

City of Columbus

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MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS May 19, 2026

CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER
JAMMIE GARRETT

CFO/SECRETARY-TREASURER
JAMES "JIM" BRIGHAM

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

II. CONFIRMATION OF/OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

III. APPROVE MINUTES FOR PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

V. Stewart A. Approve Minutes for Work Session of April 29, 2026

V. Stewart B. Approve Minutes for Meeting of May 5, 2026

IV. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

J. Brigham A. Approve Docket of Claims for May 19, 2026

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- G. Lewis A. Approve two (2) Columbus Recreation Department employees attending the STREAM and Gaming Implementation in Mobile, Alabama on June 19-20th in the estimated amount of \$988.
- G. Lewis B. Approve Facilities Usage Request submitted by Tony Price on behalf of Kingdom Vision Church to host a Back 2 School Drive at the Sandfield Pavilion on July 18, 2026, from 10am-2pm.
- G. Lewis C. Approve the Event Corporation Agreement between the City of Columbus Recreation Department and the Columbus Arts Council for the Blues on the River Event on July 18, 2026.
- J. Garrett D. Approve request from the Columbus Arts Council to sell beer and wine for Blues on the River on July 18, 2026.
- J. Garrett E. Approve request from the Juneteenth Festival Committee to sell beer and wine for the Juneteenth Festival on June 20, 2026.
- C. Yarbrough F. Approve the Columbus Fire and Rescue Department access to Fire Insurance Rebate Funds for fire boots, coats/pants turnouts in the amount of \$36,838.00, plus freight, fire hoses in the amount of \$14,550.00, plus freight, and fire engine pump repair in the amount of \$19,450.54.
- C. Yarbrough G. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "Fire and Emergency Services Instructor 1" to be held in Alabama Fire College, Tuscaloosa, AL, and approve payment of registration, hotel, travel, books, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the amount of \$800.00.
- C. Gilman H. Approve request to apply for the BJA FY25 Rural Law Enforcement Violent Crime Reduction Initiative.
- G. Irby I. Approve the purchase of two (2) properties (1200 Ash Street and 2007 Washington Avenue) through the Columbus Blight FY2023 Community Project Funding Grant.
- J. Brigham J. Accept \$15,000.00 contribution from the Columbus Convention & Visitors Bureau for the

Alva Temple Documentary Project.

- J. Brigham** K. Accept a \$1,000.00 contribution from the Columbus Convention & Visitors Bureau for the Riverwalk Arboretum Project.
- J. Daughtry** L. Approve permit request submitted by Colin Krieger to host a "Charity Boil for Homeless Coalition" to be held on May 24, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the 500 block of 8th Street North.
- J. Daughtry** M. Approve permit request submitted by Barbara Bigelow and Carrie Martin, on behalf of Main Street Columbus/Chamber of Commerce, to host "Sounds of Summer" to be held on June 11, 2026, and June 25, 2026, from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. each date at the Roger Short Soccer Complex blocking the portion of the street that runs to the west of the pavilion across from the Farmers' Market.
- J. Daughtry** N. Approve permit request submitted by Roderick Smith to host "East Columbus Day Festival" to be held on August 8, 2026, from 3:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. at East Columbus Gym/Stage, 222 Lawrence Drive.
- J. Daughtry** O. Approve permit request submitted by Leroy Brooks, on behalf of Juneteenth — Columbus, Inc., to host the "Juneteenth Festival" to be held on June 20, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. blocking 20th Street North at 8th Avenue North and 10th Avenue North.
- J. Daughtry** P. Approve permit request submitted by Mary Coleman, on behalf of We Are Southside, to host a "Southside Homecoming Parade" to be held on July 4, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. starting at Mitchell Elementary School, 15th Street South to Hank Aaron Park, 11th Avenue South. See attached map.
- J. Daughtry** Q. Approve request for two (2) CPD personnel to attend an "Interview and Interrogation Course" to be held in Pearl, Mississippi and approve payment for registration, travel, lodging and meal expenses in the estimated amount of \$1,822.00.
- J. Daughtry** R. Approve request to hire one (1) entry-level officer and three (3) certified officers contingent upon successful completion of preliminary testing.
- J. Daughtry** S. Approve permit request submitted by Taylor Richardson, on behalf of Kiwanis Club of Columbus, to host "Kiwanis Club Memorial Day 5K - 10K Run" to be held on May 23, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. See attached map.
- N. Katona** T. Approve lowest responsive bid to replace Parks and Recreation's office AC from Advanced Air Systems in the amount of \$6,259.50.
- J. Garrett** U. Approve request to pay Public Information Officer for services rendered in the amount of \$1,290.32.
- G. Drake** V. Approve request to accept proposal for Avancir Inventory Management software at \$489 a month and \$5000 one time cost.
- S. Jones** W. Approve travel request for Chief of Police to attend the Safer Cities Summit in Phoenix, Arizona hosted by Axon on June 8-11th at no cost to the City of Columbus.

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

- J. Daughtry** A. Swear-In four (4) Reserve Officers
* Fire and Rescue Chief Charles Yarbrough
* Hunter McBride
* Alan Lewis
* Baron McKee
- W. Langford** B. Garage - April 2026 Report
- C. Yarbrough** C. Columbus Fire and Rescue - April 2026 Report
- C. Gilman** D. Forensic Lab - April 2026 Report

- J. Daughtry E. Columbus Police Department - April 2026 Report
- J. Garrett F. Municipal Court - April 2026 Report
- G. Irby G. Planning and Community Development – April 2026 Report
- N. Katona H. Building Inspection and Code Enforcement - April 2026 Report
- G. Drake I. Information Technology – April 2026 Report
- P. Mitchell J. Human Resources - April 2026 Report
- R. Bonner K. Facilities - April 2026 Report
- G. Lewis L. Columbus Recreation Department - April 2026 Report
- C. Bush M. Public Works - April 2026 Report
- J. Brigham N. Finance - April 2026 Report
- J. Garrett O. Board Vacancies

TREE BOARD

2 Vacancies, 3-Year Term, Mac Thatcher's Term Expires 05/02/2026.
Gary Dantico's Term Expires 05/16/2026.
Appointments will be made May 19, 2026.

Ashlynd King

Kim Whitehead

CITY UTILITIES COMMISSION

1 Vacancy, 5-Year Term, Sherry Ellis' Term Expires 06/15/2026.
Appointment will be made June 16, 2026.

TREE BOARD

1 Vacancy, Remainder of Shannon Evans Term (resigned), Expires May 6, 2028.
Appointment will be made June 16, 2026.

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

- N. Katona A. Discuss/Approve recommendations from the May 11, 2026, Planning Commission public meeting.
- K. Stafford B. Discuss/Approve the Mississippi Main Street Revitalization Grant Memorandum of Agreement.
- J. Turnage C. Discuss/Approve *Notice of Sale of Surplus Municipal Property* and *Resolution Declaring Certain Municipal Property as Surplus and Authorizing the Sale of Said Property*.
- J. Turnage D. Discuss/Approve *Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus in Support of the Nomination of Census Tract 28087000902 for Opportunity Zone Designation through the Mississippi Development Authority*.
- C. Yarbrough E. Discuss/Approve the Columbus Fire and Rescue Department hiring 18-yr-old applicants.
- C. Yarbrough F. Discuss/Approve the promotion of one (1) Columbus Fire and Rescue personnel from Chief of Training to Assistant Chief, effective date May 25, 2026.
- C. Yarbrough G. Discuss/Approve hiring two (2) Entry Level Firefighters pending successful completion of a pre-employment physical exam and drug screen.
- C. Yarbrough H. Discuss/Approve request to submit a 4 County Grant to purchase two (2) Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) packs and no cost share is involved in the amount of \$8,800.

- C. Bush** I. Discuss/Approve request to promote a Concrete Laborer to Concrete Finisher effective May 25, 2026 with the appropriate pay increase.
- C. Bush** J. Discuss/Approve request to fill Concrete Laborer position, pending successful completion of all preliminary testing.
- C. Bush** K. Discuss/Approve request to fill vacant Laborer position in the Public Works Department, pending successful completion of all preliminary testing.
- W. Langford** L. Discuss/Approve request to hire a Diesel Mechanic for the Maintenance Garage, pending successful completion of all preliminary testing.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. Personnel Matters (2)