

# **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

September 16, 2025  
9:00 AM  
Regular Meeting

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### **M A Y O R ' S   A G E N D A**

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**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 (virtual), Byron Hickey and Bruce Huff (arrived at 9:02 a.m.). Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Assistant City Attorney Lucy Sheftall, Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore and Assistant Deputy Clerk Brittney Jones.

**ABSENT:** Councilors John Anker and Toyia Tucker were absent. Deputy Clerk of Council Tameka Colbert was also absent.

<b><u>The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet:</u></b> (1)
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<b><u>The following documents were distributed around the Council table:</u></b> (1) CA#7 – Information on Ruffined Pet Wellness Club; (2)
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**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III, Presiding

**INVOCATION:** Offered by Dr. Tim Jones, Pastor of Columbus Baptist Association

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

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*Councilor Huff arrived at 9:02 a.m.*

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### **MINUTES:**

1. Approval of minutes for the August 26, 2025, Council Meeting and Executive Session.

## **PROCLAMATIONS:**

**2. Proclamation:** Public Safety Week

**Receiving:** Pastor Wayne Anthony

**Councilor Byron Hickey** read the proclamation into the record proclaiming the week of September 7-13, 2025, as *Public Safety Week*, honoring the sacrifices of first responders on 9/11 and recognizes the courage, service, and ongoing dedication of public safety personnel who risk their lives daily to protect communities, including the more than 700 men and women serving Columbus, Georgia.

**3. Proclamation:** Big Brothers Big Sisters Month

**Receiving:** Ms. Erin Griffin, Senior Regional Program Manager

**Councilor Travis L. Chambers** read the proclamation into the record proclaiming the month of September 2025, as *Big Brothers Big Sisters Month*, celebrating the transformative impact of one-to-one mentoring in empowering youth, highlighting the dedication of volunteers and staff in the Chattahoochee Valley, and calls on the community to support and expand this vital work.

**4. Proclamation:** Constitution Week

**Receiving:** Ms. Marsha Newer

**Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen** read the proclamation into the record proclaiming the week of September 17-23, 2025, as *Constitution Week*, recognizing this annual celebration established by Congress in 1956 at the request of the Daughters of the American Revolution to emphasize citizens' duty to protect the United States Constitution, and encourage study of its history and enduring significance.

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

- 5. Resolution (303-25)** – A resolution authorizing an audit by the Internal Auditor of the Office of Crime Prevention. (*Requested by Councilor Cogle*) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Anker and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

# **CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA**

## **ORDINANCES**

1. **Ordinance (25-048) - 2nd Reading-** REZN-06-25-1179: An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 11-11 to provide a density change as it pertains to property located at **9101 Macon Road**. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Mayor Pro-Tem) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Anker and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

**Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen** stated for the record his opposition to the proposed rezoning in 2011 but, after addressing constituent concerns and acknowledged the developer’s community outreach, expressed support due to changing economic conditions and request the support of Council.

2. **Ordinance (25-049) - 2nd Reading-** An Ordinance amending the “Official Street Map, City of Columbus, Georgia”, by changing the official name of the public roadway designated as “Debutana Drive” to "Debutante Drive; authorizing the street name change; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem) Councilor Crabb made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Anker and Tucker being absent from the meeting.
3. **Ordinance (25-050) - 2nd Reading-** An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 15-35, Section 2, Columbus Police Department Pay Reform and Restructure Plan, as set forth in Administrative Policy No. 220-1002, to revise Court Pay, and for other purposes. (Budget Review Committee) Councilor Hickey made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Anker and Tucker being absent from the meeting.
4. **1st Reading-** REZN-06-25-1190: An ordinance rezoning property located at **2506 Riverside Drive** from Residential Multifamily– 2 (RMF2) zoning district to Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1) zoning district with conditions. (Planning Department and PAC recommended Approval.) (Councilor Garrett)

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to delay the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the proposed rezoning until September 23, 2025, due to the applicant not being present, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Anker and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

