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**MEETING OF
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS
June 3, 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 May 20, 2025 Meeting

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- D. Hughes** A. Approve request for Columbus Fire and Rescue to Surplus two (2) vehicles.
- D. Hughes** B. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "NFPA 1002 Driver Operator" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, travel, meals, and other expenses in the amount of \$725.00
- J. Daughtry** C. Approve permit request submitted by Renee Sanders, on behalf of United Way of the Golden Triangle Region, to host the "United Way 2026 Campaign Kick-Off" to be held on September 4, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. in Catfish Alley blocking 4th Street South at Main Street and College Street and College Street between 4th Street South and 5th Street South. See attached map.
- J. Daughtry** D. Accept letter of resignation from one (1) CPD recruit effective May 29, 2025.
- J. Daughtry** E. Approve request for one (1) CPD personnel to attend an "Instructor Development Course" to be held in Moorhead, Mississippi and approve payment for registration, lodging, travel and meal expenses in the estimated amount of \$1,292.00.
- S. James** F. Approve request for Code Enforcement Director to attend the M.A.C.E. Educational Conference to be held in Biloxi, MS and to approve payment of registration, lodging and meal expenses in the amount of \$714.00.
- S. Wilder** G. Approval for Grant Writer/Administrator to attend the MS Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund Grant Workshop in Jackson, MS on August 18, 2025 at a total cost of \$227.80.
- R. Bonner** H. Approve facility permit request submitted by Barbara Bigelow, on behalf of Main Street Columbus, to host the "Science Discovery on Main Street Luncheon" to be held on June 11, 2025, 12:00p.m. at Regal Hall.
- R. Bonner** I. Approve request of the Tourism Partners for complimentary facility usage of Regal Hall on June 10, 2025 during the hours of 8:30-10:00 a.m.

V. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

- J. Brigham** A. Approve Docket of Claims for June 3, 2025

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

- A. Comments from Mayor & Council

J. Garrett B. Board Vacancies

CITY UTILITIES COMMISSION

1 Vacancy, 5-Year Term, Brandy Gardner's Term Expires 06/16/2025.
Appointment will be made June 17, 2025.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION COMMISSION

5 Vacancies, 4-Year Terms, All Expire 06/30/2025
Penisha McDowell, Helen Pridmore,
Beverley Odom , Julie C. Parker, Linda J. Harris
Appointments will be made July 1, 2025.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT & APPEALS of DEVELOPMENT CODES

1 Vacancy, 3 -Year Term, Quinn Brislin's Term Expires 07/02/2025.
Appointment will be made July 1, 2025.

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

J. Garrett A. Carl A. Lee - City Government

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

S. James A. Discuss / Approve Derelict Property Docket

K. Stafford B. Discuss/Approve installation of one speed hump between 11th Avenue South and 12th Avenue South and two speed humps between 15th Avenue South and 16th Avenue South.

D. Hughes C. Discuss/Approve Columbus Fire and Rescue is requesting annual rotation and replacement of outdated fire hose in the amount of \$18,540.00, plus freight.

S. Wilder D. Approve Submission of Letter of Intent to the Mississippi Arts Commission to apply for a Building Grant of \$500,000.00 for the Amphitheater Completion Project.

R. Bonner E. Discuss/Approve the purchase of new street signage for the Historical Friendship Cemetery.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A. Personnel Matter (1)

B. Prospective Sale or Leasing of Real Property