

COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

April 28, 2026
5:30 PM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S A G E N D A

PRESENT: Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen and Councilors Travis L. Chambers, Joanne Cogle, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis, R. Walker Garrett, Byron Hickey, Bruce Huff (arrived at 5:41 p.m.) and Toyia Tucker. Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Assistant City Attorney Lucy Sheftall, Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore, Deputy Clerk of Council Tameka Colbert and Assistant Deputy Clerk Brittney Jones.

ABSENT: Councilor John Anker was absent.

The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet: (1) MA - Add-On : Proclamation - Muscogee County Prison Programming & Services; (2) CM#8(A): Paws Animal Services Division Paws Humane Society Year One Under the City Contract City Council Presentation; (3) CM#8(B): Muscogee County Jail RFQ 23-003 December 6, 2022

The following documents were distributed around the Council table: (1) CM#8(A): Paws Animal Services Division Paws Humane Society Year One Under the City Contract City Council Presentation; (2) PA#6 Wheelchair Swings a Case for Accessible Swings in Our Public Parks

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Father Kevin Braski - St. Anne Catholic Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Taylor Hardcastle - Richards Middle School

MINUTES:

1. Approval of minutes for the April 14, 2026, Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the vote and Councilor Anker being absent from the meeting.

PROCLAMATIONS

2. **Proclamation:** Columbus Police Department & District Attorney's Office Appreciation Day

Receiving: CPD & DA's Office

Councilor Byron Hickey read the proclamation into the record proclaiming Tuesday, April 28, 2026, as *Columbus Police Department & District Attorney's Office Appreciation Day*, honoring their professionalism, perseverance, and collaborative efforts in successfully resolving a long-term case and upholding justice within the community.

ADD-ON

Proclamation: National Correctional Officer Week

Receiving: Herbert Walker III, Warden, Muscogee County Prison

Mayor Pro Tem Gary Allen read the proclamation into the record proclaiming the week of May 3-9, 2026, as *National Correctional Officer Week*, recognizing and honoring correctional officers for their critical role in public safety, their professionalism in managing complex and high-risk situations, and their service despite often lacking recognition as first responders.

PRESENTATIONS:

3. **MAYOR'S FY2027 BUDGET PRESENTATION:** Mayor Henderson presents the Recommended FY2027 Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

Mayor Skip Henderson presented the FY27 recommended budget, highlighting a balanced plan of \$42.57 million in revenues and expenditures, reflecting a 2% increase over the prior year. He highlighted key components to include employee and retiree cost-of-living adjustments, stable millage rates, continued investment in public safety and staffing, and maintaining reserve levels above policy minimums. He also outlined future considerations.

Finance Director Angelica Alexander provided an overview of the FY27 budget review schedule, outlining primary meeting dates, locations, and deadlines, including budget work sessions in May, public hearings and ordinance readings in June, and expectations for department presentations.

Additionally, **Mayor Henderson** highlighted the inclusion of a list of capital improvement items and addressed the integrated waste fund, including a proposed \$2 fee increase with planned incremental increases in subsequent years.

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **Ordinance (26-011) - 2nd Reading:** REZN-02-26-0189: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **5306 Buena Vista Road** (parcel # 095-045-019) from Single Family Residential – 2 (SFR2) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1) Zoning District with conditions. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.)(As amended on 1st Reading.)(Councilor Tucker) Councilor Tucker made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Anker being absent from the meeting.

2. **Ordinance (26-012) - 2nd Reading:** REZN-02-26-0346: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **9055 Veterans Parkway** (parcel # 079-001-034) from Residential Office (RO) Zoning District to Residential Estate - 1 (RE1)(Planning Department and PAC recommend approval)(Councilor Davis) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Anker being absent from the meeting.

3. **1st Reading:** REZN-07-25-1259: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **6821 Mobley Road** (parcel # 190-014-020) from Single Family Residential – 1 (SFR1) Zoning District to Single Family Residential – 2 (SFR2) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.)(Continued on 1st Reading from 4-14-26.) (Councilor Davis)

Councilor Davis made a motion to amend the ordinance to add the following three (3) conditions: (1) Developer or successor in interest shall construct and maintain the property pursuant to the attached plat. (2) Only one curb cut onto King Place Drive shall serve the east parcel shown on said plat. (3) Developer or its successor in interest shall be limited to two dwelling units on the above-described property, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Anker being absent from the meeting.

Councilor Glenn Davis clarified for the record that the matter concerning Mobley Road does not prevent a property owner or developer from proposing future changes and stated that any such

changes would require returning to Council for a new public hearing and decision. (*NOTE: Statement made after public comment on Item CA#4.*)

- 4. 1st Reading:** An ordinance to revise and clarify certain provisions of Chapter 2 of the Columbus Code which provide for meeting dates and procedures for the Columbus Council; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- *Paul Olson* – expressed concerns regarding public agenda procedures, including time limits, application requirements, and restrictions on speaking on the same topic within a 60-day period.
 - *Natalie Nicole* – expressed concerns regarding public agenda procedures, emphasizing the need for clearer communication of requirements, recommending that expectations be explicitly included in the application process.
 - *Denise Cambridge* – expressed concerns regarding proposed public agenda changes, encouraging the City to expand rather than limit opportunities for citizen engagement.
- 5. 1st Reading-** An Ordinance amending Section 2-68 of the Columbus Code to provide that the internal auditor/compliance officer shall be subject to the direction of the Columbus Council acting though a designated member of Council, and for other purposes. (Councilor Tucker)

At the request of Councilor Tucker, Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to table the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Anker being absent from the meeting.

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Mr. George McDowell, Re: Public Trust in Local Governance.
2. Ms. Yaunita Arrington, Re: Concerns regarding due process violations, improper lien placement, and administrative failures related to Code Enforcement actions on my property, and to request corrective action and review.

3. Mr. Mike Watford, Re: Debris on Roaring Branch Creek from Bradley Park Drive. New Apartment Construction.
4. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Developing a Peoples Budget. Access to Healthcare. *(Referral from Mayor's Commission for Persons with Disabilities)*
5. Mr. Gregory Foster, Re: Corrupt Intent.
6. Mr. William Worley, Re: Wheelchair Swings.

Beck Summerlin, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation, advised that while some wheelchair-accessible equipment exists at playgrounds, there are currently limited options available for children, and expressed interest in exploring additional opportunities and resources to expand inclusive playground amenities.

7. Mx. Erik Pitzer, Re: Skate Park Upgrade. *Not Present*
8. Mr. Carl Faulk, Re: Waste Pickup.
9. Mr. Marcello Ramirez, Re: Demolition of Property Located at 225 21st Avenue. *(Translator will be accompanying the applicant)*

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge stated that the owner initially engaged with the Code and Inspections Department in June 2024 and indicated plans to repair the home, but no work was completed. The property subsequently went through the demolition process, was approved by Council in September 2025, and was demolished in December 2025, following ongoing concerns about its condition.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Street Acceptance – Lavender Glen, Enclave Court, and Larkspur Place

Resolution (096-26) - A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the acceptance of a deed to Lavender Glen, Larkspur Place, and Enclave Court located in the Enclave at Cartledge Creek, on behalf of Columbus, Georgia. Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Anker being absent from the meeting.

2. GDOT Street Lighting Agreement – SR 22/US 80 @ SR 22 SPUR

Resolution (097-26) - A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, to enter into an agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for the GDOT P.I. NO. 0015690, SR 22/us 80 @ SR 22 SPUR on behalf of Columbus, Georgia. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Anker being absent from the meeting.

3. FY26 Local Road Assistance (LRA)

Resolution (098-26) - A resolution authorizing the Mayor to make application and receive the FY 2026 Local Road Assistance (LRA) grant from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Anker being absent from the meeting.

4. Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Application

Resolution (099-26) - A resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to submit an application to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for a grant to fund the Muscogee County Juvenile Court and, if awarded, accept the grant and amend the multi-governmental fund by the amount of the grant award and enter into a memorandum of agreement with Evidence-Based Associates, LLC. The grant period is from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027. Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Anker being absent from the meeting.

5. 2025 Homeland Security Hazmat Grant – Fire/EMS

Resolution (100-26) - A resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to accept a grant for equipment in the amount of \$6,000.00 or as otherwise awarded, from the Homeland Security Hazmat Grant Program. These funds will be utilized for the purchase of new hazardous materials and equipment. The team responds to hazardous materials emergencies in Muscogee County as well as surrounding communities to provide hazardous material containment to include chemical, radiological, and biological incidents. Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Anker being absent from the meeting.

6. 2025 Homeland Security GSAR (Georgia Search and Rescue) Grant – Fire/EMS

Resolution (101-26) - A resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to accept a grant for equipment in the amount of \$55,230.00 or as otherwise awarded, from the Homeland Security Georgia Search and Rescue (GSAR) Grant Program. These funds will be utilized for the purchase of new rescue equipment and Homeland Security Georgia Search and Rescue (GSAR) Grant Program training. This team is formed to improve responses to heavy rescue as well as water rescue emergencies to the citizens of Columbus and surrounding counties. Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Anker being absent from the meeting.

7. PURCHASES

- A. Service Contract for Various Types of Transmissions for METRA (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 26-0031

Resolution (102-26) – A resolution authorizing the execution of an annual contract with Reliable Transmission Service, Inc. (Branden, FL) to repair and rebuild transmissions for METRA. The services will be procured on an as-needed basis. Metra Transit System budgets \$60,000.00 annually for the 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 Anker being absent from the meeting.

- B. Alternators & Starters for METRA (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 26-0029

Resolution (103-26) – A resolution authorizing an annual contract with Romaine Electric Corporation (Kent, WA), for the purchase, repair and rebuilding of alternators and starters for Metra, on an “as needed” basis. Metra anticipates an annual contract value of \$20,000.00 based on prior year’s usage and inflation. 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 Anker being absent from the meeting.

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

Resolution (104-26) – A resolution authorizing the extension of the annual contract with Galls, LLC (Lexington, KY) and Strack, Inc. (formerly Black Gear Industries) (Yorktown, VA), through August 31, 2026, for the purchase of Leather Items on an “as needed” basis. 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 Anker being absent from the meeting.

- D. Amendment 9 for Space Planning and Programming & Design Professional Services for Columbus Consolidated Government Center Project – RFQ No. 20-0001

Resolution (105-26) – A resolution authorizing the execution of Amendment 9 with The S/L/A/M Collaborative, Inc., (Orlando, FL), formerly CBRE/Heery, Inc., in the amount of \$78,950.00 for additional design services for the new Judicial Center. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Anker being absent from the meeting.

In response to a question by Councilor Davis, **Inspections and Code Director Ryan Pruett** explained that the additional work is related to structural and design coordination for the plaza, and is not related to personnel. He stated that any future staffing changes could impact design and construction and would require updated cost estimates.

8. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. PAWS Animal Services Division Contract Update - Courtney Pierce, Executive Director, PAWS & Donna McGinnis, Contract Administrator, Columbus Consolidated Government

Courtney Pierce, Executive Director, PAWS highlighted the organization’s first year of operating under contract, emphasizing efforts to build trust, improve operations, and implement a modern, community-focused animal services model.

Donna McGinnis, Contract Administrator, Columbus Consolidated Government provided comments summarizing the first year of contract performance, advising that operations have progressed well overall with transitional challenges addressed in a timely manner. She highlighted ongoing needs such as community education, capacity pressures, and continued system improvements.

Courtney Pierce, Executive Director, PAWS provided additional comments addressing ongoing challenges and future priorities, emphasizing that capacity constraints and stray animal concerns remain the most significant issues.

- B. Jail Update - Ryan Pruett, Director, Inspections & Code, Douglas Kleppin, AIA, LEED AP - Principal, The S/L/A/M Collaborative, Doug Shaw, AIA - Managing Member/Owner, Jericho Design Group, LLC, and Henry Painter - Senior Project Executive, Gilbane Building Company

Inspections & Code Director Ryan Pruett provided comments introducing the new jail project update, noting that the process began in 2022 with an RFP to evaluate options for renovating or expanding the existing facility versus constructing a new one, and that the current phase of work has been completed.

Douglas Kleppin, AIA, LEED AP - Principal, The S/L/A/M Collaborative provided an overview of the new jail study and planning process summarizing work completed since the project's initiation. He advised that the study was built upon prior assessments and included evaluation of infrastructure deficiencies, development of a space program for a 1,600-bed facility, and analysis of multiple site options. The consultant highlighted challenges associated with the existing site. He also referenced progression into schematic design to refine plans, validate program needs, and develop more accurate cost estimates for the proposed facility.

Doug Shaw, AIA - Managing Member/Owner, Jericho Design Group, LLC provided additional details on the refined jail program, explaining that further coordination with the Sheriff's Office led to a more detailed understanding of inmate classifications and operational needs, which resulted in adjustments to the facility design. He also noted the incorporation of program areas within housing units to deliver services more efficiently and securely.

Henry Painter - Senior Project Executive, Gilbane Building Company provided a cost estimate for the proposed jail project, stating that based on the 50% schematic design, the projected construction cost is approximately \$481.66 million, equating to about \$836 per square foot and \$300,289 per bed.

Muscogee County Sheriff Greg Countryman provided comments regarding jail capacity, stating that the facility is currently operating above its intended capacity, with populations approaching critical levels. He emphasized that ongoing overcrowding contributes to increased medical costs, safety concerns, and housing challenges. He further indicated that a proposed 1,600-bed facility would help alleviate current issues.

(NOTE: Councilor Hickey left the meeting at approximately 9:30 p.m.)

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE DEPUTY CITY MANAGER:

- A request was made for additional information regarding estimated annual transportation costs associated with Site 1 of the proposed jail project. *(Councilor Cogle)*

- A request was made for information on the estimated annual maintenance and operational costs associated with the proposed jail project. (*Councilor Cogle*)

C. FY26 Sheriff's Office Budget Update - Sheriff Greg Countryman

Finance Director Angelica Alexander explained that, pursuant to Ordinance 13-39, the Sheriff's Office is required to request additional appropriations due to anticipated budget overages, including a request to utilize Community Care Fund resources to cover outside inmate medical expenses and any remaining invoices for the fiscal year.

Muscogee County Sheriff Greg Countryman explained that rising and largely uncontrollable costs, particularly related to inmate population increases, food service, overtime, and medical expenses, have placed significant strain on the department's budget, necessitating additional funding to maintain safe and effective jail operations through the remainder of the fiscal year.

Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the request for an additional appropriation of \$310,059.75, along with any additional invoices for the remainder of FY26, from the Community Care Fund for the Sheriff's Office outside medical services, seconded by Councilor Chambers and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Hickey being absent for the vote and Councilor Anker being absent from the meeting.

Councilor Crabb requested that it be placed on the record that the additional \$4,000,000 in funding would be drawn from general fund reserves, utilizing approximately five and a half to six days of reserves, with the City currently maintaining approximately 74 days in reserve.

Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the request for additional appropriation in the FY26 Budget for Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$4,000,000, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Hickey being absent for the vote and Councilor Anker being absent from the meeting.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE DEPUTY CITY MANAGER

- A request was made to assess and address street lighting outages along the corridor near Lamb Funeral Home extending toward Steam Mill Road, as well as to evaluate lighting conditions on Moy Road. (*Councilor Tucker*)

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - INFORMATION ONLY

1. Upcoming Board Appointments: Board of Family & Children Services
2. Upcoming Board Appointments: Columbus Golf Authority
3. Upcoming Board Appointments: Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority
4. Upcoming Board Appointments: New Horizons Behavioral Health- Mental Health, Addictive Diseases & Developmental Disabilities- Community Service Board

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

5. **Resolution (106-26)** - A Resolution changing the regularly scheduled Council meetings for the month of June 2026. *(These changes are made annually to ensure compliance with requirements necessary for the adoption of the fiscal year budgets.)* Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Hickey being absent for the vote and Councilor Anker being absent from the meeting.

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

Board of Tax Assessors #13-26

Board of Tax Assessors #14-26

Board of Zoning Appeals 03-04-26

Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority 03-09-26

Pension Board 10-08-25

Pension Board 11-12-25

Planning Advisory Commission 03-04-26

Planning Advisory Commission 03-18-26

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

ADD-ON:

Resolution (107-26) - A Resolution excusing Councilor John Anker from the April 28, 2026, Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Hickey being absent for the vote and Councilor Anker being absent from the meeting.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

A. PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES' BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

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

B. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:

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

8. NOMINATIONS – CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL:

A. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (BHAR):

A nominee for a vacant seat (*Columbus Home Builders Association Representative*) for a term expiring on January 31, 2028, on the Historic & Architectural Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

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

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

A. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:

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

A nominee for the seat of Tracy Belt (*Not Eligible*) the District 4 Representative for a term that expired on March 27, 2026, on the Community Development Advisory Council (*District 4 – Tucker*). There were none.

A nominee for the vacant seat of the District 5 Representative for a term that expired on March 27, 2026, on the Community Development Advisory Council (*District 5 – Crabb*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Mike Welch (*Eligible for reappointment*) the District 9 Representative for a term that expired on March 27, 2026, on the Community Development Advisory Council (*District 9 – Anker*). There were none.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:

A nominee for the seat of Paul T. Berry, III (*Not interested in serving another term*) for a term that expired on October 31, 2025, on the Public Safety Advisory Commission (*District 5 – Crabb*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Scott Taft (*Not Eligible*) for a term that expired on October 31, 2025, on the Public Safety Advisory Commission (*District 9 – Anker*). There were none.

C. 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*).

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.

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

A. ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:

A nominee for the vacant seat of the Georgia Veterinary Technician with a term expiring on October 15, 2026, on the Animal Control Advisory Board (*Council’s Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the vacant seat of the Animal Rescue Shelter Representative with a term expiring on October 15, 2026, on the Animal Control Advisory Board (*Council’s Appointment*). There were none.

B. BOARD OF HEALTH:

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

C. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

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

D. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:

A nominee for a vacant seat for a term expiring on June 30, 2026, on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council's Appointment*). Clerk of Council McLemore announced that the Keep Columbus Commission is recommending Ashley Stanley. Councilor Crabb nominated Ashley Stanley to fill the vacant seat on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission.

E. LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:

A nominee for a vacant seat for a term that expires on August 14, 2026, on the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for a vacant seat for a term that expires on August 14, 2026, on the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for a vacant seat for a term that expires on August 14, 2027, on the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board (*Civic Center Director Recommendation / Confirmed by Council*). There were none.

F. 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.

G. PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:

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

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

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

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

Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore stated for the record that the Columbus Botanical Garden withdrew its request for a refund, which is why the item was not included on the Clerk's agenda.

PUBLIC AGENDA (continued)

4. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Developing a Peoples Budget. Access to Healthcare. (*Referral from Mayor's Commission for Persons with Disabilities*)

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Skip Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Councilor Tucker to adjourn the April 28, 2026, Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Hickey being absent for the vote, and Councilor Anker being absent from the meeting, with the time being 9:51 p.m.

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