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**MEETING OF
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS
August 5, 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.

- P. Mitchell** A. Approve Minutes of July 15, 2025
P. Mitchell B. Approve Minutes of July 18, 2025 Special Meeting
P. Mitchell C. Approve Minutes of July 30, 2025 Special Meeting

IV. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

- J. Brigham** A. Approve Docket of Claims for August 5, 2025

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- J. Daughtry** A. Approve request for one (1) CPD personnel to attend a "NIBRS Symposium" to be held in Pearl, Mississippi and approve travel in a city-owned vehicle.
- J. Daughtry** B. Approve permit request submitted by T. J. Tate, Jr., on behalf of the American Legion Post #69, to host a "Veterans' Day Parade and Ceremony" to be held on November 8, 2025, from 10:00 a.m until 10:50 a.m. beginning at the Municipal Complex, 1501 Main Street to Fifth Street North to Second Avenue North to the Lowndes County Courthouse.
- J. Daughtry** C. Ratify approval of request to send seven (7) CPD Officers to the "North Mississippi Law Enforcement Training Center" in Tupelo, Mississippi, with the cost of reimbursable tuition (\$4,000.00 per Officer), and approve clothing allowance, not to exceed \$350.00 per Officer, upon completion of the academy.
- D. Hughes** D. Approve request for two (2) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "NFPA 1021 Fire Officer" 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** E. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "NFPA 1035-2 Fire and Safety Educator (Online)" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, hotel, travel, books, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the amount of \$275.00.
- D. Hughes** F. Approve request for four (4) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "NREMT-B Exam (National Registry)" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, hotel, travel, books, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the amount of \$200.00.
- D. Hughes** G. Approve request for four (4) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "Acadis System Training-Acadis Training Officer Basics" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, travel, meals, and other expenses in the amount of \$150.00.

- S. James** H. Approve request for the Code Enforcement Director to attend the 2025 Keep Mississippi Beautiful State Conference to be held October 23-24, 2025 in Louisville, MS and to approve payment of travel, hotel and meal expenses in the estimated amount of \$46.00.
- C. Bush** I. Approve request for the Public Works Director and Office Manager to attend the "MS 811 Damage Prevention Summit" to be held in Biloxi, MS, November 5-7, 2025, and approve payment for travel, lodging, and meal expenses in the estimated amount of \$1,548.19.
- J. Daughtry** J. Accept letter of resignation from one (1) CPD personnel effective August 10, 2025 and approve compensation for unused, accrued vacation leave up to 240 hours.
- J. Daughtry** K. Accept letter of resignation from (1) CPD personnel effective immediately and approve compensation for unused, accrued vacation leave up to 240 hours.
- G. Lewis** L. Accept the resignation of one (1) Columbus Recreation Department Site Supervisor (Sim Scott) and authorize HR to begin the normal recruitment process.

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

- A. Comments from Mayor & Council
- J. Daughtry** B. Presentation of Certificates of Completion
- * Sgt. Mark Underwood
 - * Sgt. Kutenia Brooks
 - * Sgt. Johnny Vaughn
 - * Sgt. Christopher Ware
 - * Cpl. Kimberly Hayes

- J. Garrett** C. Board Vacancies

COLUMBUS HOUSING AUTHORITY

1 Vacancy 5-Year Term

Bo Harrison's Term Expired July 7, 2025.

Appointment will be made September 2, 2025.

Velma Woodard

Jackie Exum

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

1 Vacancy, 4-Year Term, Term Expires 06/20/2027.

Tiffany Turner Resigned July 9, 2025.

Appointment will be made August 19, 2025.

Frances Glenn

CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

1 Vacancy, 3-Year Term, Term Expires 03/03/2026

Whirlie Byrd Resigned June 17, 2025

Appointment will be made August 5, 2025.

David Armstrong

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

1 Vacancy, 5-Year Term, Term Expires 09/05/2027

Jason Spears Resigned June 27, 2025.

Appointment will be made August 5, 2025.

Marcus Hunter

Robert Cooper

William Strauss

Joseph Paige

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

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| S. James | A. | Discuss/Approve Derelict Property Docket |
| N. Katona | B. | Discuss/Approve recommendations from the July 14 2025 Planning Commission Meeting. |
| K. Stafford | C. | Discuss/Approve the installation of one speed hump on 18th Street North between 12th Avenue North and 11th Avenue North. |
| J. Daughtry | D. | Discuss/Approve the hiring of one (1) Forensic Lab Technician pending the successful completion of all preliminary testing. |
| G. Irby | E. | Discuss/Approve Request to purchase property for Blight Program. |
| J. Garrett | F. | Discuss/Approve applying for the Mississippi Arts Commission's Building for the Arts Grant in the amount of \$500,000 with a 40% match in the amount of \$333,333 with the total budget of \$833,333 for the Senator Terry Brown Amphitheater. |
| J. Garrett | G. | Discuss/Approve Public Information Officer Contract. |
| J. Garrett | H. | Discuss/Approve new beaver control contract with USDA in an amount not to exceed \$12,000 subject to general counsel approval of terms. |

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. Personnel Matters (2)