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MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS September 2, 2025

- I. CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION**
- II. CONFIRMATION OF/OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**
- III. APPROVE MINUTES FOR PREVIOUS MEETINGS.**

S. Jones A. Approve Minutes of August 19, 2025 Meeting

IV. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

A. Approve Docket of Claims for September 2, 2025

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- S. Jones** A. Approve request for the Mayor to attend the 2025 Mayors Summit Against Antisemitism: Combat Antisemitism Movement to be held in New Orleans, Louisiana, Dec. 2-4 and approve travel in a city vehicle.
- J. Daughtry** B. Approve permit request submitted by Tiffany Jefferson, on behalf of Columbus High School, to host a "Homecoming Parade" to be held on October 9, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. leaving Fairview Baptist Church, left on South Browder Street, right on Alabama Street, left on North McCrary and ending at the tennis courts in front of the high school. See attached map.
- J. Daughtry** C. Approve permit request submitted by Tiffany Jefferson, on behalf of Columbus High Homecoming Committee, to host "Tailgate" to be held on October 10, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. blocking North McCrary at Warpath and Hemlock Street. See attached map.
- D. Hughes** D. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "NFPA 1001-1-2-Basic Firefighter" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, hotel, travel, books, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the amount of \$2,200.00.
- J. Daughtry** E. Approve request for two (2) CPD personnel and the city attorney to attend "Risk Management for Law Enforcement Executives" to be held in Oxford, MS and approve travel in a city-owned vehicle.
- J. Daughtry** F. Approve request for two (2) CPD personnel to attend "Risk Management for Law Enforcement Executives" to be held in Hattiesburg, MS and approve travel in a city-owned vehicle.
- G. Lewis** G. Approve Facilities Usage permit submitted by Renee Sanders, on behalf of the United Way Golden Triangle Region, to host the United Way Campaign Kick-off in Catfish Alley on September 4, 2025, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for use of the stage.
- G. Lewis** H. Approve Facilities Usage Permit submitted by Mt. Zion M.B. Church/Memphis Town Community Day for use of the stage.
- R. Smith** I. Approve Facilities Usage Permit submitted by Councilman Roderick Smith, to host Thrive In Pink Health Fair on October 4, 2025 from 10:00am to 2:00pm at the East Columbus Gym.

- R. Smith** J. Approve Facilities Usage Permit submitted by Councilman Roderick Smith, to host 2025 Kids Day Talent Show on November 1, 2025 from 3:30pm to 6:30pm at the East Columbus Gym.

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

- A. Comments from Mayor & Council
- J. Garrett** B. 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.

Mary Jeter

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

Donald Pope

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

- J. Garrett** A. Taylor Chisolm: Columbus Pickleball
- J. Garrett** B. Wanda Holley - 2022 Audit

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

- S. James** A. Discuss / Approve Derelict Property Docket
- N. Katona** B. Discuss/Approve Adoption of Flood Maps and Ordinance.
- Z. Foster** C. Discuss/approve acceptance of MDOT Matching Grant in the amount of \$3,948.00 for CLCA's Automated Weather Observing System – Phase I.
- Z. Foster** D. Discuss/approve acceptance of MDOT Matching Grant in the amount of \$2,482.00 for CLCA's Box Hangar project.
- Z. Foster** E. Discuss/approve applying for FY2026 AIG-BIL Grant for the CLCA Open Hangar Construction project.
- Z. Foster** F. Discuss/approve applying for FY2026 AIP Grant for the CLCA Automated Weather Observing System – Phase II.
- K. Stafford** G. Discuss/Approve the installation of approximately 225 linear feet of riprap in the Gaylane Drive ditch, located north of Highway 182, in the amount of \$64,461.77 to be split with Lowndes County.
- G. Drake** H. Approve request to purchase additional Badgepass access doors for the Trotter and City Hall in the amount of \$14,914.20 from line item 001-041-635-001. Sole Source letter is included for consideration.

- G. Drake** I. Approve request to accept estimates from Columbus Light and Water to build out electrical grid to power Riverwalk cameras and one camera on Gregory Rd in the amount of \$8,950.
- G. Lewis** J. Discuss/ Approve request to apply for the Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund grant for the Columbus Recreation Department in the amount of \$497,250.00. If awarded, the grant match would be \$118,625.00 (in kind) for a grand total of 615,875.00.
- J. Daughtry** K. Discuss/Approve request to hire one (1) custodian contingent upon successful completion of preliminary testing.
- C. Bush** L. Discuss/Approve request to promote employee to one (1) of the two vacant Boom Truck Operator positions.
- C. Bush** M. Discuss/Approve request to fill third (3) vacant Boom Truck Operator position, pending successful completion of all preliminary testing.
- C. Bush** N. Discuss/Approve request to fill vacant Street Sweeper position that was vacated by employee that was promoted, pending successful completion of all preliminary testing.
- C. Bush** O. Discuss/Approve request to hire three (3) Laborers in the Public Works Department, pending successful completion of all preliminary testing.
- J. Garrett** P. Discuss/approve request to fill two (2) vacant positions of Deputy Court Clerk in Municipal Court, pending successful completion of all preliminary tests.
- J. Brigham** Q. Discuss/Consider adopting the millage.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION: