



## **City of Columbia City Council Agenda**

**September 10, 2026 - 5:30 PM**

**City Hall Council Chambers  
700 North Garden Street  
Columbia, TN 38401  
Phone: 931-560-1510**

**Chaz Molder, Mayor  
Randy McBroom, Vice Mayor  
Council Member Carl McCullen, Ward 1  
Council Member Charlie Huffman, Ward 2  
Council Member Cheryl E. Secrest, Ward 3  
Council Member Kenny Marshall, Ward 4  
Council Member Brian McKelvy, Ward 5**

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**Tony Massey, City Manager  
Jake Hubbell, City Attorney  
Thad H. Jablonski, City Recorder  
Liz Bermudez, Recording Secretary**

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## **PUBLIC HEARINGS.**

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### **REGULAR MEETING**

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#### **1 CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL.**

#### **2 INVOCATION BY PASTOR MIKE DAWSON OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF COLUMBIA.**

#### **3 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY GIRL SCOUT TROOP 1308.**

#### **4 APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

#### **5 PRESENTATIONS.**

##### **5.1.PRESENTATION OF THE CARNEGIE MEDAL TO SAMUEL HARDIN ADCOCK.**

##### **5.2.PRESENTATION BY KELLI JOHNSON ON THE FRUIT TEASER.**

##### **5.3.PRESENTATION BY THE MIRACLE LEAGUE FOR PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT ASSISTANCE.**

#### **6 ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS.**

##### **6.1.APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 13, 2026 CITY COUNCIL MEETING - CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE.**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve.

**ATTACHMENTS:** August 13, 2026 City Council Minutes.

##### **6.2.APPROVE THE RETIREMENT BENEFITS FOR JAMES BLACKWOOD, JR., FIRE DRIVER/PUMP OPERATOR, COLUMBIA FIRE & RESCUE, PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT PLAQUE BY MAYOR MOLDER - FINANCE.**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve.

**INFORMATION:** James Blackwood Jr. has been an employee of the City of Columbia for 24 years. His effective retirement date is

September 21, 2026 with pension payments to begin on October 1, 2026.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Staff Report James Blackwood.

**6.3. APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MILA MARTINICO TO THE CITY OF COLUMBIA ARTS COUNCIL FOR A TERM BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 10, 2026 AND ENDING ON JUNE 12, 2028.**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Mila Martinico Resume Bio 2026.

**6.4. APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF VANESSA ALDERSON TO THE CITY OF COLUMBIA ARTS COUNCIL FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2026 AND ENDING ON JUNE 13, 2027.**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Vanessa English Alderson Resume Bio 2026.

**7 CONSENT AGENDA.**

**7.1. APPROVE DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2026 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,615,452.19 - FINANCE.**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve.

**ATTACHMENTS:** July 2026 Disbursements.

**7.2. APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE AMENDMENT WITH TYLER TECHNOLOGIES TO ADD THE PARKS AND RECREATION MODULE TO THE EXISTING CONTRACT WITH A TOTAL FY27 COST OF \$20,665 (\$14,260 A ONE TIME CONVERSION COST AND \$6,405 AN ANNUAL REOCCURRING COST) - FINANCE.**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve.

**INFORMATION:** This amendment would add the Parks and Recreation module to our existing Tyler contract. The total FY27 cost will be \$20,665 of which \$14,260 is conversion and \$6,405 is a reoccurring annual cost. This will take the place of their current system resulting in only an annual increase of \$1,680 between the two systems.

**CERTIFICATION:** The Chief Financial Officer certifies that this is budgeted in General Fund -Parks and Recreation- Software.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Staff Report Tyler Technologies, Tyler Technology Quote Amendment.

**7.3. APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF COLUMBIA AND CAMPBELL & LOVELL RENTALS FOR STORAGE SPACE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$900 PER MONTH - CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE.**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve.

**INFORMATION:** The City of Columbia is in need of additional storage space. The lease agreement with Campbell & Lovell Rentals will provide this necessary storage space for \$900 per month. The contract would begin on October 1, 2026, and expires on June 30, 2029.

**CERTIFICATION:** The Chief Financial Officer certifies that \$10,800 is budgeted and unencumbered in Leases.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Staff Report Campbell & Lovell.

