

## Council Members

R. Gary Allen  
Charmaine Crabb

Jerry 'Pops' Barnes  
Glenn Davis

John M. House  
Bruce Huff

R. Walker Garrett  
Evelyn Turner Pugh

Judy W. Thomas  
Evelyn 'Mimi'  
Woodson

**Clerk of Council**  
Sandra T. Davis



Council Chambers  
Second Floor of City Services Center  
3111 Citizens Way, Columbus, GA 31906

June 11, 2019  
9:00 AM  
Regular Meeting

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## MAYOR'S AGENDA

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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III, Presiding.
2. **INVOCATION:** Pastor Jimmy Elder- First Baptist Church.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Easter Seals.
4. **MINUTES:** Approval of minutes for the June 4, 2019 Council Meeting.
5. **TAXPAYER BILL OF RIGHTS PUBLIC HEARING:** 9:00 a.m. The budget tentatively adopted by the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, requires a millage rate higher than the rollback millage rate. Therefore, before the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, may finalize the tentative budget and set a final millage rate, Georgia Law requires that three public hearings be held to allow the public an opportunity to express their opinions on this increase.
6. **PRESENTATION:** Transition Audit Report on the Jury Manager's Office. (John Redmond, Internal Auditor)

**CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA****ORDINANCES:**

1. **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** – An Ordinance adopting an Operating and Capital Improvement Budgets for the Fiscal Year 2020 beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020, for certain funds of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, and appropriating the amounts shown in each budget; and for other purposes. (Budget Review Committee)
2. **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** - An Ordinance adopting Non-Operating Budgets for the Fiscal Year 2020 beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020, for certain funds of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, and appropriating the amounts shown in each budget; and for other purposes. (Budget Review Committee)
3. **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** - An Ordinance amending Article VII of Chapter 13 of the Columbus Code Solid Waste Collection and Disposal by updating the guidelines for an offset to the residential rate for low-income households; and for other purposes. (Budget Review Committee)
4. **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** - An Ordinance providing for contributions to the Columbus, Georgia General Government Employee's Pension Plan for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 . (Budget Review Committee)
5. **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** - An Ordinance providing for contributions to the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for Employees of the Department of Public Safety for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020. (Budget Review Committee)
6. **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** - An Ordinance providing for Government funding of a Major Disability Income Plan for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020. (Budget Review Committee)
7. **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** - An Ordinance providing for Government funding of a Death Benefit Escrow for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020. (Budget Review Committee)
8. **1<sup>st</sup> Reading - REZN-11-18-2018:** An ordinance rezoning property located at 0 Psalmound Road & 7930 Beaver Run Road. The current zoning is RE1 (Residential Estate 1). The proposed zoning is GC (General Commercial) with conditions. The proposed use is commercial property. The Planning Advisory Commission recommends **denial** and the Planning Department recommends **approval**. The applicant is Edward French. (Councilor Allen)
9. **1<sup>st</sup> Reading - REZN-03-19-0476:** An ordinance rezoning property located at 2214 Paddy Avenue. The current zoning is GC (General Commercial). The proposed zoning is SFR3 (Single Family Residential 3). The proposed use is a residential house. The Planning Advisory Commission and the Planning Department recommend **approval**. The applicant is Evelyn Montgomery. (Councilor Woodson)

10. **1<sup>st</sup> Reading** - An Ordinance providing for the establishment of taxing districts, including a county-wide general services district and three (3) urban services districts and three (3) Business Improvement Districts (BID); providing for the levy, assessment, and collection of taxes for Columbus, Georgia within such districts for the year 2019 as provided under the Charter of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia; providing penalties for violations of the provisions of said ordinance; and for other purposes. (Budget Review Committee)

### **RESOLUTIONS:**

11. A resolution requesting sales tax information from the Georgia Department of Revenue pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-2-15 (d.1) and naming a designated officer; and for other purposes. (Columbus Council)
12. A resolution commending and congratulating the Northside High School Boys Baseball Team for winning the 2019 Georgia High School Association Class 4A Baseball State Championship. (Councilor Allen)

**ADD-ON** - A Resolution of the Columbus, Georgia Council, declining to support reimposition of the special district transportation sales and use tax for the purpose of funding transportation infrastructure improvements in the River Valley Region. (Columbus Council)

### **PUBLIC AGENDA**

1. Mr. David R. Pate, Re: A request to amend the current ordinance pertaining to the size of Recreational Vehicles (RV) parked on residential property.
2. Ms. Audrey Holston Palmore, Re: Request for support to meet with the Risk Management Manager.

