cash and in-kind items on behalf of the Greenpower Racing Program through June 30, 2027. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Barnes and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote.

14. <u>PURCHASES</u>

A. One (1) 2027 Ford F-450 Dump Truck for Muscogee County Prison – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (352-26): - A resolution authorizing the purchase of One (1) 2027 Ford F-450 Dump Truck for the Muscogee County Prison from Wade Ford (Smyrna, Georgia) in the amount of $74,627.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia State Contract #99999-001-SPD0000218-0001. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote.

B. Repair of Refuse Truck for Public Works

Resolution (353-26): - A resolution authorizing the payment to Sansom Equipment Company (Birmingham, AL), in the amount of $53,607.40, for the repair of a refuse truck, Vehicle #19105-Peterbilt. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote.

C. Contract Extension for Pavement Marking Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 20-0048

Resolution (354-26): - A resolution authorizing the extension of the annual contract with Peek Pavement Marking, LLC (Columbus, GA) through May 8, 2027, to provide pavement marking services on an "as needed" basis. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote.

D. Change Order 1 for Construction Manager as General Contractor Services for Public Safety Building – RFP No. 26-0016

Resolution (355-26): - A resolution authorizing the execution of Change Order 1 in the amount of $3,700,000.00 with Freeman & Associates (Columbus, GA) for additional scope as part of the General Contractor Services for Public Safety Building Renovations contract. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote.

E. Guaranteed Maximum Price Amendment for Design & Construction Services for Columbus Pickleball Facility – RFP No. 26-0006

Resolution (356-26): - A resolution authorizing the execution of a Guaranteed Maximum Price Amendment in the amount of $8,610,000.00 with Brasfield & Gorrie, LLC (Columbus, GA) for construction of the Columbus Pickleball Facility at 1641 3rd Avenue. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote.

EMERGENCY PURCHASES

1. Emergency Purchase: Information Only

REPAIRS TO STAIRWAY AT A. J. MCCLUNG MEMORIAL STADIUM:

On August 5, 2026, the Parks and Recreation Department identified the need for repairs to a stairway at the A. J. McClung Memorial Stadium. Immediate repairs to several concrete steps and the stairway retaining wall must be completed before the upcoming Fountain City Classic football game. The game is expected to attract a high volume of spectators. The current condition of the stairway is a public safety issue.

The Parks and Recreation Department received a quote from Freeman & Associates, Inc. (Columbus, GA) in the amount of $70,003.00. Freeman & Associates is one of the vendors awarded the contract for On-Call General Contractor Services (Annual Contract), RFP No. 25-0003, per Res. No. 460-24 dated November 19, 2024.

The City Manager approved this emergency purchase on October 22, 2026.

Funding is available in the FY27 Budget: General Fund – Parks and Recreation – Aquatics – Operating Materials; 0101-270-4413-AQUT-6728.

15. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

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

Parks & Recreation Director Holli Browder provided updates on ongoing park improvements, facility maintenance, playground accessibility, and recreational projects throughout the City, including Cooper Creek Park, A.J. McClung Memorial Stadium, and various restroom and splash pad projects.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR PARKS & RECREATION:

- Check on the lighting at the tennis court at Frank Chester Park to ensure that the lights are operational. (*Councilor Cook*)

- Determine the availability of Northside Recreation Center for youth gaming activities during the school year. (*Councilor Huff*)

- Provide the latest available safety inspection reports for parks and recreation facilities in District 1. (*Councilor Barnes*)

B. Infrastructure Update - Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager, Finance, Planning, and Development, Ryan Pruett, Director of Inspections and Code, Will Johnson, Director of Planning. *Note: This item was delayed on the City Manager's Agenda*

C. Community Care Program Update - Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager, Finance, Planning, and Development. *Note: This item was presented earlier on the City Manager's Agenda*

BID ADVERTISEMENT

DATE: October 27, 2026

TO: Mayor and Councilors

FROM: Finance Department

SUBJECT: Advertised Bids/RFPs/RFQs

October 28, 2026

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

   Scope of Bid

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

2. **Tennis Court Resurfacing at Lakebottom Park and Double Churches Park – RFB No. 27-0011**

   Scope of Bid

   Provide all labor, equipment, and materials to resurface the tennis courts at Lakebottom Park and Double Churches Park.

3. **On-Call Irrigation Installation and Maintenance Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 27-0010**

   Scope of RFP

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

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

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

   Scope of RFP

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

5. **Electrical Fixtures, Parts and Supplies – RFB No. 27-0012**

   Scope of RFB

   Provide various electrical fixtures, parts and supplies to Columbus Consolidated Government on an "as needed" basis. The contract period will be for two (2) years with the option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods.

November 4, 2026

1. **Used & Confiscated Firearms for Credit or Swap – RFB No. 27-0010**

   Scope of Bid

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

November 18, 2026

1. **Carpet – RFB No. 27-0015**

   Scope of Bid

   Provide carpet (roll and tile and base) and installation services for various Columbus Consolidated Government Facilities. The products and services will be procured on an "as needed" basis. The contract period will be for two (2) years with the option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation and personnel as requested by City Attorney Fay. Councilor Cook made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Barnes and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Cogle and Tucker being absent for the vote, and the time being 8:20 p.m.

The Regular Meeting was reconvened at 9:09 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in Executive Session to discuss litigation, potential litigation and personnel; however, there were no votes taken.

DEPUTY CITY MANAGERS' BONUS COMPENSATION:

Councilor Crabb made a motion to compensate each Deputy City Manager with a $25,000 bonus in recognition of their service, going above and beyond their regular duties during the time in which the City Manager position was vacant. The motion was seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members, with Councilor Chambers being absent for the vote.

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

1. **Resignation(s):** Memo from the Clerk of Council regarding the resignation of Dr. Sylvester McRae from the Board of Health. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the resignation, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Chambers being absent for the vote.

2. **Resignation(s):** Memo from the Clerk of Council regarding the resignation of Natasha Banks, Dr. Eric Spears, and Merrill Rushin from the Commission on International Relations & Cultural Liaison Encounters (CIRCLE). Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the resignations, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members.

3. **Travel Authorization:** A travel authorization request for Councilor Toyia Tucker to attend the Georgia Association of Regional Commissioners – 26th Annual Conference in St. Simons Island, GA. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the authorization, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members.

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

   Animal Control Advisory Board 09-18-26

   Board of Tax Assessors #39-26

   Board of Water Commissioners 09-14-26

   Development Authority of Columbus 09-10-26

   Hospital Authority 08-25-26

   Pension Board 04-08-26, 05-13-26 & 06-17-26

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the minutes of various boards, seconded by Councilor Crabb 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. AUDIT COMMITTEE:

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

B. COLUMBUS IRONWORKS CONVENTION & TRADE CENTER:

A nominee for the seat of Jonathan Payne *(Not Eligible)* with a term that expired on October 24, 2025, on the Columbus Ironworks Convention & Trade Center *(Council's Appointment).* There were none.

C. COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:

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

D. COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND CULTURAL LIAISON ENCOUNTERS (CIRCLE):

A nominee for a vacant seat for a on the Commission on International Relation and Cultural Liaison Encounters (CIRCLE) that expires on March 1, 2027. *(Mayor's Appointment)* There were none.

E. CONVENTION & VISITORS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS (CVB):

A nominee for the seat of Pace Halter *(Eligible)* with a term that expires on December 31, 2026, on the Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners *(Mayor's Appointment).* Mayor Henderson renominated Pace Halter to serve another term on the Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried by the ten members.

A nominee for the seat of Michelle Spivey *(Eligible)* with a term that expires on December 31, 2026, on the Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners *(Mayor's Appointment).* Mayor Henderson renominated Michelle Spivey to serve another term on the Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried by the ten members.

A nominee for the seat of Dan Gilbert *(Not Eligible)* with a term that expires on December 31, 2026, on the Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners *(Mayor's Appointment).* Mayor Henderson nominated Pete Laven to succeed Dan Gilbert on the Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners. Councilor Tucker made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried by the ten members.

F. PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES' BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

A nominee for a vacant seat with a term that expired on June 30, 2026, as a representative of the Business Community on the Pension Fund, Employees' Board of Trustees *(Mayor's Appointment).* Mayor Henderson nominated Stephanie Hunter to fill the vacant seat on the Pension Fund, Employees' Board of Trustees. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried by the ten members.

G. PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:

A nominee for the seat of Charles A. Mcclure, Jr ***(Does not desire reappointment)*** with a term that expires on October 31, 2026, on the Public Safety Advisory Commission *(Council's Appointment).* There were none.

6. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – LISTED FOR CONFIRMATION:

A. ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD: Ethelyn W. Riley was nominated to serve another term. *(Councilor Crabb's nominee)* Term expires: April 11, 2028. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Barnes and carried by the ten members.

B. ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD: Karen D. Gaskins was nominated to serve another term. *(Councilor Crabb's nominee)* Term expires: October 15, 2028. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Barnes and carried by the ten members.

C. ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD: Dr. Jo A. Brown was nominated to serve another term as the Georgia Licensed Veterinarian/Licensed Vet. Technician. *(Councilor Huff's nominee)* Term expires: October 15, 2028. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Barnes and carried by the ten members.

D. LAND BANK AUTHORITY: S. Carson Cummings was nominated to serve another term. *(Councilor Crabb's nominee)* Term expires: October 31, 2030. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Barnes and carried by the ten members.

E. LAND BANK AUTHORITY: Walter R. Bickerstaff was nominated to serve another term. *(Councilor Crabb's nominee)* Term expires: October 31, 2030. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Barnes and carried by the ten members.

F. LAND BANK AUTHORITY: Deidre Tilley was nominated to serve another term. *(Councilor Crabb's nominee)* Term expires: October 31, 2030. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Barnes and carried by the ten members.

7. NOMINATIONS – CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL:

A. AIRPORT COMMISSION:

A nominee for the seat of Francis B. Schley *(Eligible)* with a term that expires on December 31, 2026, on the Airport Commission *(Council's Appointment)*. There were none.

B. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (BHAR):

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

C. UPTOWN FAÇADE BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Rachel Kelly *(Uptown Business Improvement District)* for a term expiring on October 31, 2026, on the Uptown Facade Board *(Confirmed by Council).* There were none.

A nominee for a vacant seat *(Uptown Columbus)* for a term expiring on October 31, 2026, on the Uptown Facade Board *(Confirmed by Council).* There were none.

A nominee for a vacant seat *(Uptown Business Improvement District)* for a term expiring on October 31, 2026, on the Uptown Facade Board *(Confirmed by Council).* There were none.

A nominee for a vacant seat *(Uptown Business Improvement District)* for a term expiring on October 31, 2027, on the Uptown Facade Board *(Confirmed by Council).* There were none.

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

A. PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:

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

A nominee for the vacant seat of District 4 Representative for a term that expires on October 31, 2026, on the Public Safety Advisory Commission *(District 4 – Tucker).* Councilor Tucker nominated Kenneth Davis to fill the vacant seat on the Public Safety Advisory Commission. Councilor Tucker made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried by the ten members.

A nominee for the seat of Sarah E. Maglione *(Eligible)* for a term that expires on October 31, 2026, on the Public Safety Advisory Commission *(District 10 – Chambers).* There were none.

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

A. ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:

A nominee for a vacant seat for a term that expires on April 11, 2028, on the Animal Control Advisory Board (*Council's Appointment).* There were none.

B. BOARD OF HEALTH:

A nominee for the seat of Dr. Jibike "Joy" Adegbile *(Eligible)* with the term that expired on December 31, 2026, on the Board of Health *(Council's Appointment).* There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Yasmine Cathright *(Not Eligible)* with the term that expired on December 31, 2025, on the Board of Health *(Council's Appointment).* There were none.

C. BOARD OF HONOR:

A nominee for the seat of Wayne Anthony *(Eligible)* with the term that expired on October 31, 2026, on the Board of Honor *(Council's Appointment).* Councilor Crabb renominated Wayne Anthony to serve another term on the Board of Honor.

A nominee for the seat of John Wells *(Eligible)* with the term that expired on October 31, 2026, on the Board of Honor *(Council's Appointment).* Councilor Crabb renominated John Wells to serve another term on the Board of Honor.

D. BOARD OF TAX ASSESSORS:

A nominee for the seat of Lanitra Sandifer Hicks *(Eligible)* with the term that expired on December 31, 2026, on the Board of Tax Assessors *(Council's Appointment).* Councilor Crabb nominated Vicki Hardage to succeed Lanitra Sadifer Hicks on the Board of Tax Assessors.

E. BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS:

A nominee for the seat of Nicholas Smith *(Eligible)* with the term that expired on December 31, 2026, on the Board of Water Commissioners *(Council's Appointment).* Councilor Crabb renominated Nicholas Smith to serve another term on the Board of Water Commissioners.

F. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

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

G. COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND CULTURAL LIAISON ENCOUNTERS (CIRCLE):

A nominee for a vacant seat for a term that expired on March 1, 2026, on the Commission on International Relations and Cultural Liaison Encounters (*Council's Appointment)***.** There were none.

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

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

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

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

I. PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:

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

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

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

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

J. RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD:

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

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

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

L. TREE BOARD:

A nominee for a vacant seat *(At-Large)* for a term that expires on July 1, 2028, on the Tree Board (*Council's Appointment)***.** Clerk of Council McLemore announced that Councilor Tucker is nominating Nargarina Burkley to fill the at-large vacant seat on the Tree Board.

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

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

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

PUBLIC AGENDA (continued)

2. Mr. Carey Hall, Re: Alcohol License.

4. Dr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: Pickleball, A.J. McClung, and Youth Programs.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Allen to adjourn the October 27, 2026, Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the ten members, with the time being 9:25 p.m.

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