**7.4. APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF COLUMBIA AND JOURNAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR ADVERTISING IN THE 2027 TENNESSEE VACATION GUIDE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000 - CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE.**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve.

**INFORMATION:** Visit Columbia will purchase a one-third page ad in the 2027 Tennessee Vacation Guide in the amount of \$10,000. This

popular annual visitor trip-planning guide is available in an online digital version and 500,000 printed guides.

**CERTIFICATION:** The Chief Financial Officer certifies that \$10,000 is budgeted and unencumbered in Tourism Enhancement - Professional Services.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Staff Report TN Vacation Guide, Journal Comm Contract TN Vacation Guide.

**7.5. APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF COLUMBIA AND LAMAR ADVERTISING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,625 FOR HOLIDAY DIGITAL BILLBOARD ADVERTISING IN THE NASHVILLE/MIDDLE TENNESSEE AREA - CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE.**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve.

**INFORMATION:** Visit Columbia will utilize Lamar's digital rotary program to place advertising on a variety of billboards designed to reach thousands of travelers daily along interstates and surface streets of the Nashville/Middle Tennessee area, encouraging and inspiring holiday travel to Columbia while building brand awareness.

**CERTIFICATION:** The Chief Financial Officer certifies that \$5,625 is budgeted and unencumbered in Tourism Enhancement-General Fund-Professional Services.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Staff Report Lamar Advertising, Lamar Contract Holiday.

**7.6. APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF COLUMBIA AND TUCK RIVER TOURING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000 FOR LIVE ENTERTAINMENT AT THE 2027 FRUIT TEA FESTIVAL - CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE.**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve.

**INFORMATION:** Visit Columbia is producing a new summer festival called the Fruit Tea Festival scheduled for June 26, 2027 at Riverwalk Park. Tuck River Touring will provide the headline artist to perform at the inaugural festival. (The artist's name is contractually embargoed until November 1, 2026.)

**CERTIFICATION:** The Chief Financial Officer certifies that \$15,000 will be proposed in Appropriation No. 1 in Fruit Tea Festival – Professional Services.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Staff Report Tuck River Touring.

**7.7. APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE CONTRACT WITH MATRIX CONSULTING GROUP LTD. FOR A USER FEE STUDY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000 - DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT.**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve.

**INFORMATION:** The State of Tennessee passed House Bill 0375, requiring government agencies and departments to justify fees that exceed \$250 with a publicly available cost analysis for such. This bill takes effect in 2026 and the City is requesting Matrix Consulting Group to review and analyze current fee schedules for Development Services, Fire and Rescue and Wastewater Departments for compliance. The scope spans an approximate four (4) month process and includes data collection, review, workshops, calculations, and the results of all these tasks for \$20,000.

**CERTIFICATION:** The Chief Financial Officer certifies that \$20,000 will be budgeted and unencumbered in Development Services - Professional Services.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Staff Report Matrix Consulting Contract, Matrix Contract.

**7.8. APPROVE A THREE-YEAR AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH NEEL-SCHAFFER, INC. FOR ON-CALL TRAFFIC ENGINEERING SERVICES - DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT.**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve.

**INFORMATION:** The Development Services Department solicited qualifications for on-call traffic engineering consultant services within City of Columbia, Tennessee. These services are related to traffic study review, preparation, and signal timing recommendations. Thirteen (13) proposals were submitted and reviewed, and T-Square Engineering, Inc. and Neel-Schaffer, Inc. were chosen to provide these services.

The scope of services and fees are outlined in the proposals. This agreement is established for a three-year term.

**CERTIFICATION:** The Chief Financial Officer certifies that funds are budgeted and unencumbered in Development Services - Professional Services (private, development related expenditures will be reimbursed by the developer during approvals process).

**ATTACHMENTS:** Staff Report Neel-Schaffer, Neel-Schaffer On-Call Agreement.

**7.9. APPROVE A THREE-YEAR AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH T-SQUARE ENGINEERING, INC. FOR ON-CALL TRAFFIC ENGINEERING SERVICES - DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT.**

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**CERTIFICATION:** The Chief Financial Officer certifies that funds are budgeted and unencumbered in Development Services - Professional Services (private, development related expenditures will be reimbursed by the developer during approvals process).