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

1. **FY20 GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - TRANSPORTATION PLANNING CONTRACT:**

Approval is requested to execute a contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation for Financial Assistance to carry out the FY 2020 Transportation Planning Work Activities of the Columbus-Phenix Transportation Study (C-PCTS). The Columbus-Phenix City Transportation Study (C-PCTS) serves as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the urban area. Transportation planning funds in the amount of \$274,277.28 is requested in the form of a contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation with a 20% match of \$68,569.32 that is budgeted in the FY20 budget.

**2. COLUMBUS FIRE AND EMS STRATEGIC PLAN AND STANDARDS OF COVER/COMMUNITY RISK ASSESSMENT UPDATE:**

Approval is requested for the approval of the Columbus Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services Strategic Plan and Standards of Cover/Community Risk Assessment documents. These documents are updated annually. The strategic plan is used to direct the department for future needs and considerations and is a required document for International Accreditation. The purpose of this document is to define the level of service based on a comprehensive study of the department's historical performance, community risk factors and expectations, and existing and proposed deployment strategies.

**3. FY2020 GRANT APPLICATION FOR PLANNING ASSISTANCE:**

Approval is requested to authorize the Department of Transportation/METRA to apply to the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for capital, planning and operating grants in the amount of \$119,396 or otherwise awarded. Approval is also requested to authorize the City Manager or Mayor to accept grant funds if approved and execute contracts with GDOT.

**4. FY2020 GRANT APPLICATION FOR CAPITAL AND PLANNING ASSISTANCE:**

Approval is requested to authorize the Department of Transportation/METRA to apply to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for capital, planning and operating grants in the amount of \$2,162,610 or otherwise awarded. Approval is also requested to authorize the City Manager or Mayor to accept grant funds if approved and execute contracts with FTA.

**5. FFY 2019/FY 2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE FFY 2018 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM (NSP) 1:**

Approval is requested for the filing of the FFY 2019/FY 2020 Annual Action Plan, applications for Entitlement funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), including a substantial amendment to the FFY 2018 Annual Action Plan and Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) 1. The Annual Action Plan is a document required by HUD illustrating how the Entitlement funding will be expended during FFY2019/FY 2020 (see attached). The Annual Action Plan is an annual update of the City's Five Year Consolidated Plan for the years 2017 - 2021. The City has prior year CDBG allocations that will be allocated to projects in FY 2020 which require a substantial amendment to the 2018 Annual Action Plan. We are also submitting a substantial amendment to the NSP 1 Action Plan to use program income for land banking activities for the acquisition and redevelopment of abandoned properties.

**6. VETERANS COURT GRANT:**

Approval is requested to accept a Criminal Justice Coordinating Council's Grant award of \$148,221.00 for the purpose of funding the Muscogee County Veterans Court. The grant amount is \$148,221.00, which includes a required match of \$14,822.00 from City of Columbus. This grant is a yearly award starting July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020. The funding will allow the existing program to continue its services. One of the program's goals is to increase the number of participants being served. Funding will also provide needed emergency treatment and other supports, which will increase the participant's ability to remain free of the legal system.

**7. MENTAL HEALTH COURT GRANT:**

Approval is requested to accept a Criminal Justice Coordinating Council's Grant award of \$194,202.00 for the purpose of funding the Muscogee County Mental Health Court. The grant amount is \$194,202.00, which includes a required match of \$19,420.00 from City of Columbus. This grant is a yearly award starting July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020. The funding will allow the existing program to continue its services. One of the program's goals is to increase the number of participants being served. Funding will also provide needed emergency treatment and other supports, which will increase the participant's ability to remain free of the legal system.

**8. FY2020 FAMILY CONNECTION GRANT:**

Approval is requested to submit an application and if approved, accept funds from the Georgia Department of Human Services for a Family Connection grant in the amount of \$50,000, with no local match required, and to amend the Family Connection Fund 0985 by the amount of the grant awarded. The Children, Youth and Family Coalition exists to provide Family Connection activities in order to improve child health, including reduced incidences of teenage pregnancy, child abuse, neglect and other risk factors that impact on the well-being of Columbus children, youth and families.

**9. VARIANCE TO POLE HEIGHT FOR AT&T SMALL CELL ANTENNAS:**

Approval is requested for a variance to Section 3.2.72.O.2(D) 2 of the UDO allowing AT&T to construct 50 ft. structures for small cell antenna assemblies at 6900 Mobley Road, 1290 Double Churches Road, 827 Double Churches Road, OPP 1700 Amber Drive and OPP 4186 Primrose Road. The cost of installation and maintenance will be that of AT&T or their service providers. AT&T will be required to pay all applicable fees.

**10. PURCHASES:**

Approval is requested of items "A" to "E":

- A. Tandem Axle Fuel Truck
- B. 35 Ft Low Floor Transit Bus (Annual Contract)
- C. Removal of Residual Ground Material (Annual Contract)
- D. Traditional Utility Vehicles
- E. Herbicide Truck with Roadside Sprayer Attachment

**Bid Advertisement  
(Schedule opening bid date)**

**June 19, 2019****1. Bus Shelters (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 19-0051****Scope of Bid**

METRA is requesting qualified vendors to provide Bus Shelters on an “as needed” basis. The contract term will be for three years.

**CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA****ENCLOSURES, ACTION REQUESTED:**

1. **RESOLUTION:** Excusing Councilor Bruce Huff from the June 4, 2019 Council Meeting.
2. **Minutes of the following boards:**
  - Board of Elections and Registration, May 2, 2019.
  - Board of Tax Assessors, #19-19.
  - Building Authority of Columbus, November 8, 2018.
  - Building Authority of Columbus, November 26, 2018.
  - Columbus Golf Authority, March 26, 2019.
  - Columbus Golf Authority, April 23, 2019.
  - Columbus Iron Works Convention & Trade Center Authority, April 2, 2019.
  - Uptown Facade Board, March 18, 2019.

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS- ACTION REQUESTED:**

3. **MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:**

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

<p><b><u>Charles Staples</u></b>  <b>Business Community Representative</b>                  Term Expires: June 30, 2019  <i>Does not desire reappointment</i></p>	<p>Open For Nominations</p>	<p><i>Mayor’s Appointment</i></p>
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<p><b><u>W. Fray McCormick</u></b>  <b>Business Community Representative</b>                  Term Expires: June 30, 2019  <i><u>Not</u> eligible to succeed</i></p>	<p>Open For Nominations</p>	<p><i>Mayor’s Appointment</i></p>
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4. **COUNCIL’S APPOINTMENT TO BE CONFIRMED:**

<p><b><u>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>John Partin</u></b>                  To fill the unexpired term of Chuck Enfinger                  Term Expires: March 27, 2020</p>	<p><i>Councilor Allen’s nominee</i></p>
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5. **COUNCIL’S DISTRICT SEAT APPOINTMENT- ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:**

A. **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:**

<p><b><u>Delphine Ebron</u></b>  <b>District 3 Representative</b>  <i>(Seat Declared Vacant)</i>                  Term Expires: March 31, 2019</p>	<p>Open for Nominations from District 3 Councilor</p>	<p><i>Council District 3 Appointment (Huff)</i></p>
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6. **COUNCIL’S APPOINTMENTS- ANY NOMINATIONS WOULD BE LISTED FOR THE NEXT MEETING:**

A. **TREE BOARD:**

<p><b><u>Candice L. Wayman</u></b>                  Term Expires: July 1, 2019  <u>Not Eligible to succeed</u></p>	<p>Open for Nominations</p>	<p><b>(Council’s Appointment)</b></p>
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**Women: 6**

**Senatorial District 15: 5**

**Senatorial District 29: 6**

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