5. **1st Reading-** REZN-07-25-1262: An Ordinance rezoning property located at **109 23rd Street** from Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2) Single Family Residential 4 (SFR4). (The Planning Department and PAC recommended Approval.) (Councilor Cogle)

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

6. **1st Reading-** REZN-07-25-1264: An ordinance rezoning property located at **5350 Veterans Parkway** from Single Family Residential 3 (SFR3) zoning district to General Commercial (GC) zoning district. (The Planning Department and PAC recommend Approval.) (Councilor Garrett)

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

7. **1st Reading -** REZN-07-25-1303: An ordinance rezoning property located at **2210 Wynnton Road** from Neighborhood Commercial (NC) zoning district to General Commercial (GC) zoning district. (The Planning Department and PAC recommended Approval.) (Councilor Huff)

8. **1st Reading-** An Ordinance amending the Columbus Code Section 8-14.1. to provide permitting and inspection fees for solar panel work; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

**Director Ryan Pruett, Inspections & Code,** approached the rostrum explaining the proposal introduces a new solar permit type to streamline inspections and codes by consolidating building and electrical permits into a single permit for solar panel installations, improving efficiency for both customers and staff without increasing fees.

9. **1st Reading:** An ordinance providing for the demolition of various structures located at:

- 1) **3407 Victory Drive** (Ricky Johnson, Owner)
- 2) **1209 Carmel Court** (Latasha Burns, Owner)
- 3) **1553 Holland Avenue** (Holmer Jenkins Jr., Owner)
- 4) **225 21st Avenue** (Marcelo Ramirez, Owner)
- 5) **517 Chesterfield Avenue** (Tawana Mckelvey, Owner)
- 6) **2614 Jones Avenue** (Alice Butler, Owner)
- 7) **4212 7th Avenue** (Winston Marchan Jr., Owner)

8) **2928 10th Street** (Audrey Palmore & Robert Holston, Owner)

and for demolition services for the Inspections and Code Department in accordance with the Tabulation of Bid sheet attached as Exhibit A; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro Tem)

**Director Ryan Pruett, Inspections & Code,** approached the rostrum to present each property listed for demolition under the proposed ordinance and addressed questions from Council members.

*(NOTE: It was confirmed that the property located at 1209 Carmel Court has been removed from the list. The owner listed on the proposed ordinance has sold the property, which requires the process to start over.)*

**Property Owners in Attendance:**

- Mr. Ricky Johnson, 3407 Victory Drive, requested a delay allowing him the opportunity to self-fund the demolition of the structure on the property.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the letter of intent requirement for the self-funded demolition of property located at 3407 Victory Drive, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Anker and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

- Ms. Tawana McKelvey, 517 Chesterfield Avenue, requested a 30-day extension to allow time to refurbish the property using approved loan funds with the assistance of a contractor.

*(NOTE: No action was taken. Ms. McKelvey was instructed to provide the documentation required to provide proof of the funds acquired and contractor hired.)*

- Ms. Audrey Holston Palmore, 2928 10<sup>th</sup> Street, expressed her concerns regarding the co-owner listed on the proposed ordinance.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- *Theresa El-Amin* – Concerned about property being demolished in historic neighborhoods,

**REFERRAL(S):**

**FOR INSPECTIONS & CODE:**

- A request was made for the Inspections & Code Department to inspect the church on Veterans Parkway that has significant fire damage and potential risks. *(Councilor Davis)*

- A request was made for the Inspections & Code Department to inspect a property with fire damage at the corner of Pierce and RC Allen. (*Councilor Hickey*)

- Include property tax status information in staff report provided with demolition lists. (*Councilor Davis*)

## **RESOLUTIONS**

**10. Resolution (304-25)** - A Resolution granting a Special Exception Use for property located at **7701 River Road** in the RE1 (Residential Estate 1) zoning district with conditions. The proposed use is to allow Places of Worship, 250 or more seats in the RE1 (Residential Estate 1) zoning district. (The Planning Department and PAC recommended Approval.) (Councilor Davis) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Anker and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

**11. Resolution (305-25)** - A Resolution authorizing the execution of Federal Aviation Administration Grant Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Grant No. 3-13-0035-063-2025. (Request of Columbus Airport Commission.) Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Anker and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

## **PUBLIC AGENDA**

1. Dr. Natalie Nicole, representing Role Model Academy, Re: Requesting measurable accountability to ensure residents receive reliable results for money invested in neighborhoods.

