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**MEETING OF
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS
June 17, 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 MEETING.

A. Approve Minutes of June 3, 2025 Meeting

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

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| K. Wiegel | A. | Accept letter of retirement from the Building Official effective June 26, 2025 and approve compensation for unused, accrued vacation leave up to 240 hours. |
| J. Garrett | B. | Approve request to advertise for the positions of Municipal Judge(s), Public Defender and City Prosecutor. |
| J. Garrett | C. | Approve request for Mayor & City Council to attend the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Conference to be held in Point Clear, AL, August 13-15th and approve payment of registration, lodging, meals and travel expenses in the estimated amount of \$1,568.36 per person. |
| J. Garrett | D. | Approve request for Mayor and City Council to attend the Mississippi Policy Conference in Tunica, MS, August 7-10th and approve payment of registration, lodging, meals and travel expenses in the estimated amount of \$1,511.86 per person. |
| D. Hughes | E. | Approve request for one Fire and Rescue personnel to be reimbursed for the successful completion of his National Registry Exam in the amount of \$104.00. |
| D. Hughes | F. | Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to get a background check and electronic fingerprinting for State EMS License in the amount of \$75.00. |
| D. Hughes | G. | Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "Rope Rescue Awareness and Operations" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, hotel, travel, books, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the amount of \$500.00 |
| D. Hughes | H. | Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "Haz-Mat Technican I" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, hotel, travel, books, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the amount of \$250.00. |
| J. Daughtry | I. | Approve request for three (3) CPD personnel to attend the "Mississippi Command College" to be held in Oxford, Mississippi and approve payment for registration, lodging, travel and meal expenses in the estimated amount of \$3,930.00. |
| J. Daughtry | J. | Approve permit request submitted by Jamar Meady to host a "Super Sunday Back to School Drive" to be held on July 13, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at 520 - 14th Avenue South, blocking 14th Avenue South at 5th Street South and 6th Street South. |
| J. Daughtry | K. | Approve permit request submitted by LaNise Frison to host a "Burns Bottom Reunion" to be held on September 27, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. blocking 3rd Street North at 5th Avenue North, 6th Avenue North and 7th Avenue North. |

- J. Daughtry** L. Approve request for one (1) CPD personnel to attend a "MOS Instructor Workshop" to be held in Camp Shelby, Mississippi and approve payment for registration, lodging, travel and meal expenses in the estimated amount of \$1,119.00.
- J. Daughtry** M. Ratify request for one (1) CPD personnel to attend "CIT Train the Trainer" in West Point, Mississippi with the mode of transportation being a City vehicle.
- G. Lewis** N. Accept the resignation of a Columbus Recreation Department maintenance technician and authorize HR to begin the normal recruitment process.
- J. Turnage** O. Approve corrections to the minutes of the meetings of the Mayor and City Council of January 21, 2025 and February 18, 2025.

V. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

- J. Brigham** A. Approve Docket of Claims for June 17, 2025

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

- J. DiCicco** A. Comments from Mayor & Council
- J. DiCicco** B. Special Recognition - Act of Humanity
- Martin Swanigan
 - Mark Clemons
 - Efrem Coleman
- D. Hughes** C. Swearing in of one (1) Fire and Rescue Firefighter
- Landon Hill
- K. Gaskin** D. Proclamation Honoring Esteemed Employee
- Kenny Wiegel
- K. Wiegel** E. Building Inspection - May 2025 Report
- D. Hughes** F. Columbus Fire and Rescue - May 2025 Report
- P. Mitchell** G. Human Resources - May 2025 Report
- L. Dismukes** H. Community Outreach - May 2025 Report
- W. Langford** I. Garage - May 2025 Report
- J. Daughtry** J. Columbus Police Department - May 2025 Report
- R. Bonner** K. Facilities - May 2025 Report
- G. Lewis** L. Columbus Recreation Department- May 2025 Report
- S. James** M. Code Enforcement Department - May 2025 Report
- G. Irby** N. Planning & Community Development - May 2025 Report
- W. Blunt** O. Municipal Court - May 2025 Report
- C. Bush** P. Public Works - May 2025 Report
- G. Drake** Q. Information Technology - May 2025 Report

J. Brigham R. Finance - May 2025 Report

J. Garrett S. 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.

Brandy Gardner

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.

Penisha McDowell Harrison

Jamonica Short

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.

Quinn Brislin

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

S. James A. Discuss / Approve Derelict Property Docket

K. Wiegel B. Discuss/Approve promotion of Part-Time Building Inspector to Full-Time Building Inspector/Zoning and Flood Administrator/Address Coordinator, effective June 30, 2025.

Z. Foster C. Discuss/Approve acceptance of FAA AIG Grant in the amount of \$94,297.00 for the Box Hangar at CLCA.

Z. Foster D. Discuss/Approve acceptance of MDOT Multi-Modal Grant in the amount of \$355,611.00 for the construction of an open hangar at CLCA.

K. Stafford E. Discuss/Approve accepting the Safe Streets for All Study.

K. Stafford F. Discuss/Approve *Resolution Supporting the Safe Streets/Roads for All (SS4A) Implementation Grant Application for the City of Columbus, MS.*

D. Hughes G. Discuss/Approve the promotion of one (1) Columbus Fire and Rescue personnel from Probation Firefighter to Certified Firefighter, effective date June 23, 2025

D. Hughes H. Discuss/Approve the purchase of turnout coats, pants, and boots for \$31,138.88 (MS. State Contract # 8200078721). State Insurance funds have been approved for this purchase.

J. Daughtry I. Discuss/Approve request to hire one (1) Officer contingent upon successful completion of preliminary testing.

C. Bush J. Discuss/Approve request to fill vacant Street Sweeper position pending successful completion of all preliminary testing.

J. Brigham K. Discuss/Approve *Resolution Amending the Municipal Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2025.*

J. Garrett L. Discuss/Approve *Resolution to Support MUW's Foundation in its Efforts to Maintain MSMS on the MUW Campus.*

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A. Pending Litigation (1)