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**MEETING OF
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS
January 6, 2026**

**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 meeting of December 16, 2025.

IV. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

J. Brigham A. Approve Docket of Claims for January 6, 2026

V. CONSENT AGENDA

N. Katona A. Approve travel/accommodation request for one Code Enforcement officer to attend the February Keep America Beautiful Summit in New Orleans, LA for an estimated cost to the City of \$1,209.00 after reimbursement of \$518.00 for two hotel nights.

G. Lewis B. Approve travel request for Program Director/Vice President of Keep Columbus Beautiful to attend the February Keep America Beautiful: Let's Do Beautiful Things Together Summit in New Orleans, LA for an estimated cost of \$1,884.77.

D. Hughes C. Approve request for two (2) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "Fire Department Safety Officer" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, hotel, travel, books, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the amount of \$650.00.

D. Hughes D. Accept letter of resignation from one (1) Fire and Rescue Firefighter, effective January 15, 2026, and approve compensation for any unused vacation leave.

D. Hughes E. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "Fire Life Safety Education Manager" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, hotel, travel, books, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the amount of \$300.00.

J. Daughtry F. Approve request for two (2) CPD personnel to attend "Critical Incident Negotiations Level 1" to be held in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi and approve payment for registration, lodging, travel and meals in the estimated amount of \$3,316.00.

R. Bonner G. Approve Facilities Usage Permit submitted by Frances Glenn on behalf of the Columbus-Lowndes Convention & Visitors Bureau for Complimentary Use of the Lower Level and Patio of the J.M. Trotter Convention Center for Bassmaster High Schol Tournament to be held on April 30, 2026 from 4:00pm-8:00pm.

G. Irby H. Approve request to award bid to Wheeler Roofing, Inc., the lowest responsive bidder at \$4,900.00 for roof repairs to 1022 15th Street South for the Emergency Repair Program.

G. Irby I. Approve request to award bid to Wheeler Roofing, Inc., the lowest responsive bidder at \$4,764.00 for roof repairs to 410 16th Street South for the Emergency Repair Program.

- J. Turnage** J. Approve 4-County Electric Power Association Outdoor Lighting Contract Application & Contract in the amount of \$31.04 per month, plus the kWh cost and the appropriate service charge.
- R. Bonner** K. Approve Facilities Usage Permit submitted by Frances Glenn on behalf of the Columbus-Lowndes Convention & Visitors Bureau for Complimentary Use of Regal Hall for the MS Crappie Club Fishing Tournament to be held on February 6, 2026 from 3:00pm-8:00pm.
- J. Garrett** L. Approve Facilities Usage Permit submitted by Billy Brister on behalf of the MS Alcoholic Safety Education Program for complimentary use of the Courtroom in the Municipal Complex on Mondays from 6:00pm-9:30pm.
- J. Brigham** M. Approve request for payment in the amount \$7,189.24 to Carl Hogan Toyota for mechanical repairs.

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

- A. Comments from Mayor & Council
- J. Daughtry** B. Present Commendations to five (5) CPD Officers
- * Christopher Smith
 - * Jaylan Barry
 - * Justin Robinson
 - * Dijon Shields
 - * Briunna Hardy
- J. Garrett** C. Board Vacancies
- TREE BOARD**
1 Vacancy, Carol Bogges, 3-Year Term Expires 02/07/2026.
Appointment will be made February 3, 2026.
- REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD**
1 Vacancy, Remainder of Brenda Lathan's 5-Year Term, Expires 9/1/2028
Appointment will be made February 3, 2026.
- Ghulam Fani
- Errollyn Gray
- GOLDEN TRIANGLE REGIONAL WASTE
MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY**
1 Vacancy, Robert Smith's 4-Year Term Expired 12/31/2025.
Appointment will be made January 6, 2026.
- Robert Smith

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

- J. Garrett** A. Friendship Benches - Wil' Lani A. Turner

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

- J. Daughtry** A. Discuss/Approve the request of the Columbus Police Department to purchase one (1) Paragon ADA GSA Metal Detector in the amount of \$7,113.32 with funds being reimbursed by the Mississippi Office of Homeland Security.
- P. Mitchell/J. Brigham** B. Discuss/Approve request to Award Bid for (1) New Leaf/Litter Collection and Compaction Unit.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. Personnel Matters (2)