## **REFERRAL(S):**

### **FOR DEPUTY CITY MANAGER HODGE:**

- A request was made for a standard policy requiring employee evaluations for employees of General Government and Public Safety. (*Councilor Hickey*)

- Look at allowing employees to evaluate and provide feedback on their director. (*Councilor Cogle*)

- Request for information on the type of HRS system being utilized by our Human Resources Department. (*Councilor Chambers*)

2. Reverend James Clements, representing IMA, Re: It's Not a Crime to be Without.

**REFERRAL(S):**

**FOR DEPUTY CITY MANAGER HODGE:**

- A request was made for a list of vacant City owned properties. (*Councilor Chambers*)
  - Provide a list of available Section 8 Housing. (*Councilor Garrett*)
3. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Do we need a mega jail? Strategies for housing the unhoused.
  4. Mr. Val McGowan, Re: Section 8 Housing.

**REFERRAL(S):**

**FOR DEPUTY CITY MANAGER HODGE:**

- A request for representatives from Planning and Inspections & Code Departments to attend an HOA Meeting of Moye Estates on October 17<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. to address concerns and provide information on other projects. (*Submitted on behalf of Councilor Tucker by the Clerk of Council*)

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

### **1. Contract Extension with Columbus Convention and Visitors Bureau (CCVB)**

Approval is requested to extend the intergovernmental agreement between the Columbus Consolidated Government (CCG) and the Columbus Convention and Visitors Bureau (CCVB) for an additional five-year period as originally authorized in Resolution No. 294-09 and subsequent extensions per Resolution No. 282-15 and Resolution No. 337-20.

After Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, Councilor Crabb expressed her concerns on approving the resolution before getting information on the current status of the Hotel/Motel Tax and hearing from the new leadership in CVB.

Councilor Crabb made a substitute motion to delay the resolution, seconded by Councilor Hickey and was carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Anker and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

## **REFERRAL(S):**

### **FOR DEPUTY CITY MANAGER HODGE:**

- Make sure Council is receiving annual financial reports and updates from entities receiving funding from CCG. (*Councilor Davis*)
- Provide the Council early notification when large investment contracts have upcoming expiration dates. (*Councilor Cogle*)

## **2. Temporary Use for Astible Acres, LLC**

**Resolution (306-25)** - A Resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, Authorizing a Temporary Use for Astible Acres, LLC, for the Operation of a Fall Market at 1009 Bay Avenue from September 19, 2025, Through October 31, 2025. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Anker and Tucker being absent from the meeting. (*NOTE: At the end of the City Manager's Agenda, Clerk of Council McLemore announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Davis, who was not present at the table when the vote was taken.*)

## **3. 2025 TRANSCAER Hazmat Response Fund Grant**

**Resolution (307-25)** - A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, or their designee, to submit and accept, if awarded, funding from the 2025 TRANSCAER Hazmat Team Response Fund Grant, in the amount of \$1,567.35, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the multi-government fund budget by the amount awarded. Councilor Hickey made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Anker and Tucker being absent from the meeting. (*NOTE: At the end of the City Manager's Agenda, Clerk of Council McLemore announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Davis, who was not present at the table when the vote was taken.*)

## **4. The Sleep Center Mattress Donation**

**Resolution (308-25)** - A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of donated funds in the amount of \$70,000.00 from The Sleep Center Mattress, on behalf of Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Service. Councilor Cogle made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Anker and Tucker being absent from the meeting. (*NOTE: At the end of the City Manager's Agenda, Clerk of Council*

*McLemore announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Davis, who was not present at the table when the vote was taken.)*