**ATTACHMENTS:** Staff Report T-Square Engineering, T-Square On-Call Agreement.

**7.10. APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF AN XTREME VAC DCL800SM25 LEAF VACUUM TRUCK FROM CMI EQUIPMENT SALES UTILIZING SOURCEWELL CONTRACT #112624-ODB IN THE AMOUNT OF \$298,880.05 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve.

**INFORMATION:** City Council approved funding in the FY27 budget for the purchase of a leaf vacuum truck to be utilized in the Public Works Streets Division. Public Works would like to utilize Sourcewell Contract # 112624-ODB to purchase this truck from CMI Equipment Sales, to be utilized in our Streets Division.

**CERTIFICATION:** The Chief Financial Officer certifies that \$298,880.05 is budgeted and unencumbered in Capital - Streets-Admin-Auto.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Staff Report CMI Leaf Vacuum Truck, CMI Quote, Sourcewell Contract 112624-ODB.

**7.11. APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF COLUMBIA AND WATER MANAGEMENT SERVICES, LLC, FOR PUMPKIN CREEK AND BEAR CREEK PIKE SEWER CAPACITY ANALYSIS AND DEVELOPMENT OF SEWER CAPACITY FEES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$45,000 - WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT.**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve.

**INFORMATION:** The City of Columbia's Wastewater Department requests the Mayor to sign the Contract between the City of Columbia and Water Management Services, LLC, Consulting Engineers to assist in the development of a sewer fee structure to recover costs associated with infrastructure improvements not to exceed \$45,000. The improvements will be within the Pumpkin Creek and Bear Creek Pike drainage basins previously identified as required to accommodate the future development within the sewer service area.



**CERTIFICATION:** The Chief Financial Officer certifies that \$45,000 is budgeted and unencumbered in Wastewater - Treatment Plant - Professional Services.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Staff Report Sewer Fee Structure, Water Management Contract.

**7.12. APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE & INSURANCE, STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE, INITIAL RESCUE SQUAD RECOGNITION APPLICATION AND ANY OTHER RELATED DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, AND APPROVE THE REQUIRED \$50 APPLICATION FEE - FIRE & RESCUE.**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve.

**INFORMATION:** Columbia Fire & Rescue is submitting an application to the Tennessee State Fire Marshal's Office for official Rescue Squad Recognition. As part of the application process, the State requires certification by the highest-ranking elected official or approval by the local governing body and includes a \$50 application fee.

**CERTIFICATION:** The Chief Financial Officer certifies that \$50 is budgeted and unencumbered in Fire - Investigations - Other Services.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Staff Report TARS, TARS Recognition Application.

**7.13. APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN A NETTN PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF COLUMBIA AND AT&T ENTERPRISES, LLC UTILIZING THE PRICING OUTLINED WITHIN THE MASTER SERVICE AGREEMENT - FIRE & RESCUE.**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve.

**INFORMATION:** This agreement is pertaining to moving AT&T Fiber from the Old Reservoir Hill building site to the new building

which links our East Tower to Reservoir Hill. Once the facilitation agreement is signed and returned to AT&T the order/installation process will start. The first step of the installation process is a site walk by an AT&T Engineer. The Engineer will determine where the fiber will be run to the building. If any special construction cost is revealed AT&T will present it to the City of Columbia by a letter. Any additional expenses, such as special construction costs, would be identified as noted in the attached agreement. No additional work will be completed without being proposed to City Council in advance.

**CERTIFICATION:** The Chief Financial Officer certifies \$3,818.28 is budgeted and unencumbered in Fire - Admin - Other Services.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Staff Report AT&T, AT&T Agreement.

**7.14. APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF EIGHT(8) 2026 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR AWD VEHICLES FROM TWO RIVERS FORD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$354,272 UTILIZING STATEWIDE CONTRACT #209 - POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve.

**INFORMATION:** The purchase of these eight (8) 2026 Ford Police Interceptor AWD vehicles will cost the City of Columbia \$354,272.00, utilizing SWC #209, for the purpose of replacing old fleet vehicles. These new vehicles will be upfitted with proper equipment to be used in the Patrol Division as marked police units.

**CERTIFICATION:** The Chief Financial Officer certifies that \$354,272 is budgeted and unencumbered in Capital - Police-Patrol-Auto.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Staff Report Ford Interceptor, Two Rivers Ford Quote, State Contract Dealership Letter.

