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City of Columbus
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**MEETING OF
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS
April 15, 2025**

**CFO/SECRETARY-
TREASURER**
JAMES BRIGHAM

POLICE CHIEF
JOSEPH M. DAUGHTRY,
SR

FIRE CHIEF
DUANE HUGHES

**HUMAN RESOURCES
DIRECTOR**
PATRICIA MITCHELL

**INTERIM CITY PLANNING &
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**
GEORGE IRBY

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

II. CONFIRMATION OF/OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

III. APPROVE MINUTES FOR PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

- A. Approve Minutes of April 1, 2025 Meeting
- B. Approve Minutes of March 31, 2025 Special Meeting

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

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| S. James | A. | Approve request for the Code Enforcement Director to attend the Keep Mississippi Beautiful Awards Luncheon to be held in Jackson, MS at no cost. |
| J. Daughtry | B. | Approve permit request submitted by Shane Cruse, on behalf of Victory Tabernacle Church, to host an "Easter Block Party" to be held on April 20, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at Victory Tabernacle Church, 324 Fifth Street South. See attached map. |
| J. Daughtry | C. | Approve permit request submitted by Reggie Willis, on behalf of Citizen Social Club, to host a "Neighborhood Cookout" to be held on May 24, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. blocking 4th Avenue North at 15th Street North and 16th Street North. |
| J. Daughtry | D. | Approve request for five (5) CPD personnel to attend "MBI Training Initiative" to be held in Pope, Mississippi at no cost to the City. |
| J. Daughtry | E. | Approve request for three (3) CPD personnel to attend "The Prepared Public Information Officer Training" to be held in Columbus, Mississippi and approval of payment for registration expenses in the amount of \$900.00. |
| J. Daughtry | F. | Approve request for five (5) CPD personnel to attend the "2025 CIT Annual Conference" to be held in Hattiesburg, Mississippi and approve payment of registration, lodging, travel and meal expenses in the estimated amount of \$3,055.00. |
| J. Daughtry | G. | Ratify approval request for one (1) CPD personnel to attend "NIBRS Training" held in Pearl, Mississippi, at no cost to the City. |
| J. Daughtry | H. | Approve request for one (1) Victim's Advocate to attend the "Victim Advocates Statewide Training 2025" to be held in Jackson, Mississippi, and approve payment for travel expenses in the estimated amount of \$215.60. |
| J. Daughtry | I. | Ratify approval request to send one (1) CPD Officer to the "North Mississippi Law Enforcement Training Center" in Tupelo, Mississippi, and approve reimbursable cost of tuition (\$4,000.00) and clothing allowance not to exceed \$350.00. |
| J. Garrett | J. | Ratify approval for mayor to execute deposit agreement effective March 31, 2025 |
| J. Garrett | K. | Approve Juneteenth Festival Funding in the amount of \$15,000.00 pursuant to the Inter-local agreement. |

P. L.
Mitchell/W. Approve request to advertise for the position of Municipal Judge.
Blunt

P. M.
Mitchell/W. Approve request to advertise for position of Deputy Court Clerk/Supervisor, which will be
Blunt created as a result of retirement.

V. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

J. Brigham A. Approve Docket of Claims for April 15, 2025

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

A. Comments from Mayor & Council

J. Daughtry B. Swearing-In of Six (6) CPD Officers
* Shynice Watt
* Tovares Chandler
* Y'Darius Petty
* Patrick Ghoston
* Scote Renfro
* Justin Robinson

K. Wiegel C. Building Inspection - March 2025 Report

D. Hughes D. Columbus Fire and Rescue - March 2025 Report

J. Daughtry E. Columbus Police Department - March 2025 Report

L. Dismukes F. Community Outreach - March 2025 Report

G. Lewis G. Parks and Recreation - March 2025 Report

G. Irby H. Planning & Community Development - March 2025 Report

W. Langford I. Garage - March 2025 Report

R. Bonner J. J. M. Trotter Convention Center/Cemeteries - March 2025 Report

C. Bush K. Public Works - March 2025 Report

P. Mitchell L. Human Resources - March 2025 Report

W. Blunt M. Municipal Court - March 2025 Report

S. James N. Code Enforcement - March 2025 Report

G. Drake O. IT - March 2025 Report

J. Brigham P. Finance - March 2025 Report

J. Garrett Q. Board Vacancies

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

2 Vacancies, 4-Year Terms

Jerry Fortenberry's Term Expires 05/18/2025.

Emily Johnson's Term Expires 05/24/2025.

Appointments will be made May 20, 2025.

Jerry Fortenberry

Bo Harrison

TREE BOARD

2 Vacancies (standing), 3-Year Terms
Appointment will be made April 15, 2025.

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VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

J. Garrett A. Robert Benton - National Day of Prayer

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

S. James A. Discuss / Approve Derelict Property Docket

Z. Foster B. Discuss/Approve deductive Final Summary Change order for the CLCA Runway Pavement Rehabilitation project in the amount of (-\$25,858.75).

Z. Foster C. Discuss/Approve Change Order No. 2 for the CLCA Box Hangar Construction project in the amount of \$15,000.00.

Z. Foster D. Discuss/Approve applying for FY2026 AIP Grant for the CLCA Automated Weather Observation System – Phase I with a 2.5% match in the estimated amount of \$2,900.

K. Stafford E. Discuss/Approve split of the additional \$1.1M allocated for the 2025 Paving Improvements.

G. Lewis F. Discuss/Approve Sandfield Park Improvements to demo uneven concrete slab and create protected grass area around the entry not to exceed \$45,000.

P. Mitchell G. Discuss/Approve request to award bid for Legal Publication of notices, including, but not limited to proceedings, ordinances, Resolutions and legal advertisements.

G. Lewis/S. Wilder H. Discuss/Approve accepting the donation of a baby Ornithomimosaur sculpture from designer Rick Spears and use the likeness and other dinosaur images for promotional materials sold for the Columbus Fossil Park.

G. Lewis/S. Wilder I. Discuss/Approve *Memorandum of Agreement* between the City of Columbus and the Cultural Heritage Foundation regarding funding for the Columbus Fossil Park requiring a 501(c)3 non-profit designation.

J. Garrett/J. Brigham J. Discuss/Approve professional services contract for Drainage Easement Creation and Acquisition Services in the amount of \$64,954.61.

G. Irby K. Discuss/Approve request to advertise for Request for Qualifications for Legal Services for FY2023 Community Funding Program Grant.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A. Personnel Matters (2)

B. Pending Litigation

C. Prospective Litigation