## **5. Columbus Police Department: Donation**

**Resolution (309-25)** - A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a donation in the amount of \$5,000.00 from the Columbus Kennel Club, Inc. Councilor Cogle made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Anker and Tucker being absent from the meeting. (*NOTE: At the end of the City Manager's Agenda, Clerk of Council McLemore announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Davis, who was not present at the table when the vote was taken.*)

## **6. International Paper Grant**

**Resolution (310-25)** - A Resolution authorizing the mayor or his designee to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant for Seed Money towards the purchase of a Spot Robot with public safety payloads for \$50,000.00, or as otherwise awarded, from the International Paper Grant Program with no matching funds required. the multi-governmental fund will be amended by the amount of the award. Councilor Cogle made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Anker and Tucker being absent from the meeting. (*NOTE: At the end of the City Manager's Agenda, Clerk of Council McLemore announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Davis, who was not present at the table when the vote was taken.*)

## **7. PURCHASES**

### **A. Fire Hoses and Nozzles for Fire & EMS Department – GSA Cooperative Contract Purchase**

**Resolution (311-25)** - A Resolution Authorizing the purchase of fire hoses and nozzles for the Fire & EMS Department from North America Fire Equipment Company (NAFECO) (Decatur, AL) in the amount of \$131,576.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Federal GSA Contract #GS-07F-0304W. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Anker and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

### **B. Contract Extension for Course Instructors for the Department of Human Resources/The Learning Center (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 19-0003**

**Resolution (312-25)** - A resolution authorizing the extension of the annual contract for course instructors for the Department of Human Resources/The Learning Center with the Leadership Institute at Columbus State University (Columbus, GA) through January 17, 2026. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Anker and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

C. Contract Extension for Banking Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 19-0002

**Resolution (313-25)** - A Resolution authorizing the extension of the annual contract with Synovus Bank (Columbus, GA) for financial services: Option 1 – Banking Service, through June 30, 2026. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Anker and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

**8. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS**

A. Inspections and Code Update – Ryan Pruett, Inspections & Code, Director

**Director Ryan Pruett, Inspections & Code,** approached the rostrum to provide an update on the Inspections & Code Department as it pertains to the permitting process and the availability of these services online.

**BID ADVERTISEMENT**

**DATE:** September 9, 2025  
**TO:** Mayor and Councilors  
**FROM:** Finance Department  
**SUBJECT:** Advertised Bids/RFPs/RFQs

**September 24, 2025**

**1. Double Churches Pool Repairs – RFB No. 26-0006**

**Scope of Bid**

Provide all labor, equipment and materials to repair the pool at Double Churches Park.

A mandatory site visit is scheduled at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, September 17, 2025.

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

### **ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED**

1. **Resolution (314-25)** – A resolution changing the regularly scheduled Council meetings for the month of September 2025. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Anker and Tucker being absent from the meeting.
2. **Resolution (315-25)** – A resolution excusing the absence of Councilor Toyia Tucker from the September 16, 2025, Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Anker and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

3. **Minutes of the following boards**

Board of Historic & Architectural Review 04-14-25

Board of Historic & Architectural Review 05-12-25

Board of Tax Assessors #28-25

Building Authority of Columbus 03-27-24

Convention and Visitors Board of Commissioners 06-11-25

Employee Benefits Committee 04-07-25

Retirees' Health Benefits Committee 05-21-25

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

### **RESOLUTION (ADD-ON):**

**Resolution (316-25)** – A Resolution excusing Councilor John Anker from the September 16, 2025, Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by

Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Anker and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

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

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

##### **A. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:**

A nominee for a vacant seat with a term expiring on March 24, 2025, on the Building Authority of Columbus, (*Mayor's Appointment*). There were none.

##### **B. CONVENTION & VISITORS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS (CVB):**

A nominee for the seat of Lauren Becker (*Not Eligible to serve another term*) for a term that expired on December 31, 2025, on the Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Miles Greathouse (*Not Eligible to serve another term*) for a term that expired on December 31, 2025, on the Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

##### **C. HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:**

A nominee for a vacant seat on the Housing Authority of Columbus with a term that expired on April 30, 2025 (*Mayor's Appointment*). Clerk of Council McLemore announced the Housing Authority is recommending William Burgin and Mayor Henderson is making that nomination. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Anker and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

##### **D. PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES' BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

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

**5. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – READY FOR CONFIRMATION:**

- A. BOARD OF HONOR:** Beth Harris was nominated to serve another term. (*Councilor Crabb's nominee*) Term expires: October 31, 2029. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Anker and Tucker being absent from the meeting.
- B. LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:** Cleteus D. Richardson was nominated to serve another term. (*Mayor Pro Tem Allen's nominee*) Term expires: August 14, 2029. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Anker and Tucker being absent from the meeting.
- C. LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:** Arreasha Z. Lawrence Bryant was nominated to serve another term. (*Councilor Chambers's nominee*) Term expires: August 14, 2029. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Anker and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

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

**A. CIVIC CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:**

A nominee for the vacant seat of the District 8 Representative for a term that expired on March 1, 2025, on the Civic Center Advisory Board (*District 8 – Garrett*). Clerk of Council McLemore announced Councilor Garrett is nominating James Jordan. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Anker and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

**B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

A nominee for the vacant seat of the District 2 Representative for a term expiring on March 27, 2026, on the Community Development Advisory Council (*District 2 – Davis*). There were none.

A nominee for the vacant seat of the District 6 Representative for a term expiring on March 27, 2026, on the Community Development Advisory Council (*District 6 – Allen*). There were none.

A nominee for the vacant seat of the District 8 Representative for a term expiring on March 27, 2026, on the Community Development Advisory Council (*District 8 – Garrett*). There were none.

### **C. PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:**

A nominee for the seat of Abdel Hernandez (*Eligible*) for a term expiring on October 31, 2025, on the Public Safety Advisory Commission (*District 1 – Hickey*). Councilor Hickey renominated Abdel Hernandez and made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Anker and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

A nominee for the seat of Tracy Walton-King (*Eligible*) for a term expiring on October 31, 2025, on the Public Safety Advisory Commission (*District 3 – Huff*). Councilor Huff renominated Tracy Walton-King and made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Anker and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

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

A nominee for the seat of Walter Taylor (*Eligible*) for a term expiring on October 31, 2025, on the Public Safety Advisory Commission (*District 7 – Cogle*). Councilor Cogle renominated Walter Taylor and made a motion for confirmation, seconded Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Anker and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

A nominee for the seat of Scott Taft (*Not Eligible*) for a term expiring on October 31, 2025, on the Public Safety Advisory Commission (*District 5 – Crabb*). There were none.

### **D. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

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.

**7. 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 Licensed Veterinarian with a term expiring on October 15, 2026, on the Animal Control Advisory Board (*Council's Appointment*). Clerk of Council McLemore announced Councilor Crabb is nominating Dr. Jo April Brown.

**B. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:**

A nominee for a vacant seat with the term expiring on June 30, 2026, as a Senatorial District 29 Representative on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

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

A nominee for a vacant seat with a term that expired on August 14, 2025, on the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

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

**D. 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.

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

3. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Do we need a mega jail? Strategies for housing the unhoused.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation as requested by City Attorney Fay. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Crabb and Davis being absent for the vote, Councilors Anker and Tucker being absent from the meeting, and the time being 11:50 a.m.

The Regular Meeting was reconvened at 12:07 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in Executive Session to discuss litigation; however, there were no votes taken.

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

**Resolution (317-25)** – A Resolution whereas, Muscogee County Sheriff’s Office employee Linda Kathleen Borum filed claims in District Court, Case No. Civil Action File No. 4:24-CV-168 (CDL), against Sheriff Greg Countryman, in his official capacity and the Columbus Consolidated Government (“the City”), its elected officials, any affiliated entities, its employees, agents, and representatives, as well as any successors and alleging discrimination in violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Anker and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Allen to adjourn the September 16, 2025, Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Anker and Tucker being absent from the meeting, and the time being 12:08 p.m.

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