

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	2026 Legislative Agenda Items – Additional Proposed Items
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Consideration is requested of the resolutions for the 2026 Legislative Session of the Georgia General Assembly.
INITIATED BY:	City Manager’s Office

Recommendation: Consideration is requested of the additional proposed resolutions for the 2026 Legislative Session of the Georgia General Assembly.

Background: Each year elected and appointed officials of the Columbus Consolidated Government develop a list of issues important to the citizens of Columbus that requires action by the Local Legislative Delegation. Once approved, a meeting will be held with the Delegation to explain the rationale behind these issues and to solicit their support. The Hometown Connection and Legislative Agenda meeting will be held on October 15, 2025.

Analysis: Staff, elected and appointed officials were asked to present issues they felt were important to the operation of city government. Research and justification for these issues were presented to the City Manager and a list was prepared for presentation to the Mayor/Council.

Recommendations/Actions: Consider the attached resolutions.

1. ATTORNEY FEES:

The Columbus Council requests that the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce statewide legislation requiring that any such payment of attorney's fees by a local government be reviewed by a Superior Court within the same judicial circuit as the local government before any such fees are paid by the local government. *(Request of Councilor Glenn Davis)*

Explanation:

In *Boswell v. Bramlett*, 274 Ga. 50, (2001), the Georgia Supreme Court held that “ a local government must pay a local official's attorney fees (1) when the official, acting in his official capacity, is required to hire outside counsel to assert a legal position [*53] the local government attorney cannot assert because he or she has a conflict arising from his or her representation of the local government, and (2) when the official is successful in asserting his or her position.”

2. STATE LEVEL FUNDING FOR RIVERCENTER:

The Columbus Council requests that the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly support any legislation that would provide funding at the state level for the *Re-investing in the Arts: RiverCenter at 25* project. *(Request of Mayor Pro Tem Gary Allen)*

Explanation:

The RiverCenter for the Performing Arts is celebrating its 25th Anniversary and is kicking off a capital fund campaign *Reinvesting in the Arts: RiverCenter at 25* which is described in the attached letter from the RiverCenter Executive Director. As part of the campaign the RiverCenter is requesting that the State of Georgia pledge \$ 4.2 million

NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE LOCAL LEGISLATIVE
DELEGATION INTRODUCE STATEWIDE LEGISLATION TO REQUIRE REVIEW
BY A SUPERIOR COURT OF ANY ATTORNEY’S FEES AWARDED PURSUANT TO
BOSWELL V. BRAMLETT, 274 GA. 50, (2001).**

WHEREAS, in Boswell v. Bramlett, 274 Ga. 50, (2001), the Georgia Supreme Court held that “ a local government must pay a local official's attorney fees (1) when the official, acting in his official capacity, is required to hire outside counsel to assert a legal position [*53] the local government attorney cannot assert because he or she has a conflict arising from his or her representation of the local government, and (2) when the official is successful in asserting his or her position.”

WHEREAS, this Council desires that the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce statewide legislation requiring that any such payment of attorney’s fees by a local government be reviewed by a Superior Court within the same judicial circuit as the local government before any such fees are paid by the local government.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY
RESOLVES:**

The Columbus Council requests that the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce statewide legislation requiring that any such payment of attorney’s fees by a local government be reviewed by a Superior Court within the same judicial circuit as the local government before any such fees are paid by the local government.

Let a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to each member of the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the 4th day of November, 2025, and adopted at said meeting by affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____
Councilor Anker voting	_____
Councilor Chambers voting	_____
Councilor Cogle voting	_____
Councilor Crabb voting	_____
Councilor Davis voting	_____
Councilor Garrett voting	_____
Councilor Hickey voting	_____
Councilor Huff voting	_____
Councilor Tucker voting	_____

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson, III, Mayor

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WHEREAS, the RiverCenter for the Performing Arts is celebrating its 25th Anniversary and is kicking off a capital fund campaign *Reinvesting in the Arts: RiverCenter at 25* which is described in the attached letter from the RiverCenter Executive Director; and,

WHEREAS, as part of the campaign the RiverCenter is requesting that the State of Georgia pledge \$ 4.2 million; and,

WHEREAS, this Council supports the RiverCenter's request for State support to update and maintain this stunning cultural landmark in a state-of-the-art manner.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES:

We hereby respectfully request that the local legislative delegation to the Georgia General Assembly support any legislation which would provide funding at the state level for the *Re-investing in the Arts: RiverCenter at 25* project.

Let a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Clerk of Council to each member of the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly.

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