COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

Council Chambers	October 14, 2025
C. E. “Red” McDaniel City Services Center- Second Floor	9:00 AM
3111 Citizens Way, Columbus, GA 31906	Regular Meeting

M A Y O R ’ S   A G E N D A

PRESENT: Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson, III and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen and Councilors John Anker, Travis L. Chambers, Joanne Cogle, Charmaine Crabb, R. Walker Garrett, Bruce Huff and Toyia Tucker. Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin, Assistant City Attorney Lucy Sheftall, Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore and Deputy Clerk of Council Tameka Colbert.

ABSENT: Councilors Glenn Davis and Byron Hickey were absent. City Attorney Clifton Fay was also absent.

The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet: (1) MA#6 – 2025 IA Risk Assessment & Annual Audit Plan Presentation; (2) CM#17(B) – VisitColumbusGA City Council Meeting Presentation; (3) CM#17(A) – Midtown Children’s Bicycle Playground Presentation; (4) CM#17(C) – Roll With Us (Uptown Shuttle) Presentation; (5) CM#17(D) – Project Updates Presentation; (6) CM#17(D) – Facility Project Update Presentation; (7) CM#17(E) – Gateway Signage Presentation; (8) CM#17(F) – Performance Evaluation Overview Presentation

The following documents were distributed around the Council table: (1) MA#5 Muscogee County SIM Mapping Workshop Summary; (2) MA#6 – Columbus Consolidated Government Internal Audit Risk Assessment Report; (3) PA#1 Community Concerns: Homelessness, Facilities, and Enforcement; (4) PA#2 District One Addresses; (5) PA#7 Photos of Trees on City Property (6) CM Agenda (ADD-ON) – Resolution for Chattahoochee River Improvements

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Skip Henderson

MINUTES:

1. Approval of minutes for the September 23, 2025, Council Meeting and Executive Session. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilors Davis and Hickey being absent from the meeting.

PROCLAMATIONS:

2. **Proclamation:** Communities in Motion Day

Receiving: Robert Sheridan, Transit Compliance Officer, METRA Transit

Councilor R. Walker Garrett read the proclamation into the record proclaiming October 30, 2025, as *Communities in Motion Day,* recognizing the role of public transportation in connecting residents to jobs, schools, and healthcare.

3. **Proclamation:** Paint the Town Pink Week

Receiving: Cheryl Johnson, President & CEO, West Central Georgia Cancer Coalition

Councilor Travis Chambers read the proclamation into the record proclaiming the week of October 13-19, 2025, as *Paint the Town Pink Week,* in observance of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

4. **Proclamation:** National 4-H Week

Receiving: Christine Budd, 4-H Program Assistant, and Megan Shockley, 4-H County Extension Agent

Councilor John Anker read the proclamation into the record proclaiming the week of October 5-11, 2025, as *National 4-H Week*, recognizing 4-H as the largest youth development organization in America, dedicated to building a generation of young leaders and equipping them with essential life skills for the future.

(ADD-ON) **Proclamation:** Help the Hooch Day

Receiving: Lisa Thomas Cutts, Executive Director, Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission

Councilor Bruce Huff read the proclamation into the record proclaiming October 30, 2025, as *Help the Hooch Day,* recognizing the efforts of Keep Columbus Beautiful and the Help the Hooch Committee for their continued dedication to cleaning up, protecting, and preserving the Chattahoochee River, one of the community's most valuable natural resources.

PRESENTATIONS:

5. SIM Mapping Report & Housing Study
Presented by: Kristin Barker, Mayor's Commission on Reentry

Kristin Barker, Chair of the Mayor's Commission on Re-entry, came forward and stated that the goal of the Commission is to strengthen collaboration among public safety, workforce, housing, and behavioral health systems to reduce recidivism. She shared updates on the ongoing work of the Commission, identifying key priority areas and highlighting strong local partnerships that support re-entry efforts. She also mentioned gaps in data coordination, affordable housing, crisis response and workforce development that require continued attention.

Pat Frey, Executive Director of Home for Good, emphasized that emergency shelters and long-term housing remain the top priority identified through the SIM workshop. She highlighted the need for greater collaboration and integration across systems, noting that housing efforts must be approached holistically to be effective.

Reggie Lewis, Co-founder of Cure Violence, highlighted the importance of improving data sharing among agencies to provide holistic, coordinated support for individuals served by multiple organizations. He explained that better data connectivity would reduce service gaps, strengthen early intervention, and help address community issues more effectively.

Ann Riley, Regional Services Administrator with DBHDD, discussed challenges in crisis response, including limited stabilization beds, staff shortages, and the lack of 24/7 co-responder coverage. She highlighted short-term goals, as well as outlined the focus of long-term efforts.

