

MAYOR
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City of Columbus
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**MEETING OF
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS
August 19, 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 August 5, 2025 Meeting

IV. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

J. Brigham A. Docket of Claims

V. CONSENT AGENDA

C. Bush A. Accept the resignation of two (2) Public Works Laborers and one (1) Boom Truck Operator, and authorize the HR Director to begin the normal recruitment process.

D. Hughes B. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "Machine Rescue" 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.

L. Erby C. Accept the resignation of one (1) Deputy Court Clerk effective September 4, 2025 and approve compensation for unused, accrued vacation leave up to 240 hours.

J. Garrett D. Ratify/Approve Mayor of the City as the municipal designee for emergency purchases for the remainder of his term of office.

J. Garrett E. Ratify/Approve Mayor's finding that an emergency existed with regard to the replacement of an A/C unit at the Recreation Department Main Office which went out during the hottest part of the year, with the finding that delays incident to competitive bidding would have been detrimental to the interest of the City and approve payment for emergency replacement of same \$5,700. (plus two other small amounts).

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

A. Comments from Mayor & Council

D. Hughes B. Swearing in of four (4) Fire and Rescue Firefighters

- Zach Anderson
- Colton Birmingham
- Dalton Cook
- Tavonta Macon

W. Langford C. Garage - July 2025 Report

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| L. Dismukes | D. | Community Outreach - July 2025 Report |
| J. Daughtry | E. | Columbus Police Department - July 2025 Report |
| N. Katona | F. | Building Inspection - July 2025 Report |
| D. Hughes | G. | Columbus Fire and Rescue - July 2025 Report |
| G. Irby | H. | Planning & Community Development - July 2025 Report |
| R. Bonner | I. | Facilities - July 2025 Monthly Report |
| C. Bush | J. | Public Works - July 2025 Report |
| G. Lewis | K. | Columbus Recreation - July 2025 Report |
| S. James | L. | Code Enforcement - July 2025 Report |
| P. Mitchell | M. | Human Resources - July 2025 Report |
| G. Drake | N. | Information Technology - July 2025 Report |
| J. Brigham | O. | Finance - July 2025 Report |
| J. Garrett | P. | Board Vacancies |

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD

1 Vacancy, Chris Chain's Term Expires 09/15/2025.
Appointment will be made September 16, 2025.

Chris Chain

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

1 Vacancy, William Bart Lawrence Jr's Term Expires 09/20/2025.
Appointment will be made September 16, 2025.

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

Bo Harrison

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

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

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| J. Garrett | A. | Columbus Redevelopment Authority - Notification of Intent to Approve Purchase and Sale Agreement and Associated Agreements |
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VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

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| S. James | A. | Discuss/Approve Derelict Property Docket. |
| S. James | B. | Discuss/Approve request to adjudicate Derelict Property Cases previously heard by the Council. |

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| N. Katona | C. | Discuss/Approve recommendations from the August 11, 2025 Planning Commission meeting. |
| J. Garrett | D. | Discuss/Approve Public Information Officer Contract. |
| D. Hughes | E. | Discuss/Approve the donation of surplus fire hose to the Noxubee County Fire Service. |
| J. Daughtry | F. | Discuss/Approve request to hire three (3) certified officers contingent upon successful completion of preliminary testing. |
| D. Hughes | G. | Discuss/Approve the promotion of four (4) Columbus Fire and Rescue personnel from Probation Firefighter to Certified Firefighter, effective date September 1, 2025. |
| G. Lewis | H. | Discuss/Approve request to fill vacant Maintenance Technician position in the Recreation Department pending successful completion of all preliminary testing. |
| G. Lewis | I. | Discuss/Approve naming the Columbus Fossil Park in honor of Dr. John M. "Jack" Kaye. |
| J. Spears | J. | Discuss/Approve Project 45 South drain and Project Beaver T. |
| K. Stafford | K. | Discuss/Approve pursuing a Right-of-Entry Agreement with CPKC Railroad for the ARPA Drainage Project. |
| R. Greene | L. | Discuss/Approve additional paving allocation. |

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. Personnel Matters (2)