**7.15. APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF EIGHT (8) IN-CAR/BODY CAMERA SYSTEMS FROM MOTOROLA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,332.48 - POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve.

**INFORMATION:** Today's law enforcement environment requires accountability and documentation of all actions taken by officers in the field. In an effort to fulfill this requirement, the department uses Motorola Solutions for both in-car(m500) and body camera systems(V700). It was determined that a system integrating both an in-car camera system with a body camera into a single video record of an enforcement event to be the best option for the City. These eight (8) cameras systems are the same make and model as purchased previously and they will integrate with our current hardware and software systems.

**CERTIFICATION:** The Chief Financial Officer certifies that \$10,800 is budgeted and unencumbered in Capital - Police-Patrol-Auto.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Motorola Staff Report, Motorola Quote Revised Quantity (8).

## **8 ADMINISTRATION.**

### **8.1.REQUEST FROM MAURY COUNTY GOVERNMENT TO WAIVE APPROXIMATELY \$85,000 IN BUILDING PERMIT FEES FOR THE RENOVATIONS AT MAURY COUNTY COURTHOUSE.**

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**ATTACHMENTS:** Staff Report Fee Waive Request, Permit Invoice Courthouse, Email request for waiving of fees.

### **8.2.REQUEST FROM MAURY COUNTY GOVERNMENT TO WAIVE APPROXIMATELY \$66,000 IN BUILDING PERMIT AND ASSOCIATED FEES FOR THE ANIMAL SHELTER EXPANSION PROJECT.**

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**ATTACHMENTS:** Staff Report Request to Waive Fee Animal Shelter, Permit Invoice.

## **9 RESOLUTIONS.**

**9.1.RESOLUTION NO. 26-58 – TAX CORRECTIONS - CITY RECORDER'S OFFICE.**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve Resolution No. 26-58.

**INFORMATION:** The City Recorder is presenting tax corrections through 8/19/2026 for Council consideration as submitted by Mr. Bobby Daniels, Maury County Tax Assessor.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Staff Report Resolution No. 26-58, Resolution No. 26-58, Resolution No. 26-58 Exhibit A.

**9.2.RESOLUTION NO. 26-59 – 10 YEAR DELINQUENT TAX/ASSESSMENT DELETIONS - CITY RECORDER'S OFFICE.**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve Resolution No. 26-59.

**INFORMATION:** The City Recorder is presenting tax and assessment corrections through 8/13/2026 for Council consideration. The items include property assessments and personal property assessments. As the items included are over 10 years old, the applicable statute of limitations for collections of such amounts has expired and the accounts are no longer collectible.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Staff Report Resolution No. 26-59, Resolution No. 26-59, Resolution No. 26-59 Exhibit A.

**9.3.RESOLUTION NO. 26-60 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AMENDED FACILITY FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE CITY OF COLUMBIA PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT - PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT.**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve Resolution No. 26-60.

**INFORMATION:** The City of Columbia is committed to providing affordable recreational facilities, programs and services for the citizens of the City of Columbia. The listed fees are being updated to include proposed new fees for court rentals, EA Sports room rental, large meeting room, small meeting room and lap lane rentals for the Columbia Aquatics and Recreation Center/Parks and Recreation Department.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Staff Report Resolution No. 26-60, Resolution No. 26-60, Resolution No. 26-60 Exhibit A.

**9.4. RESOLUTION NO. 26-61 - A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE OWNERSHIP AND MAINTENANCE OF SEWER IMPROVEMENTS SERVING THE DRAKE/WOODLAND & EAST 7TH MULTI-FAMILY - WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT.**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve Resolution No. 26-61.

**INFORMATION:** The Drake consists of 229 linear feet of sanitary sewer main. The Developers met all of the qualifications for acceptance. The Wastewater Department has performed the necessary testing and inspections.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Staff Report Resolution No. 26-61, Resolution No. 26-61, Lien Affidavit Resolution No. 26-61, Dedication Letter Resolution No. 26-61.

**10 ORDINANCES.**

**10.1.1ST CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 4594 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 4587 PROVIDING FOR REVISIONS TO THE GENERAL FUND AND ESTABLISH THE DATE OF OCTOBER 8, 2026 AS THE DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING - FINANCE.**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve Ordinance No. 4591 on first consideration and establish the date of October 8, 2026 as the date of public hearing.

**INFORMATION:** The proposed ordinance is the first amendment to the FY 2027 Appropriation Ordinance, impacting several departments within the General Fund.

Within this budget amendment, the following items are included:

- Establish a budget for the Fruit Tea Festival totaling \$65,000,
- Budget prior year funds remaining for FY 2027 Tourism Enhancement Reserves totaling 494,430.89,

- Budget prior year funds remaining for FY 2027 Firefighters Park Reserves totaling 24,776.34,
- Budget \$138,411.20 for Equitable Sharing "Justice" proceeds, \$19,261 for Equitable Sharing "Treasury" proceeds, \$73,814.61 for sales of seized weapons, and \$160,127.20 for Sexual Offender Registry fees in Police,

A detailed schedule of items included within this budget amendment is attached. This amendment increases the City's total budget for FY 2027 by \$975,821.24 to \$85,442,422.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Staff Report Ordinance No. 4594, Ordinance No. 4594.

**10.2.1ST CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 4595 - AN ORDINANCE CONVEYING A FORTY-FOOT-WIDE ELECTRIC LINE EASEMENT TO DUCK RIVER ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON HAMPSHIRE PIKE BEING TAX MAP 104, PARCEL 16.00 - CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE.**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve Ordinance No. 4595 on first consideration.

**INFORMATION:** Columbia Power and Water Systems will be constructing a new Hampshire Pike Pump Station. While the property the pump station will be located on is owned by CPWS, the parcel is within the Duck River Electric Membership Corporation service territory and, as such the power for the pump station must be supplied by DREMC. CPWS has requested the City convey a forty-foot-wide electric line easement to DREMC for the purpose of bringing power to the new pump station.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Staff Report Ordinance No. 4595, Ordinance No. 4595, Electric Line Easement Document, Ordinance No. 4595 Exhibit A, Ordinance No. 4595 Exhibit B.

**10.3.1ST CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 4596 - AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON**

**THE ACCEPTANCE, PROCESSING, AND APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR LAND USE, ZONING, BUILDING, SITE PLAN, OR CONDITIONAL FACILITIES; REQUIRING A STUDY OR INFRASTRUCTURE, ENVIRONMENTAL, ACOUSTIC, AND UTILITY IMPACTS; PROVIDING FOR EXEMPTIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND ESTABLISH THE DATE OF OCTOBER 8, 2026 AS THE DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING - CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE.**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve Ordinance No. 4596 on first consideration and establish the date of October 8, 2026 as the date of Public Hearing.

**INFORMATION:** There has been a significant surge in interest, site inquiries, and development applications for "Data Centers" and "High-Density Computing Facilities" across the State of Tennessee, driven by the expansion of artificial intelligence, cloud storage and cryptographic mining operations. These facilities consume exceptionally high amounts of electrical energy and water, potentially straining public utility grids, driving up infrastructure costs for local ratepayers and impacting local aquifers and public water supplies. The City's current zoning ordinances and land use plans do not adequately address the unique infrastructure, environmental, acoustic and community utility impacts specific to large-scale data centers. The City has a substantial public interest in ensuring that data centers and high-density computing facilities are not permitted or vested under land-use classifications that do not accurately describe the principal use or address the use's operational impacts. A temporary pause on these specific developments is necessary to allow the Planning Commission and staff sufficient time to study these impacts, coordinate with local utility providers and draft comprehensive, permanent zoning text amendments.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Staff Report Ordinance No. 4596, Ordinance No. 4596.

## **11 PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

**12 OTHER BUSINESS.**

**13 EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

**14 ADJOURNMENT.**

**15 UPCOMING EVENTS.**

**15.1. 2ND ANNUAL COLUMBIA HEROES BREAKFAST - FRIDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2026 - REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 7:00 A.M.  
- PROGRAM STARTS AT 8:00 A.M. - THE MULEHOUSE.**

**15.2. FRUIT TEASER - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2026 - 3:00-8:00  
P.M. - MAURY COUNTY PUBLIC LOT.**

**15.3. COLUMBIA POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY EVENT -  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2026 - 5:00-7:00 P.M. -  
RIVERWALK PARK.**