

MAYOR
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**MEETING OF
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS
December 16, 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 December 2, 2025 Meeting

P. Mitchell B. Approve Minutes of the December 10, 2025 Work Session/Meeting

IV. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

J. Brigham A. Approve Docket of Claims for December 16, 2025

V. CONSENT AGENDA

J. Garrett A. Approve request for Administrative Assistant to become a Notary Public at an approximate cost of \$250.00.

J. Garrett B. Approve request for Mayor, City Council, Executive Staff and Department Heads to attend "2026 Strategic Planning Session" to be held at Plymouth Bluff in the amount of \$1,400.

D. Hughes C. Approve request for two (2) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "NFPA 1010 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 \$4,000.00.

D. Hughes D. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "Hazardous Materials Technician" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, hotel, travel, books, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the amount of \$235.00.

D. Hughes E. Approve request for (5) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "MSTAT (Mississippi Trainee Agility Test)" to be held in Starkville, MS, and approve payment of registration, hotel, travel, books, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the amount of \$100.00.

D. Hughes F. Accept letter of resignation from one (1) Fire and Rescue Firefighter, effective December 21, 2025, and approve compensation for any unused vacation leave.

J. Daughtry G. Approve request to send two (2) CPD Officers to the "North Mississippi Law Enforcement Training Center" in Tupelo, Mississippi, approve the cost of reimbursable tuition (\$4,000.00) per officer and reimburse clothing allowance, not to exceed \$350.00 per officer, upon completion of the academy.

J. Daughtry H. Approve request for one (1) CPD personnel to attend "Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Course" in Columbus, Mississippi and approve travel in a city-owned vehicle.

- N. Katona** I. Approve travel request for the Building Inspection Director and Office Manager to attend a one-day Elevation Certificate Workshop in Starkville hosted by the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency on January 27, 2026. There is no cost to the City except for fuel in the city truck there and back.
- N. Katona** J. Approve one Building Inspector to take an online Residential Electrical inspector course at a cost of \$309.00. This course counts toward the Mississippi Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule.
- N. Katona** K. Approve the lowest and best bid of Henry Miller Roofing LLC in the amount of \$7,042.01 to replace the shingle roof on the Farmer's Market annex.
- N. Katona** L. Approve the lowest and best bid of Graham Roofing in the amount of \$38,944.00 to install a white TPO retrofit roof system on the East Columbus Gym.
- P. Mitchell** M. Approve renewal of Notary Bond and required expenses for the Human Resources Director in the estimated amount of \$150.00.
- J. Brigham** N. Approve the 2% Tourism Tax Payment of \$25,000 to Lowndes County, \$20,833.33 to Golden Triangle Development LINK, \$33,333.33 to the City of Columbus and \$145,459.60 to Columbus Visitors Bureau, in the total amount of \$224,626.26.

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

- A. Comments from Mayor & Council
- S. Jones** Special Recognition -- Zion Reed
- C. Bush** B. Public Works - November 2025 Report
- W. Langford** C. Garage - November 2025 Report
- N. Katona** D. Building Inspection and Code Enforcement - November 2025 Report
- D. Hughes** E. Fire and Rescue Department - November 2025 Report
- C. Gillman** F. Forensic Lab - November 2025 Report
- J. Daughtry** G. Police Department - November 2025 Report
- R. Bonner** H. Facilities - November 2025 Report
- G. Irby** I. Planning & Community Development - November 2025 Report
- G. Lewis** J. Recreation Department - November 2025 Report
- J. Brigham** K. Finance - November 2025 Report
- G. Drake** L. Information Technology - November 2025 Report
- P. Mitchell** M. Human Resources - November 2025 Report
- L. Erby** N. Municipal Court - November 2025 Report
- J. Garrett** O. Board Vacancies

GOLDEN TRIANGLE REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

1 Vacancy, Robert Smith's 4 Year Term Expires 12/31/2025
Appointment will be made January 6, 2026.

Robert Smith

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

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| D. Hughes | A. | Discuss/Approve a request from Lowndes Fire Coordinator Jim Robbins for the donation of twelve (12) 1 3/4" surplus fire hose sections. |
| N. Katona | B. | Discuss/Approve recommendations from the December 8, 2025 Planning Commission meeting. |
| P. Mitchell | C. | Discuss/Approve Property, Casualty and Liability Insurance Renewal for 2026. |
| J. Turnage | D. | Discuss/Approve Resolution of Mayor and City Council approving the levy of a 2 percent added tax upon Short-Term Rentals within the City of Columbus. |

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION: