

MAYOR
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**MEETING OF
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS
October 7, 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 for Special Meeting of August 27, 2025 (A.M.)
P. Mitchell B. Approve Minutes for Special Meeting of August 27, 2025 (P.M.)
P. Mitchell C. Approve Minutes for Special Meeting of September 3, 2025
P. Mitchell D. Approve Minutes for Special Meeting of September 9, 2025
P. Mitchell E. Approve Minutes for Special Meeting of September 10, 2025
P. Mitchell F. Approve Minutes of September 16, 2025

IV. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

- J. Brigham** A. October 7, 2025 Docket of Claims

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- J. Garrett** A. Approve request for Mayor to attend the 2026 African American Mayors Association Annual Conference in Washington, DC April 9-10, 2026 and approve payment of registration, hotel, travel, meal expenses in the estimated amount of \$2,700.00.
J. Garrett B. Approve request for Mayor, Councilmembers and General Counsel to attend the 2026 Mississippi Municipal League Midwinter Conference in Jackson, MS from from Jan. 13-15, 2026 and approve payment of registration fees, loading, travel and meal expenses in the estimated amount of \$7,000.
C. Bush C. Approve request for Public Works Assistant Director to attend 2025 Mississippi APWA Fall Conference, Oct. 15-17, 2025, and approve payment for registration, lodging, travel, and meal expenses in the estimated amount of \$1136.95.
D. Hughes D. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "NFPA 1002 Fire Apparatus Driver Operator" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, hotel, travel, books, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the amount of \$735.00.
D. Hughes E. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "Fire Management 101" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, hotel, travel, books, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the amount of \$485.00.

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| J. Daughtry | F. | Approve request for one (1) CPD personnel to attend "Crisis Intervention Team Training" to be held in West Point, MS and approve travel in a city-owned vehicle. |
| J. Daughtry | G. | Approve permit request submitted by Shane Cruse, on behalf of Victory Tabernacle Church, to host a "Fall Block Party" to be held on October 25, 2025, from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at 324 Fifth Street South. See attached map. |
| J. Daughtry | H. | Approve permit request submitted by Barbara Bigelow, on behalf of Main Street Columbus, Inc., to host "The Hitching Lot Holiday Cruise In" to be held on November 22, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Hitching Lot, blocking Third Street North at Second Avenue North and Third Avenue North. |
| J. Daughtry | I. | Approve permit request submitted by Barbara Bigelow, on behalf of Main Street Columbus, Inc., to host the "Christmas Parade" to be held on December 1, 2025, from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. See attached map. |
| J. Daughtry | J. | Approve permit request submitted by Barbara Bigelow, on behalf of Main Street Columbus, Inc., to host "Wassail Fest" to be held on December 5, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in downtown Columbus. Please see attached. |
| J. Daughtry | K. | Approve request for one (1) CPD personnel to attend "Optional OC Instructor Certification" to be held on January 13 -15, 2026, in Hoover, AL and approve payment of a \$100.00 refundable security deposit, lodging, travel and meal expenses in the estimated amount of \$794.00. |
| J. Garrett | L. | Approve the Grant Writer/Administrator to travel to D'Iberville, MS for the Mississippi Office of Homeland Security FY25 grant implementation/orientation meeting with a total cost of \$419.30. |
| J. Daughtry | M. | Approve permit request submitted by Blaine Walters, on behalf of The Bride & Groom, Inc., to block three (3) parking spaces at 120 Fifth Street South to host a Mother of Bride & Groom Sale on October 17 - 18, 2025, blocking to start the afternoon of Thursday, October 16, 2025, until the morning of Monday, October 20, 2025. |
| J. Daughtry | N. | Approve request for one (1) CPD personnel to attend "Basic Bloodstain Pattern Analysis" to be held in Aberdeen, MS and approve payment for registration, travel and meals in the estimated amount of \$1,068.60. |
| J. Daughtry | O. | Approve request for one (1) CPD personnel to attend "Decide & Deploy K-9 and Handler Training" to be held in Gulfport, MS and approve payment for lodging, travel and meal expenses in the estimated amount of \$298.00. |
| G. Lewis | P. | Approve request for one (1) Columbus Recreation Department personnel to attend "Keep Mississippi Beautiful Affiliate Conference" to be held in Louisville, MS, and approve payment of lodging, travel, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the amount of \$320.60. |
| J. Brigham | Q. | Approve request to pay Mississippi Municipal Workers Compensation Group the premium amount of \$170,469.41. |
| G. Lewis | R. | Accept a donation from Jason Wheeler of Wheeler Roofing for roof repair of the Lee Park Pavilion. |

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

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| S. Jones | A. | Comments from Mayor & Council
Domestic Violence Proclamation
Dorothy Givens - Victims' Advocate |
| J. Garrett | B. | Board Vacancies |

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

2 Vacancies, Chuck Bigelow and MacArthur Inge's Terms
3 Year Terms Expired 10/04/2025

Appointments will be made October 21, 2025.

Chuck Bigelow

COLUMBUS-LOWNDES LIBRARY BOARD

1 Vacancy, Randi Robison's Term

5 Year Term Expires 10/16/2025.

Appointment will be made October 21, 2025.

Randy Robison

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

J. Garrett A. Nancy Carpenter - America250

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

S. James A. Discuss/Approve Derelict Property Docket

N. Katona B. Discuss/Approve Short Term Rental Ordinance

J. Garrett C. Approve partnering with Mississippi State University's Cobb Institute of Archaeology and the Department of Anthropology to use remote sensing equipment to identify and mark graves in the historic Sandfield Cemetery.

J. Garrett D. Approve applying for the Urban and Community Forestry Grant through the Mississippi Forestry Commission to conduct a tree inventory at Friendship Cemetery with no match requirement.

D. Hughes E. Discuss/Approve hiring five (5) Entry Level Firefighters pending successful completion of a pre-employment physical exam and drug screen.

J. Daughtry F. Discuss/Approve request to hire one (1) entry-level officer contingent upon successful completion of preliminary testing.

J. Brigham G. Discuss/Approve Request to fill vacant Accounts Payable Clerk position, pending successful completion of all preliminary testing.

J. Brigham H. Discuss/Approve Municipal Compliance Questionnaire.

J. Turnage I. Discuss/Approve Petition and Resolution to Vacate and Abandon Municipal Street.

J. Turnage J. Discuss/Approve Resolution to dispose of surplus property.

J. Turnage K. Consider/Approve access agreement for environmental testing.

P. Mitchell L. Discuss/Approve Employee Dress Code Policy.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A. Personnel Matters (2)

B. Prospective Sale or Leasing of Real Property (1)