6. 2025 IA Risk Assessment & Annual Audit Plan
Presented by: Craig Carter, Managing Director, Mauldin & Jenkins

Craig Carter, Managing Director, Malden & Jenkins presented the City's first comprehensive risk assessment, outlined the process, findings, and next steps for developing an annual internal audit plan**.** He explained that his team conducted 15 management interviews and reviewed nearly 100 city documents, identifying 631 risks across nine categories, including governance, finance, operations, technology, and public safety. Carter emphasized that the assessment revealed six critical and 32 high-risk departments out of 92 total entities, highlighting the city's complex organizational structure and the need for stronger IT risk management**,** financial oversight, and policy development**.**

He outlined two parallel workstreams: at the department level, standardize SOPs, identify key controls and KPIs, and align them to strategy; at the governance level, the Audit Committee and Council set expectations (how many audits, timing, objectivity), approve the annual plan, and oversee execution.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CLERK OF COUNCIL:

- A request was made to add the document report provided to the online agenda. *(Councilor Tucker)*

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **Ordinance (25-056) - 2nd 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) Councilor Chambers made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Davis and Hickey being absent from the meeting. *(NOTE: At the end of the City Attorney's Agenda, Councilor Huff, who was not present at the table when the vote was taken, requested that his vote be recorded in the affirmative.)*

2. **1st Reading-** REZN-07-25-1385: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **1420 Wynnton Road** (parcel # 026-024-001) from Residential Office (RO) Zoning District to Single Family Residential 2 (SFR2) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend 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.)

3. **1st Reading-** REZN-08-25-0015: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **9055 & 9067 Veterans Parkway** (parcel # 079-001-004/034) from Residential Estate - 1 (RE1) Zoning District to Residential Office (RO) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Davis)

(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.)

4. **1st Reading-** REZN-08-25-1511: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **6839 Mitchell Drive** (parcel # 013-014-009A) from Single Family Residential - 2 (SFR2) Zoning District to Single Family Residential – 4 (SFR4) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Tucker)

Danny Arencibia, Applicant, explained that his rezoning request concerns a wooded property off Buena Vista and Mitchell Roads, surrounded by existing residential (SFR4) zoning. He stated that the project aims to build four to six new affordable homes, priced around $215,000–$220,000, connected to city water and sewer where feasible.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- *Val McGowen.* – Raised concerns about stormwater runoff.

Director of Engineering Vance Beck clarified that based on the information available, the property in question is not located within a floodway. He explained that the planned construction appears to be standard residential development and assured that any drainage or environmental issues would be addressed through the city's permitting process.

5. **1st Reading-** REZN-08-25-1513: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **4627 Milgen Road** (parcel # 083-044-001B) from Light Manufacturing/ Industrial (LMI) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Crabb)

(NOTE: The applicant was not present, however, a representative for the applicant (Danny Arencibia) 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-08-25-1514: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **4459 Cusseta Road** (parcel # 090-033-011) from Single Family Residential - 1 (SFR1) Zoning District to Heavy Manufacturing/ Industrial (HMI) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Huff)

Planning Director Will Johnson explained that the 184-acre property located between Interstate 185 and Fort Benning was originally part of the Benning Technology Park TAD, which did not develop as intended. To help attract new interest and economic activity to the site, he said the city is proposing to rezone the property to HMI (Heavy Manufacturing Industrial). Johnson pointed out that the land was transferred to the city by the State of Georgia over a decade ago and has access from Kuster Road, making it suitable for industrial development.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- *Theresa El-Amin* – Expressed concern that introducing industrial zoning in such a fragile community could worsen existing blight.

- *Val McGowen.* – Expressed concern about approving new housing developments given the ongoing affordable housing crisis.

7. **1st Reading-** REZN-08-25-1515: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **800,802,804 7th Avenue, 800, 801,804, 805, 808, 809, 812 8th Avenue and 801, 805, 809, 811 9th Avenue** (parcel # 019-020-012/13/14/19/20/21 & 019-021-009/12/29/30/31/32/33/34) from Residential Office (RO), General Commercial (GC), or Light Manufacturing/ Industrial (LMI) Zoning District to Uptown (UPT) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.)(Councilor Cogle)

Planning Director Will Johnson explained that, at the request of the City Manager, staff initiated efforts to spur development in the Liberty District. To prepare for this, the city's surveyor subdivided the property into 14 lots. He stated that the rezoning request aims to ensure the lots are compliant for single-family residential development, aligning with broader revitalization efforts for the Liberty District.

8. **1st Reading-** An ordinance amending the "Official Street Map, City of Columbus, Georgia", by changing the official street name of the public roadway designated as "Masterbuilt Court" to Master Wall court, to be one street name consistent with the length of roadway; authorizing the

street name change; repealing any conflicting ordinances; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem and Councilor Crabb)

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

RESOLUTION

9. **Resolution (3-25) -** EXCP-09-25-1728: A resolution approving a Special Exception to allow for a Resource Conservation Subdivision located at 1650 Hubbard Road located in the Residential Estate – 1 (RE1) zoning district. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Davis and Hickey being absent from the meeting.

Tyler Finley, representing Houston Homes, explained that the proposal seeks to rezone the parcel from RE1 to allow a conservation subdivision**.** He stated that the plan includes 29 homes on lots averaging 13,000 square feet, with approximately 77% of the total parcel preserved as open space**.**

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Dr. Natalie Nicole, representing Role Model Academy of Arts, Re: Community Concerns – Homelessness, Facilities & Enforcement

2. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Blight, Demolitions, Racism & Poverty

3. Mr. Val McGowan, Re: Stormwater Run Off, Subdivision Development & Stormwater Ditch Upkeep

4. Mr. Matthew Gilbert, Re: Stop the Spread of Flock Surveillance – Protect Public Privacy & Trust

5. Mr. Nicholas Yancey, Re: Flock Safety and Redspeed Georgia, LLC. ***Not Present***

At the request of Councilor Tucker, **Director of Engineering Vance Beck** came forward to address concerns raised by Val McGowan (PA#3) concerning storm water runoff. It was explained that he and a colleague met with Mr. McGowan and Mr. Washington to inspect the ditch in question. After walking the site, he clarified that the ditch is privately owned and does not convey any city stormwater**.** The inlet and pipe mentioned by residents are private structures located in a yard that eventually feed into the city's drainage system. He noted that the ditch, situated on a ridge, appeared to be unobstructed and in good condition during their inspection, functioning properly to convey water.

6. Ms. Natasha Hart, Re: Flock Safety Cameras ***Not Present***

7. Mr. Jose Altamirano, representing Vallarta Mexican Restaurant, Inc., Re: Overgrown Trees on City Property Hindering Business

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE DEPUTY CITY MANAGER:

- A request was made for the Deputy City Manager or appropriate staff meet with Mr. Jose and his father regarding tree maintenance near their business. *(Councilor Huff)*

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. EV Charging Turnkey Design/Build Agreement for Electric Fleet Charging Stations

Resolution (334-25) - A resolution authorizing a Turnkey/Design Build agreement with Georgia Power to install and commission one (1) CP6621 Dual Port Level 2 charger and two (2) ChargePoint Express Plus chargers at the METRA Campus located at 814 Linwood Blvd. The total cost of the agreement is $509,452.00, including site work and installation. The amount of $381,494.00 will come from METRA's available T-SPLOST funding. Available 2024 Transit Trust Fund Program (TTFP) funds in the amount of $127,958.00 will also be used. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the vote and Councilors Davis and Hickey being absent from the meeting.

2. Contract Extension with Columbus Convention and Visitors Bureau (CCVB)

Resolution (335-25) - A resolution authorizing a five-year contract extension with the Columbus Convention and Visitors Bureau (CCVB) under the same contract terms and conditions as originally set forth with the approval of resolution no. 294-09 and subsequent extensions per resolution no. 282-15 and resolution no. 337-20. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Davis and Hickey being absent from the meeting.

17. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

B. CCVB Update - Ashley Woitena, President and CEO, VisitColumbusGA *(Called forward by Deputy City Manager Goodwin)*

Ashley Woitena, President and CEO of VisitColumbusGA, detailed the hotel-motel tax funding structure**,** clarifying that Visit Columbus receives 4% of the 8% tax, with a portion allocated to the Sports Council and the Cultural Arts Alliance**.** She highlighted the organization's fiscal accountability, annual audits, and measurable performance metrics. She emphasized Visit Columbus' efforts to modernize data collection, enhance partnerships, and drive tourism through new research tools, improved destination marketing, and community engagement. She also previewed an upcoming strategic planning initiative designed to align tourism goals with broader community development efforts.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR DEPUTY CITY MANAGER GOODWIN:

- A request was made for staff to explore the feasibility of adding a local hotel/motel surcharge**,** similar to the $3 tax recently implemented in Savannah. *(Councilor Tucker)*

FOR THE CLERK OF COUNICL:

- A request was made for the full Visit Columbus presentation to be added to the council's agenda. *(Councilor Tucker)*

3. Street Acceptance –That portion of Holstein Hill

Resolution (336-25) - A Resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the acceptance of a deed to that portion of Holstein Hill located in Phase Three, Section One, Heiferhorn Farms, on behalf of Columbus, Georgia. 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 Davis and Hickey being absent from the meeting.

4. Street Acceptance – That portion of Hawks Ridge Drive

Resolution (337-25) - A Resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the acceptance of a deed to that portion of Hawks Ridge Drive located in Section VIII, River Crest, on behalf of

Columbus, Georgia. 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 Davis and Hickey being absent from the meeting.

5. Street Acceptance – That portion of Osprey Cove

Resolution (338-25) - A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the acceptance of a deed to that portion of Osprey Cove Drive located in addition to Section One, the Estates at River Crest, on behalf of Columbus, Georgia. 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 Davis and Hickey being absent from the meeting.

6. Street Acceptance –That portion of Lemongrass Drive and that portion of Morning Dew Drive

Resolution (339-25) - A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the acceptance of a deed to that portion of Lemongrass Drive and that portion of Morning Dew Drive located at Section Two, Courtland Ridge, on behalf of Columbus, Georgia. 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 Davis and Hickey being absent from the meeting.

7. 2026 Legislative Agenda Items – Additional Proposed Items

Approval is requested of the resolutions for the 2026 Legislative Session of the Georgia General Assembly.

7 (1). **PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR AMENDMENT:**

The Columbus Council requests that the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly enact local legislation to amend the Charter of Columbus, Georgia to remove the of Public signed duties to direct, supervise, and coordinate the administration and activities of the Department of Public Safety; to create a new position of Public Safety Director; and to provide for the qualifications, appointment, removal of that position. The Charter amendments referred to herein shall not become effective and shall not apply unless this act is approved by a majority of Muscogee County voters at a referendum set as specified by the General Assembly for November 2026. ***(Request of Councilor Toyia Tucker)***

(Delayed at the request of Councilor Tucker for additional information to include an impact study and input from the Public Safety Departments.)

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE DEPUTY CITY MANAGER:

- A request was made for staff to bring back the impact study for further consideration and work collaboratively with Public Safety representatives and the Public Safety Director. *(Councilor Tucker)*

7 (2). **SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 601:**

Resolution (340-25) – A resolution requesting the Local Delegation to support H.B. 601 which was introduced in the 2025 session of the Georgia General Assembly. 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 Davis and Hickey being absent from the meeting.

7 (3). **STATE COURT SOLICITOR – SALARIES:**

Resolution (341-25) – A resolution requesting the salaries for the Solicitor General, the Chief Assistant Solicitor, and all additional assistant solicitors for the State Court of Muscogee County are established by an Act of the Georgia General Assembly at Georgia Laws 1999, page 3803 ("the Local Act"). Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Chambers and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Davis and Hickey being absent from the meeting.

In response to a question posed by Mayor Pro Tem Allen regarding how salary percentages are calculated when tied to an elected official's position, **Finance Director Angelica Alexander** clarified that salary levels remain consistent regardless of leadership changes. She explained that when a new official assumes office, such as a state or superior court judge, they begin at the same salary level as their predecessor, since state law prohibits lowering an elected official's salary during their term.

7 (4). **SOVERIGN IMMUNITY**:

Resolution (342-25) – A resolution requesting that the local delegation to the General Assembly Support the ACCG policy position with respect to the Waiver of Sovereign Immunity for Local Governments. 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 Davis and Hickey being absent from the meeting.

7 (5). **SPECIAL ELECTION COST REIMBURSEMENT**:

Resolution (343-25) – A resolution requesting that the local delegation to the General Assembly support the ACCG policy position with respect cost reimbursement for certain special elections. 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 Davis and Hickey being absent from the meeting.

7 (6). **OUT OF NETWORK AMBULANCE SERVICES**:

Resolution (344-25) – A resolution requesting that the local delegation to the General Assembly support the ACCG policy position with respect to in network treatment for all emergency ambulance service providers. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Davis and Hickey being absent from the meeting.

7 (7). **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES REIMBURSEMENTS:**

Resolution (345-25) – A resolution requesting that the local delegation to the General Assembly support the ACCG policy position with respect to Medicaid reimbursements for emergency medical services. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Davis and Hickey being absent from the meeting.

7 (8). **NEXT GENERATION 911 SYSTEM:**

Resolution (346-25) – A resolution requesting that the local delegation to the General Assembly support the ACCG policy position with respect to implementation of the next generation 911 system. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Davis and Hickey being absent from the meeting.

8. Retiree Health Insurance Plan

Resolution (347-25) – A resolution authorizing renewal of the Medicare eligible health plan benefits and the United Healthcare Medicare Advantage PPO plan. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilors Davis and Hickey being absent from the meeting.

<u>Human Resources Director Reather Hollowell</u> addressed the upcoming changes to the Medicare Advantage Plan effective January 1, 2026. She explained that while most changes are positive for retirees, the out-of-pocket maximum will increase from $1,000 to $3,500. She said retirees have been notified of these updates through mailings, meetings, and direct outreach.

<u>Larry Campbell, Chair of the Retirees' Benefits Committee,</u> thanked the Mayor, City Council, and Assistant City Managers for their ongoing support of retired employees. He noted that the association collaborated with HR Director Hollowell, NFP Group, and UnitedHealthcare to review and explain upcoming Medicare Advantage Plan changes. He said their goal was to find the best balance between affordability and quality of coverage for retirees.

9. Homeland Security Grant Program - Bomb Robot Upgrades/Repairs/Refurbishment

Resolution (348-25) – A resolution authorizing the Mayor, or his designee, to submit and accept, if awarded, State Homeland Security funding from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency and homeland security, in the amount of $112,523.00, or as otherwise awarded, with a local match required in the amount of $28,130.75 and amend the multi-governmental fund by the amount awarded. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilors Davis and Hickey being absent from the meeting.

10. Homeland Security Grant Program - Community Emergency Response Team Equipment

Resolution (349-25) – A resolution authorizing the Mayor, or his designee, to submit and accept, if awarded, State Homeland Security funding from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency and Homeland Security, in the amount of $30,000.00, or as otherwise awarded, with a local match required in the amount of $7,500.00 and amend the multi-governmental fund by the amount awarded. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilors Davis and Hickey being absent from the meeting.

11. Homeland Security Grant Program – Law enforcement Robot (SPOT) – CPD/ CFEMS

Resolution (350-25) – A resolution authorizing the Mayor, or his designee, to submit and accept, if awarded, State Homeland Security funding from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency and Homeland Security, in the amount of $410,465.35, or as otherwise awarded, with a local match required in the amount of $102,616.34 and amend the multi-governmental fund by the amount awarded. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilors Davis and Hickey being absent from the meeting.

12. Homeland Security Grant Program - Firefighting Robot Thermite RS-3 -CFEMS

Resolution (351-25) – A resolution authorizing the Mayor, or his designee, to submit and accept, if awarded, State Homeland Security funding from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency and Homeland Security, in the amount of $408,137.30, or as otherwise awarded, with a local match required in the amount of $102,034.33 and amend the multi-governmental fund by the amount awarded. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilors Davis and Hickey being absent from the meeting.

13. State of Georgia Department of Community Affairs Equity Fund Rural Workforce Housing Application (NeighborWorks Columbus)

Resolution (352-25) – A resolution to apply for and accept, if awarded, a Georgia Department of Community Affairs, Equity Fund Rural Workforce Housing Initiative loan/grant for workforce housing at Farr Road, and to amend multigovernmental fund by the amount awarded. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilors Davis and Hickey being absent from the meeting.

14. Partnership in Innovation – Community Research Grant Application – Fire & EMS

Resolution (353-25) – A resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant from the Partnership For Innovation – Community Research Grant Program in the amount of $10,000.00, or as otherwise awarded, to support the development of digital twin technology for wildland fire research in Muscogee County, in partnership with Georgia Institute of Technology, with no matching funds required. the multi-governmental fund will be amended by the amount of the award. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilors Davis and Hickey being absent from the meeting.

15. Columbus Police Department: Donation

Resolution (354-25) – Approval is requested to accept a donation of $6,000 from Chuck McClure and Back Columbus Blue to purchase two K9 ballistic vests for the K9 Unit. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilors Davis and Hickey being absent from the meeting.

RESOLUTION (ADD-ON)

Resolution (355-25) – A resolution authorizing the Mayor, or his designee, to submit an application for, and if awarded, accept a grant in the amount up to $3,000,000.00, or otherwise awarded, from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program and amend the multi-governmental fund by the awarded amount. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Crabb and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilors Davis and Hickey being absent from the meeting.

16. PURCHASES

A. Computer Devices, Accessories and Associated Services for Information Technology Department (Annual Contract) – Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (356-25) - A resolution authorizing the annual contact with Virtucom, Inc. (Norcross Ga), for the purchase of computer devices, accessories, and associated services, on an "as needed" basis, for the Information Technology Department, by cooperative purchase via Dekalb County School District contract #25-599. Based on prior years' usage, the Information Technology Department spends approximately $334,901.00, annually, for computer equipment and services. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Crabb and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilors Davis and Hickey being absent from the meeting.

C. One (1) 2026 F-350 Crew Cab Flatbed Truck for the Public Works Department – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (357-25) - A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) 2026 F-350 Crew Cab Flatbed for Public-Works from Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA) in the amount of $70,974.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia State Contract #99999-001-SPD0000155-0006. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Crabb and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilors Davis and Hickey being absent from the meeting.

D. Contract Extension for Custodial Supplies (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 19-0039

Resolution (358-25) - A Resolution authorizing the extension of the annual contract for the purchase of custodial supplies on an "as needed basis" through October 7, 2026 with Key Maintenance Supply (Atlanta, GA), Southeastern Paper Group (Atlanta, GA), Pyramid School Products (Tampa, FL), COPACO (Columbus, GA), Acuity Specialty Products dba Zep Sales & Service (Atlanta, GA) and Imperial Dade (Loxley, AL) for the estimated annual contract value of $216,862.89. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Crabb and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilors Davis and Hickey being absent from the meeting.

E. Six (6) Zero Turn Mowers for the Public Works Department – Georgia Statewide Contract Purchase

Resolution (359-25) – A resolution authorizing the the purchase of six (6) zero turn mowers for the Public Works Department from Deere and Company (Cary, NC) at a unit price of $11,403.04 and at a total cost of $68,418.24. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia State Contract #99999-0001-SPD0000177-0026. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Crabb and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilors Davis and Hickey being absent from the meeting.

G. Imaging Laser Scanner with Subscription and Various Accessories for the Sheriff's Office

Resolution (360-25) – A resolution authorizing purchase of an imaging laser scanner with subscription service and various accessories from Leica Geosystems (Alpharetta, GA), for the Sheriff's Office, in the amount of $51,639.32. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Crabb and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilors Davis and Hickey being absent from the meeting.

H. Repair of Caterpillar D7R II Bulldozer for Public Works

Resolution (361-25) – A resolution authorizing payment to to Yancey Brothers (Fortson, GA), in the amount of $77,243.04, for the repair of a Caterpillar D7R Bulldozer, Vehicle #11800, purchased in 2023. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Crabb and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilors Davis and Hickey being absent from the meeting.

F. Axon Officer Safety 7 Program Agreements for the Sheriff's Office

Resolution (362-25) – A resolution authorizing payment to Axon Enterprise (Phoenix, AZ) for the Axon Officer Safety 7 program agreements for the Sheriff's Office. Councilor Anker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilors Davis and Hickey being absent from the meeting.

Finance Director Angelica Alexander addressed the Council in accordance with Ordinance 13-39, which requires department heads or elected officials to seek council approval for any additional appropriations beyond the approved budget. She explained that the request concerned prior-year payments owed to a vendor for services already rendered, which were not included in the FY26 budget. She advised that the additional funding required totals $583,025.18.

B. Two (2) Ford Police Pursuit Explorers for the Sheriff's Office – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of Two (2) 2025 Ford Police Pursuit Explorers for the Sheriff's Department from Wade Ford. (Smyrna, GA) at a unit price of $50,470.00 and a total cost of $100,940.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia State Contract #99999-001-SPD0000183-0006.

Councilor Anker made a motion to delay the resolution until the October 28th meeting, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilors Davis and Hickey being absent from the meeting.

Note: Councilor Garrett left the meeting at 1:58 p.m.

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17. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

A. MidTown Children's Bicycle Playground - Midtown Inc.

Julio Portilo, Executive Director of Midtown Inc., provided an update on the Midtown Children's Bicycle Playground planned for Dinglewood Park, developed in partnership with Parks and

Recreation. He advised that the project, valued at $587,000, will be the first of its kind in the region, featuring natural trails and two pump tracks for children and teens to learn bicycle skills.

Councilor Cogle made a motion to accept Midtown Inc's gift to purchase the Children's Bicycle Playground at Dinglewood Park and move forward with executing the maintenance agreement. Seconded by Councilor Anker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote and Councilors Davis and Hickey being absent from the meeting. *(NOTE: Councilor Tucker, who was not present at the table when the vote was taken, requested that her vote be recorded in the affirmative.)*

C. Roll with Us Shuttle Update - Everette Flemming, Assistant Director, METRA Transit

Everette Flemming, Assistant Director of METRA Transit, provided an update on the "Roll With Us" Uptown Shuttle Service. He said the service officially launched on December 26, 2023, with five themed electric shuttles, one of which is ADA-accessible. He emphasized that the shuttles operate safely, serve as ambassadors for the city, and help ease parking congestion in Uptown. He concluded by highlighting plans to expand service boundaries in the future.

D. Infrastructure Update - Ryan Pruett, Director, Inspections and Code, Will Johnson, Director, Planning, and Vance Beck, Director, Engineering

Inspections and Code Director Ryan Pruett provided a comprehensive project update on several major city facility and infrastructure developments. He reported that the Judicial Center on 10th Street is making significant progress and remains on schedule for completion next year. He highlighted the progress of Fire Station No. 5 on Lynch Road and the Fire and EMS Administration building renovation at 1100 Veterans Parkway. He reported that renovations for City Hall Phase II are nearly complete, with relocations planned for next month, and concluded that all major facility projects are on track and progressing well.

Councilor John Anker expressed concern, for the record, regarding the cost and direction of the demolition and relocation of Public Works. He emphasized the importance of obtaining accurate cost figures quickly, noting that significant funds and effort are being committed to projects that could have long-term financial implications for the city's future.

He cautioned against moving "too far, too fast" and proposed exploring alternative options, such as phased approaches or modifications to existing facilities. He concluded that "nothing is beyond repair," urging council members to consider cost-efficient, incremental solutions before committing to larger, more expensive redevelopment plans.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR INSPECTIONS & CODE:

- A request was made for The AJ McClung Memorial Stadium project be brought back for council review and discussion. *(Councilor Tucker)*

FOR THE DEPUTY CITY MANAGER:

- A request was made for a master list of city-owned properties, including both land and buildings, which had been previously requested by Councilor Chambers. *(Councilor Anker)*

Engineering Director Vance Beck provided an update on city infrastructure projects supported by T-SPLOST funding. He reported steady progress on several transportation and flood mitigation efforts, noting that multiple projects are nearing completion while others continue on schedule.

Planning Director Will Johnson provided an update on several ongoing and upcoming transportation projects, emphasizing continued progress supported by T-SPLOST funding. He noted that multiple road, trail, and streetscape improvements are underway, with several projects currently in design or right-of-way acquisition phases. Johnson reported that key projects remain on schedule. He also mentioned coordination with GDOT on bridge replacements, widening efforts, and multi-modal improvements, noting that project management transitions and design reviews are ongoing but not expected to delay completion timelines.

Engineering Director Vance Beck provided additional updates on road resurfacing and infrastructure improvement projects across the city. He reported that resurfacing efforts will expand this year, with updated project lists to be shared by district once finalized. He noted progress on several road and roundabout projects along with multiple resurfacing and repair initiatives. He also highlighted continued safety and accessibility improvement.

E. Gateway Signage Update - Vance Beck, Director, Engineering

Vance Beck, Director, Engineering provided an update on the city's gateway signage project, explaining that new entryway signs are being planned for key state highway entrances into Columbus. He noted that installation is restricted on limited-access highways but possible along routes. He confirmed coordination with state officials and local utility providers is underway, with plans to use local contractors for installation and maintenance.

F. Performance Evaluation Update - Reather Hollowell , Director, Human Resources

Director of Human Resources Reather Hollowell provided a brief update on the City's performance evaluation process. She mentioned that over the past five years, more than 25,000 evaluations have been recorded in employee personnel files, though completion was inconsistent during the COVID-19 pandemic. Director Hollowell also noted that while the City previously implemented a pay-for-performance plan between 1998 and 2004, it was discontinued due to budget limitations but may be reconsidered in the future. She emphasized that performance evaluations remain a valued part of the City's culture, promoting communication, accountability, and employee development.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR:

- A request was made to review the City's Human Resources Systems and explore consolidation into one integrated Human Resource System. *(Councilor Chambers)*

- A request was made to develop and present a cost analysis for implementing a pay-for-performance system. *(Councilor Chambers)*

Note: Councilor Cogle left the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

BID ADVERTISEMENT

DATE: September 23, 2025

TO: Mayor and Councilors

FROM: Finance Department

SUBJECT: Advertised Bids/RFPs/RFQs

October 8, 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 Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled at 09:30 AM on Friday, September 26, 2025.

October 1, 2025

1. **Used & Confiscated Firearms for credit or Swap – RFB No. 26-0005**

   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 VP9A1F 9mm semi-automatic pistols with accessories.

Inspections by Appointment Wednesday, September 17, 2025.

October 3, 2025

1. **Course Instructors for the HR Department/The Learning Center (Annual Contact) – RFP No. 26-0015**

   Scope of RFP

   The Department of HR/The Learning Center is seeking multiple contractors to provide instructors in various training modules to employees interested in growing and developing their skills within the Columbus Consolidated Government. Training will be conducted on an 'as needed' basis.

October 15, 2025

1. **Plumbing and Irrigation Supplies (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 26-0002**

   Scope of Bid

   Provide plumbing & irrigation supplies on an "as needed basis" to be picked up or delivered to Columbus Consolidated Government. The contract term will be for two (2) years with the option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods.

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - INFORMATION ONLY

1. Reminder – 2025 Council Meeting Schedule (October-December)

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

2. Request – The Clerk of Council is requesting the members of Council to directly consider pending honorary designation applications for approval. Councilor Tucker made a motion to

approve the request, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by six members present with Councilors Cogle and Garrett being absent for the vote and Councilors Davis and Hickey being absent from the meeting.

