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MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS October 21, 2025

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 October 1, 2025, Special Meeting

P. Mitchell B. Approve Minutes of October 7, 2025, Meeting

IV. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

J. Brigham A. Approve Docket of Claims for October 21, 2025

V. CONSENT AGENDA

D. Hughes A. Approve request for one Columbus Fire and Rescue Captain tuition reimbursement, in accordance with the City of Columbus Continuing Educational Reimbursement Policy, in the amount of \$600.00.

D. Hughes B. Approve request for three (3) 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 \$2,100.00.

C. Gilman C. Accept letter of resignation from one (1) Forensic Lab Technician, effective October 2, 2025.

C. Gilman D. Approve request for one (1) Forensic Lab Director to attend "Basic Bloodstain Pattern Analysis" to be held in Aberdeen, MS and approve payment of registration and meals.

J. Daughtry E. Approve permit request submitted by Mildred Brooks, on behalf of St. Paul Episcopal School, to host a "Boo Parade" to be held on October 31, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. See attached map.

J. Daughtry F. Approve permit request submitted by Shanaya Roberts to host a "Fall Carnival" to be held on November 1, 2025, from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at 810 Fir Street, blocking Fir Street at Redwood Street and Catalpa Street.

J. Daughtry G. Approve permit request submitted by LaNise Frison to host the "Burns Bottom Reunion" to be held on September 26, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. blocking 3rd Street North at 5th Avenue North and 7th Avenue North.

J. Daughtry H. Ratify permit request submitted by Betty Morgan to host a "Party" held on October 10, 2025, from 3:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. at 308 - 21st Street North.

J. Daughtry I. Approve permit request submitted by Francena Williams and Debra Pannell, on behalf of Trinity Health Care Center, to host a "Color for Cures Health Walk" to be held on November 7, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. blocking South McCrary Road at Airline Road and North Court.

- J. Daughtry** J. Ratify approval of request for one (1) CPD personnel to attend "Crisis Intervention Training" and approve travel in a city-owned vehicle.
- J. Daughtry** K. Accept letter of retirement from one (1) CPD personnel, effective October 1, 2025, and approve compensation for unused vacation time and request to obtain service weapon by gift or purchase at the price of \$10.00.
- G. Drake** L. Approve request to accept the proposal for the Employee Self-Service addition to the SmartFusion financial software.
- G. Drake** M. Approve request to accept proposal to migrate the on-premise TimeClockPlus system to its cloud-based version.
- G. Drake** N. Approve request to accept proposal of the addition of Parks and Recreation management software to the CivicPlus suite.
- G. Drake** O. Approve request to accept proposal to migrate the on-premise SmartFusion system to its cloud-based version.
- L. Erby** P. Approve Rhonda Hayes Ellis as temporary Judge Pro Tem.
- S. Wilder** Q. Accept a grant from the Mississippi Office of Homeland Security in the amount of \$8,000.00 for a new portable metal detector for the Municipal Complex and authorize the Mayor to sign and execute the Grant Agreement.

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

- S. Jones** A. Comments from Mayor & Council
- S. Jones** B. Special Recognitions
- J. Spears** C. Finance Committee Update
- N. Katona** D. Building Inspection & Code Enforcement - September 2025 Report
- G. Irby** E. Planning & Community Development - September 2025 Report
- D. Hughes** F. Columbus Fire and Rescue - September 2025 Report
- W. Langford** G. Garage - September 2025 Report
- P. Mitchell** H. Human Resources - September 2025 Report
- J. Daughtry** I. Columbus Police Department - September 2025 Report
- R. Bonner** J. Facilities - September 2025 Report
- C. Bush** K. Public Works - September 2025 Report
- C. Gilman** L. Forensic Lab - September 2025 Report
- G. Drake** M. IT - September 2025 Report
- G. Lewis** N. Columbus Recreation Department - September 2025 Report
- J. Brigham** O. Finance - September 2025 Report
- J. Garrett** P. Board Vacancies

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

1 Vacancy, Jarvis Fenster's 1 Year Term Expires 11/19/2025.
Appointment will be made November 18, 2025.

COLUMBUS-LOWNDES LIBRARY BOARD

1 Vacancy, Sameca Gaines 5 Year Term Expired 10/16/2025.
Appointment will be made November 18, 2025.

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

2 Vacancies, Chuck Bigelow and MacArthur Inge's 3 Year Terms Expired 10/04/2025
Appointments will be made October 21, 2025.

Chuck Bigelow

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

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| N. Katona | A. | Discuss/Approve Derelict Property Docket |
| N. Katona | B. | Discuss/Approve recommendations from the October 13, 2025 Planning Commission meeting. |
| D. Hughes | C. | Discuss/Approve Captain George Ryan Thompson taking an online college course under City of Columbus Continuing Educational Reimbursement Policy. |
| G. Irby | D. | Discuss/Approve Awarding Legal Services Contract for Blight Program. |
| G. Irby | E. | Discuss/Approve awarding Inspector Contract for Blight Program |
| J. Spears | F. | Discuss/Consider W.T. Consultants service contract. |
| D. Duston | G. | Discuss/Approve awarding painting of CLCA Hangar in the amount of \$5,700.00 to the lowest responsive bidder. |

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION: