

# **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

May 12, 2026  
9:04 AM  
Regular Meeting

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### **MAYOR'S AGENDA**

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**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, Glenn Davis (arrived at 9:35 a.m.), R. Walker Garrett, Byron Hickey, Bruce Huff (arrived at 10:18 a.m.) and Toyia Tucker. Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Assistant City Attorney Lucy Sheftall, Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore and Deputy Clerk of Council Tameka Colbert.

**ABSENT:** N/A

**The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet:** (1) CA#6: Inspections & Code Department Demolition Properties; (2) CM#7(A): Chattahoochee Riverkeeper Keeping watch over our waters since 1994

**The following documents were distributed around the Council table:** (1) MA#4: South Commons District – Choose Columbus; (2) Clerk of Council's Agenda with Board Appointment Add-Ons

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

**INVOCATION:** Offered by Pastor Roderick Green - First African Baptist Church

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by the Lighthouse Leaders from Reese Road Leadership Academy

### **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

#### **7. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS**

- B. Update on the STEM Carver Park Project - Katrina Long, Principal, Reese Road Elementary School

*(NOTE: This update was called up as the next order of business as listed on the City Manager's Agenda Item 7"B")*

**Cynthia Bullock, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Lead Teacher, Reese Road Leadership Academy,** introduced students participating in a student-led K–5 STEM initiative focused on projects at Evelyn Turner Pugh Park and Cooper Creek Park. She stated that students have contributed to improvements and research efforts at the parks and are continuing to explore new opportunities and discoveries related to Cooper Creek Park.

Student Leaders from Reese Road Leadership Academy delivered a presentation highlighting the school's K–5 project-based STEM initiative connected to Cooper Creek Park and other local parks. The students explained how each grade level explores environmental and ecological topics, including ecosystems, weather impacts, insects and pollination, recycling, ecosystem health, and environmental change.

**Katrina Long, Principal of Reese Road Leadership Academy,** commended the Reese Road Leadership Academy students for their presentation and participation in the STEM initiative. She praised the collaborative efforts of teachers, parents, community partners, and Columbus Parks and Recreation for supporting the program and helping provide meaningful project-based learning experiences for students throughout the city.

### **MINUTES:**

1. Approval of minutes for the April 28, 2026, Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Davis and Huff being absent for the vote.

### **PROCLAMATIONS**

2. **Proclamation:** Public Works Recognition Week

**Receiving:** Drale Short, Director of Public Works

**Councilor Toyia Tucker** read the proclamation into the record proclaiming the week of May 17-23, 2026, as *Public Works Recognition Week*, honoring the vital role public works professionals play in maintaining infrastructure, public health, quality of life, and essential city services throughout Columbus, Georgia.

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*NOTE: Councilor Davis arrived at 9:35 a.m.*

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3. **Proclamation:** Mental Health Month

**Receiving:** New Horizons Behavioral Health Staff

**Councilor R. Walker Garrett** read the proclamation into the record proclaiming the month of May 2026, as *Mental Health Month*, highlighting the importance of mental health to overall well-being, promoting awareness and stigma reduction, and acknowledging the work of New Horizons Behavioral Health in providing affordable mental health services.

### **PRESENTATIONS:**

4. Development Authority of Columbus – Missy Kendrick, President/CEO of Choose Columbus

**Missy Kendrick, President/CEO of Choose Columbus** provided an update on the South Commons redevelopment initiative, outlining completed due diligence and market study efforts, ongoing plans to prevent resident displacement, and the recommendation to hire the Nelson firm to develop the master plan for the site. She also requested that the city set aside \$250,000 from economic development funds to support the next phase of planning.

Councilor Cogle made a motion to earmark \$250,000 from the City’s Economic Development Fund to support the South Commons redevelopment master planning process, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the ten members present. (*NOTE: Councilor Huff was out of the Council Chamber at the time this vote was taken and requested his vote reflect in favor.*)

**Finance Director Angelica Alexander** advised that the Economic Development Fund currently has approximately \$1.9 million available, adding that the fund also has ongoing obligations, including remaining FY26 commitments for CHIPS funding and approximately \$360,000 allocated to Columbus 2025.

## **CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA**

### **ORDINANCES**

1. **Ordinance (26-013) - 2nd Reading:** REZN-07-25-1259: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **6821 Mobley Road** (parcel # 190-014-020) from Single Family Residential – 1 (SFR1) Zoning District to Single Family Residential – 2 (SFR2) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.)(As amended on 1st Reading.) (Councilor Davis) Councilor Davis made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem

Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present. (*NOTE: Councilor Huff was out of the Council Chamber at the time this vote was taken and requested his vote reflect in favor.*)

2. **Ordinance (26-014) - 2nd Reading:** An ordinance to revise and clarify certain provisions of Chapter 2 of the Columbus Code which provide for meeting dates and procedures for the Columbus Council; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem) Councilor Davis made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present. (*NOTE: Councilor Huff was out of the Council Chamber at the time this vote was taken and requested his vote reflect in favor.*)
3. **1st Reading- REZN 03-26-0356:** An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **3890 Veterans Parkway** (parcel # 031-044-006) from Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District. (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 Council.)*

4. **1st Reading:** REZN-03-26-0416: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **5385 Veterans Parkway** (parcel # 188-020-001) from Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District. (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 Council.)*

5. **1st Reading- REZN-03-26-0663:** An ordinance amending Sections 13.1.1, 4.2.18, 2.5.24, 3.2.6, 3.2.63, and 10.11.8 of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) for Columbus, Georgia. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Mayor Pro-Tem)

**Planning Director Will Johnson** presented an overview of the proposed UDO text amendments, including revisions to zoning definitions, residential setback standards, signage regulations, auto repair operational requirements, Board of Zoning Appeals procedures, and temporary use regulations related to seasonal sales and farmers markets.

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*NOTE: Councilor Huff arrived at 10:18 a.m.*

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In response to a question by Councilor Anker, **Inspections & Code Director Ryan Pruett** explained that the proposed UDO amendment related to the Board of Zoning Appeals is intended to prevent cases from being indefinitely tabled without action. He stated that under the proposed revision, the board would be allowed to table a case once for additional consideration, but if no decision is reached at the following meeting due to a tie vote or lack of action.

**6. 1st Reading-** An ordinance providing for the demolition of various structures located at:

- 1) 3219 Cusseta Road (Edward Francis, Owner)
- 2) 945 Henry Avenue (Willie A. Callier Etal, Owner)
- 3) 1103 Henry Avenue (Connell L. & Minnie L. Holloman, Owner)
- 4) 4026 Oates Avenue (Blue Fox Goebell LLC, Owner)
- 5) 917 38th Street (Winston S. Marchan Jr., Owner)
- 6) 4010 6th Avenue (Nstream Properties LLC, Owner)
- 7) 1112 Bolton Avenue (Claudia & Harvey Joseph, Sr, Owner)
- 8) 2623 Clover Lane (Darrel G. Hicks Jr., Owner)
- 9) 2119 Munson Drive (Wendy Margarita Martinez, Owner)
- 10) 1118 Thyer Avenue (Nchotu Success, Owner)

and for demolition services for the Inspections and Code Department in accordance with the attached Tabulation of Bid sheet. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

**Inspections & Code Director Ryan Pruett**, came forward to present the list of demolition properties for Council's consideration and responded to questions pertaining to specific properties.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- Edward Francis (*3219 Cusseta Road*) – Requested an extension to demolish the structure on the property.

**7. 1st Reading-** An ordinance to provide for a levy of increase on ad valorem taxes for blighted property; to provide for identification of blighted property; to provide for remediation; to provide for a decrease on ad valorem taxes on property; and for other purposes. (Councilors Garrett and Davis)

**Inspections & Code Director Ryan Pruett**, explained that under the proposed ordinance, the department would be responsible for determining whether properties meet the definition of blight based on criteria such as unsafe or uninhabitable conditions, repeated illegal activity, code violations, or threats to public safety.

**Tax Assessor Suzanne Widenhouse** stated that the proposed ordinance would not violate uniformity requirements, explaining that different tax districts may legally have different millage rates.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- *Paul Olson* – expressed concerns regarding the City’s handling of blight and redevelopment efforts.
- *Simi Barnes* – expressed concerns about the proposed blight ordinance potentially creating unintended financial hardship for “mom and pop” property owners and long-term residents.

### **PUBLIC AGENDA**

1. Ms. Annette Adams, Re: Data Center.
2. Mr. Paul Olson, Re: Public Agenda, First Amendments Rights Violation & Civil Rights Violations, Class Action Lawsuit, Open Meetings Act, and the Planning Advisory Commission.
3. Dr. Donald Moeller, Re: National Fire Protection Association Guidelines for Behavioral Health NFPA 1582 and the Columbus GA Fire and EMS System. ***Not Present***
4. Dr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: Allocation of Additional Funds for the Elections and Registration Office During Election Cycles.
5. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Affordability needs to addressed in 2027 budget. (*Referral from Mayor’s Commission for Persons with Disabilities*)
6. Mr. Corie Wilson, Re: Professionalism, Transparency and Trust from Elected Officials.
7. Ms. Alexa Johnson Anderson, Re: Data Center Proposals.
8. Mrs. Rebecca Thompson, Re: Data Center Concerns.
9. Dr. Natalie Nicole, representing Role Model Academy of Acts, Re: Legislative Process, Council Support, and Failed Local Bills.
10. Mr. Gregory Foster, Re: Stop Appeasing Data Center Opponents.

11. Rev. Mark Lawrence, Re: Steps to Moving Forward.
12. Mr. Mick Etchinson, Re: Concerns on Non-Renewable Energy Needed to Power the Project Ruby Hyperscale Data Center.
13. Mr. Gary Parker, Re: Hostile Environment in the Columbus Police Department.
14. Mrs. Jessica Warchal, Re: 1st Amendment Right to Speak During City Council Meetings Regarding City Leadership. *Not Present*
15. Mr. John Van Doorn, Re: I would like to speak on the timing of the first reading of the proposed technology overlay, and electoral accountability by Council and candidates for their position on the T.O. And Data Center.

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA (continued)**

### **1. TSPLOST Projects, Band 3**

**Resolution (108-26)** - A resolution authorizing the mayor or his designee to proceed with executing and funding the pre-construction requirements for road improvement, safety, and alternative transportation projects funded through the transportation special purpose local option sales tax (TSPLOST) funds, to include right of way acquisition, permanent and temporary construction easements, utility relocation, environmental mitigation, and other necessary agreements to prepare the projects for construction. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote.

### **2. Street Acceptance – Calf Creek Lane and that portion of Holstein Hill**

**Resolution (109-26)** - A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the acceptance of a deed to Calf Creek Lane that portion of Holstein Hill located in phase three, section two, Heiferhorn Farms, on behalf of Columbus, Georgia. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote.

### **3. GDOT Street Lighting Agreement – SR 85/US 27 ALT at County Line Road – TIA Project**

**Resolution (110-26)** - A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, to enter into an agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for the GDOT P.I. No. 0019517, SR 85/US 27 ALT at County Line Road – TIA Project 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 nine members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote.

#### **4. Columbus Lions Lease Agreement**

**Resolution (111-26)** - A resolution of the council of Columbus, Georgia, to authorize amendment to the five-year Agreement with Columbus Lions Indoor Football Team, LLC d/b/a Columbus Lions, which is scheduled to remain in effect until 2028. Councilor Cogle made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote.

#### **5. Public Art - Lakebottom Bandshell**

**Resolution (112-26)** - A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, requesting approval to execute a memorandum of understanding between the Columbus Consolidated Government (the “city”) and Midtown, Inc., (“midtown”) for a public arts project and approve the final design of a mural at the Bandshell at Lakebottom Park, as well as dedication signage. Councilor Cogle made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote.

#### **6. PURCHASES**

- A. Contract Extension for Portable Toilet Rental and Service (Re-Bid) (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 20-0054

**Resolution (113-26)** – A resolution authorizing the extension of the annual contract for the Portable Toilet Rental & Service (Re-Bid) (Annual Contract) with Lane Services LLC dba Lane Environmental & Best Portables (Phenix City, AL) through August 31, 2026. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Anker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote.

- B. Emergency Remediation and Reconstruction Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 26-0012

**Resolution (114-26)** – A resolution authorizing the execution of annual contract with ServiceMaster Recovery Management (Fortson, GA) for emergency remediation and reconstruction for the Columbus Consolidated Government on an “as needed” basis. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Anker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote.

- C. Tire Leasing Services for METRA (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 26-0034

**Resolution (115-26)** – A resolution authorizing the annual contract for tire leasing services for METRA from Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations, LLC (Nashville, TN), for the estimated amount of \$48,552.40 for the first year, \$50,494.20 for the second year, \$52,512.96 for the third year, for a total estimated three-year contract value of \$151,559.56. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Anker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote.

D. Oil & Lubricants for METRA (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 26-0030

**Resolution (116-26)** – A resolution authorizing an annual contract with Dilmar Oil Company, Inc (Spartanburg, SC), for the purchase of various oil and lubricant products for bus and vehicle maintenance, on an “as needed” basis, for the estimated annual contract value of \$30,245.00 based on prior year’s usage and inflation. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Anker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote.

E. Used & Confiscated Firearms for Credit or Swap – RFB No. 26-0035

**Resolution (117-26)** – A resolution authorizing the swap of three hundred twenty-six (326) used and confiscated firearms from the Columbus Police Department for fifteen (15) Heckler & Koch MRA4 MR556 A4 SBR and accessories provided by Pro Law Enforcement (Prescott, AZ). There will be no cost to the City for the swap of firearms. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Anker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote.

F. Service Agreement Amendment for the Automated Victim Notification System (VINE)

**Resolution (118-26)** – A resolution authorizing the service agreement amendment for the Automated Victim Notification System (VINE) from Appriss, Inc., (Louisville, KY) with a 3% increase for each renewal term. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Anker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote.

G. Provision and Installation of Playground Equipment at Flat Rock Park – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase

**Resolution (119-26)** – A resolution authorizing the purchase and installation of playground equipment, at Flat Rock Park, from Hasley Recreation Inc. (Flowery Branch, GA) in the amount of \$339,995.10. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #101625-PLP. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by

Councilor Anker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote.

H. Provision and Installation of Playground Equipment at Shirley Winston Park – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase

**Resolution (120-26)** – A resolution authorizing the purchase and installation of playground equipment, at Shirley Winston Park, from Hasley Recreation Inc. (Flowery Branch,, GA) in the amount of \$160,108.18. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #101625-PLP. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Anker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote.

I. Provision and Installation of Playground Equipment at Heath Park – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase

**Resolution (121-26)** – A resolution authorizing the purchase and installation of playground equipment, at Heath Park, from Hasley Recreation Inc. (Flowery Branch, GA) in the amount of \$146,981.24. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #101625-PLP. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Anker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote.

J. Provision and Installation of Playground Equipment at John Rigdon Park at Psalmond Road – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase

**Resolution (122-26)** – A resolution authorizing the purchase and installation of playground equipment, at John Rigdon Park @ Psalmond Road, from Hasley Recreation Inc. (Flowery Branch, GA) in the amount of \$148,606.80. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #101625-PLP. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Anker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote.

K. Declaration of Surplus and Trade-In of Yamaha Golf Carts for Bull Creek Golf Course

**Resolution (123-26)** – A resolution authorizing the declaration of fifty (50) 2021 Yamaha Golf Carts, from Bull Creek Golf Course, as surplus, in accordance with section 7-501 of the Charter of Columbus Consolidated Government; and authorize the carts to be applied toward the lease of fifty new golf cards. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by

Councilor Anker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote.

### **ADD-ON PURCHASE**

**Resolution (124-26)** – A resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with Columbus Roofing, Inc. (Columbus, GA) to provide roofing services for the base bid amount of \$273,643.00 for the Gallops Senior Center Roof, and roofing services for the base bid amount of \$205,826.00 for the Pop Austin Recreation Center Roof, for the total base bid amount of \$479,469.00. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote.

## **7. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Riverkeeper Trash Trap Updates - Henry Jacobs, Deputy Director, Chattahoochee Riverkeeper

**Henry Jacobs, Deputy Director, Chattahoochee Riverkeeper** presented an update on the organization's trash trap initiative and community cleanup efforts, highlighting the nonprofit's environmental work across the Chattahoochee River basin. He also expressed interest in renewing the memorandum of understanding with the City and expanding the trash trap program to additional locations throughout the community.

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*NOTE: Councilor Cogle left the meeting at 11:57 a.m.*

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- B. Update on the STEM Carver Park Project - Katrina Long, Principal, Reese Road Elementary School (*Note: This item was called up earlier in the meeting under the Mayor's Agenda*)
- C. FY26 Superior Court Budget Update – Danielle Forte, Superior Court Clerk (**ADD-ON**)

**Finance Director Angelica Alexander** explained that the Clerk of Superior Court is appearing before Council pursuant to Ordinance 13-39 and the FY26 Budget Ordinance regarding a request to reallocate existing budgeted funds. She clarified that the request did not involve additional funding, but rather the transfer of approximately \$70,000 in salary savings from the personnel appropriation to the operating appropriation to support training needs within the Clerk's Office.

**Clerk of Superior Court Danielle Forte** came forward to request Council's approval to transfer \$70,000 in existing salary savings within her FY26 budget from the personnel appropriation to the training and travel operating appropriation to support required training and office operations.

Councilor Crabb made a motion to authorize the transfer of \$70,000 in existing salary savings within the Clerk of Superior Court's FY26 budget from the personnel appropriation to the operating appropriation for training and travel expenses, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the eight members present with Councilors Cogle and Tucker being absent for the vote.

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

### **ENCLOSURES - INFORMATION ONLY**

1. Upcoming Board Appointments: Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (KCBC)
2. Upcoming Board Appointments: Pension Fund, Employees' Board of Trustees
3. Upcoming Board Appointments: Region Six Regional Advisory Council for Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities
4. Upcoming Board Appointments: Retirees' Health Benefits Committee

### **ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED**

5. Honorary Street Designation: Application submitted by Jimmy Blanton, requesting to designate Prince Avenue, from St. Mary's Road to Murrelle Street, as *Dickerson Way* in honor of Dr. Tony R. Dickerson.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Cogle and Tucker being absent for the vote.

6. Resignation: William A. Taylor is resigning as the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) on the Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority. (*Mayor's Appointment*)

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the resignation, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Cogle and Tucker being absent for the vote.

7. Resignation: Fran Carpenter is resigning from the Historic & Architectural Review Board (BHAR). (*Council's Appointment*)

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the resignation, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Cogle and Tucker being absent for the vote.

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

Board of Tax Assessors # 15-26 & 16-26

Board of Water Commissioners 03-25-26

Columbus Airport Commission 02-17-26, 03-19-26 & 03-25-26

Columbus Golf Authority 03-17-26

Employee Benefits Committee 02-25-26 & 10-22-25

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 Cogle and Tucker being absent for the vote.

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED**

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

**A. PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES' BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

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

**B. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

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

**10. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – LISTED FOR CONFIRMATION:**

- A. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (BHAR):** Tracy Dean was nominated to fill the vacant seat as the Columbus Board of Realtors Representative. (*Councilor Crabb's nominee. Nominated on 03-10-2026; Application received 05-05-2026*) Term Expires: January 31, 2029 (**ADD-ON**) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb

and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Cogle and Tucker being absent for the vote.

- B. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:** Ashley Stanley was nominated to fill a vacant seat. (*Councilor Crabb's nominee – Recommended by KCBC*) Term Expires: June 30, 2029. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Cogle and Tucker being absent for the vote.

## **11. NOMINATIONS – CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL:**

### **A. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (BHAR):**

Clerk of Council McLemore advised that Jonathan K. Pelletier has been serving as the Columbus Homebuilders Association representative, and formal approval is needed for him to continue in that role. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for Jonathan Pillar to continue serving on the Historic & Architectural Review Board as the Columbus Home Builders Association Representative, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Cogle and Tucker being absent for the vote.

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

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

### **A. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

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

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

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

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

**B. PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:**

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

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

**C. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

A nominee for the District 1 Representative on the Youth Advisory Council (*District 1 – Hickey*). There were none.

A nominee for the District 2 Representative on the Youth Advisory Council (*District 2 – Davis*). There were none.

A nominee for the District 3 Representative on the Youth Advisory Council (*District 3 – Huff*). Clerk of Council McLemore announced that Mayor Pro Tem Allen is nominating Cruz Castano of Aaron Cohen Middle School to represent District 6. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Cogle and Tucker being absent for the vote.

A nominee for the District 4 Representative on the Youth Advisory Council (*District 4 – Tucker*). There were none.

A nominee for the District 5 Representative on the Youth Advisory Council (*District 5 – Crabb*). There were none.

A nominee for the District 6 Representative on the Youth Advisory Council (*District 6 – Allen*). Council McLemore announced that Councilor Huff is nominating Zach Burgess of Richards Middle School to represent District 3. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Cogle and Tucker being absent for the vote.

A nominee for the District 7 Representative on the Youth Advisory Council (*District 7 – Cogle*). Council McLemore announced that Councilor Cogle is nominating Ezra Hollifield of Brookstone to represent District 7. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Cogle and Tucker being absent for the vote.

A nominee for the District 8 Representative on the Youth Advisory Council (*District 8 – Garrett*). There were none.

A nominee for the District 9 Representative on the Youth Advisory Council (*District 9 – Anker*). There were none.

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

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

**A. ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:**

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

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

**B. BOARD OF FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES:**

A nominee for the seat of Darlene Small (*Eligible*) with the term that expires on June 30, 2026, on the Board of Family & Children Services (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Huff renominated Darlene Small to serve another term on the Board of Family & Children Service.

**C. BOARD OF HEALTH:**

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

**D. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:**

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

**E. COLUMBUS GOLF AUTHORITY:**

A nominee for the seat of Tommy Nobles (*Eligible*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2026, on the Columbus Golf Authority (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Crabb renominated Tommy Nobles to serve another term on the Columbus Golf Authority.

A nominee for the seat of Gerald Miley (*Eligible*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2026, on the Columbus Golf Authority (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Huff renominated Gerald Miley to serve another term on the Columbus Golf Authority.

A nominee for the seat of Alonzo Jones (*Eligible*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2026, on the Columbus Golf Authority (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Huff renominated Alonzo Jones to serve another term on the Columbus Golf Authority.

A nominee for the seat of Ken Crumpler (*Not Eligible*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2026, on the Columbus Golf Authority (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Davis nominated Brian Lunsford to fill the seat of Ken Crumpler on the Columbus Golf Authority.

A nominee for the seat of William Roundtree (*Not Eligible*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2026, on the Columbus Golf Authority (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Huff nominated Carlos Coleman to fill the seat of William Roundtree on the Columbus Golf Authority.

A nominee for the seat of Kenneth Davis (*Not Eligible*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2026, on the Columbus Golf Authority (*Council's Appointment*). Mayor Pro Tem Allen nominated Jimmy Monfort to fill the seat of Kenneth Davis on the Columbus Golf Authority.

**F. COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:**

A nominee for the seat of Gerald Miley (*Eligible*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2026, on the Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Crabb renominated Gerald Miley to serve another term on the Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority.

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

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

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

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

**H. 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.

A nominee for the seat for Nancy Schroeder (*Eligible*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2026, on the New Horizons Behavioral Health – Mental Health, Addictive Diseases and Developmental Disabilities – Community Service Board (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Crabb renominated Nancy Schroeder to serve another term.

A nominee for the seat for Sandra Gill (*Eligible*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2026, on the New Horizons Behavioral Health – Mental Health, Addictive Diseases and Developmental Disabilities – Community Service Board (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Crabb renominated Sandra Gill to serve another term.

A nominee for the seat for Senator Ed Harbinson (*Eligible*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2026, on the New Horizons Behavioral Health – Mental Health, Addictive Diseases and Developmental Disabilities – Community Service Board (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Crabb renominated Senator Ed Harbidson to serve another term.

**I. PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:**

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

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

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

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

## **PUBLIC AGENDA (continued)**

4. Dr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: Allocation of Additional Funds for the Elections and Registration Office During Election Cycles.
9. Dr. Natalie Nicole, representing Role Model Academy of Arts, Re: Legislative Process, Council Support, and Failed Local Bills.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation, potential litigation, and personnel as requested by City Attorney Fay. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Hickey carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Cogle and Tucker being absent for the vote, and the time being 12:34 p.m.

The Regular Meeting was reconvened at 2:27 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in Executive Session to discuss litigation, potential litigation, and personnel; however, there were no votes taken.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Skip Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Councilor Tucker to adjourn the May 12, 2026, Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Anker, Cogle, Davis and Huff being absent for the vote, with the time being 2:27 p.m.

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Lindsey G. McLemore  
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