3. Resignation – RiverCenter Executive Director Norman Easterbrook has submitted his resignation from the Uptown Façade Board. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the resignation, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by six members present with Councilors Cogle and Garrett being absent for the vote and Councilors Davis and Hickey being absent from the meeting.

4. Travel Authorization – Request for Councilor Toyia Tucker to attend the 2025 Georgia Association of Regional Commissioners (GARC) Annual Conference in St. Simons Island, GA. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by six members present with Councilors Cogle and Garrett being absent for the vote and Councilors Davis and Hickey being absent from the meeting.

5. **<u>Minutes of the following boards:</u>**

Board of Elections and Registration 08-07-25

Board of Elections and Registration 09-04-25

Board of Tax Assessors #34-25

Columbus Iron Works Convention & Trade Center Authority 08-28-25

Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners (CVB) 08-20-25

Historic and Architectural Review Board (BHAR) 06-23-25

Historic and Architectural Review Board (BHAR) 07-23-25

Historic and Architectural Review Board (BHAR) 08-11-25

Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board 09-11-25

Pension Fund, Employees' Board of Trustees 04-09-25

Pension Fund, Employees' Board of Trustees 05-14-25

Pension Fund, Employees' Board of Trustees 06-11-25

Planning Advisory Commission 08-06-25

Planning Advisory Commission 09-03-25

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

RESOLUTION (ADD-ON):

Resolution (363-25) – A resolution excusing the absence of Councilor Glenn Davis from the October 14, 2025, Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by six members present with Councilors Cogle and Garrett being absent for the vote and Councilors Davis and Hickey being absent from the meeting.

RESOLUTION (ADD-ON):

Resolution (364-25) – A resolution excusing the absence of Councilor Byron Hickey from the October 14, 2025, Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by six members present with Councilors Cogle and Garrett being absent for the vote and Councilors Davis and Hickey being absent from the meeting.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

6. 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 Miles Greathouse *(Not Eligible to serve another term)* for a term that expired on December 31, 2025, on the Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners *(Mayor’s Appointment).* Mayor Henderson nominated Cesar Bautista to succeed Miles Greathouse on the Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Cogle and Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilors Davis and Hickey being absent from the meeting.

C. 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.

7. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – READY FOR CONFIRMATION:

A. PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD: Natalie N. McDowell was nominated to fill the vacant seat of Regular Member 5. *(Mayor Pro Tem Allen's nominee)* Term expires: December 31, 2025. Councilor Tucker made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Cogle and Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilors Davis and Hickey being absent from the meeting.

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

A. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:

A nominee for the vacant seat of the District 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.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:

A nominee for the seat of Paul T. Berry, III *(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 Scott Taft *(Not Eligible)* for a term expiring 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 9 Representative on the Youth Advisory Council *(District 9 – Anker).* There were none.

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

9. COUNCIL 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. 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).* Councilor Crabb nominated Kristasia Heath to fill the vacant seat on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission.

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.

E. PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:

A nominee for a vacant seat *(Alternate Member 1) for a* term that expires on December 31, 2025, 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, 2025, 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, 2025, on the Personnel Review Board (*Council's Appointment)***.** There were none.

UPCOMING BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

A. Airport Commission (Commission Council's Appointment)
B. Board of Health (Council's Appointment)
C. Board of Water Commissioners (Council's Appointment)
D. Housing Authority of Columbus (Mayor's Appointment)
E. Personnel Review Board (Council's Appointment)
F. Recreation Advisory Board (Council's Appointment)

PUBLIC AGENDA (continued):

2. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Blight, Demolitions, Racism & Poverty

4. Mr. Matthew Gilbert, Re: Stop the Spread of Flock Surveillance – Protect Public Privacy & Trust

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation and real estate acquisition and disposal as requested by Assistant City Attorney Sheftall. Councilor Tucker made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Cogle and Garrett being absent for the vote, Councilors Davis and Hickey being absent from the meeting, and the time being 3:52 p.m.

The Regular Meeting was reconvened at 4:16 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in Executive Session to discuss potential litigation and real estate acquisition and disposal; however, there were no votes taken.

ADD-ON RESOLUTION:

Resolution (365-25) – A resolution authorizing payment of $50,000 to settle all damage claims of Shirmone Edge stemming from the incident which occurred on June 15, 2023, and to execute all appropriate settlement documents to this effect. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Cogle and Garrett being absent for the vote and Councilors Davis and Hickey 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 October 14, 2025, Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Cogle and Garrett being absent for the vote and Councilors Davis and Hickey being absent from the meeting, and the time being 4:19 p.m.

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