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MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS February 17, 2026

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 February 3, 2026

P. Mitchell B. Approve Minutes for Meeting of February 11, 2026.

IV. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

J. Brigham A. Approve Docket of Claims for February 17, 2026

V. CONSENT AGENDA

J. Turnage A. Approve Invitation of Bids for Legal Advertising

C. Gilman B. Approve Versaterm Contract for JusticeTrax LIMS-plus Portal.

D. Hughes C. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "Engine Company Operations" 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.

J. Daughtry D. Approve permit request submitted by Nell Bateman, on behalf of Christian Community in Prayer Committee, to host the "Local Observance of the National Day of Prayer" to be held on May 7, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. until 1:00 p.m. in front of the Lowndes County Courthouse, blocking Second Avenue North in front of the Courthouse from 8:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

G. Lewis E. Approve request for one (1) Columbus Recreation Department personnel to attend the Mississippi Dizzy Dean State Meeting for 2026 on February 28, 2026 in Grenada, MS and approve payment for mileage and meals in the amount of \$186.25.

J. Garrett F. Approve payment of 2025-2026 Appropriation for the American Red Cross in the amount of \$15,000.00.

J. Garrett G. Approve payment of 2025-2026 Appropriation for the Columbus Lowndes Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$25,000.00.

J. Garrett H. Approve payment of 2025-2026 Appropriation for the Columbus Redevelopment Authority in the amount of \$25,000.00.

J. Garrett I. Approve payment of 2025-2026 Appropriation for the Golden Triangle Boys & Girls Club in the amount of \$25,000.00.

J. Garrett J. Approve payment of 2025-2026 Appropriation for the Salvation Army in the amount of \$5,000.00.

J. Garrett K. Approve Annual Juneteenth Festival Funding in the amount of \$15,000.00 pursuant to the Inter-local agreement.

N. Katona L. Approve purchase of Brightly Facilities Management software in the prorated amount of

\$3,740.86 for the remainder of the fiscal year.

- N. Katona** M. Approve the lowest and best bid of Magnolia Tree Services in the amount of \$2,500 for the removal 5 trees in front of the Municipal Complex.

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

- A. Comments from Mayor & Council
- J. Daughtry** B. Swearing in of CPD Officer Sawyer Oakes
- J. Spears** C. Update from the Finance Committee
- L. Erby** D. Municipal Court – January 2026 Report
- D. Hughes** E. Columbus Fire and Rescue Department – January 2026 Report
- W. Langford** F. Garage – January 2026 Report
- R. Bonner** G. Facilities – January 2026 Report
- P. Mitchell** H. Human Resources – January 2026 Report
- C. Bush** I. Public Works – January 2026 Report
- J. Daughtry** J. Columbus Police Department – January 2026 Report
- N. Katona** K. Building Inspection & Code Enforcement - January 2026 Report
- C. Gillman** L. Forensic Lab – January 2026 Report
- G. Irby** M. Planning and Community Development – January 2026 Report
- G. Lewis** N. Columbus Recreation Department – January 2026 Report
- G. Drake** O. Information Technology - January 2026 Report
- J. Brigham** P. Finance – January 2026 Report
- J. Garrett** Q. Board Vacancies

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

2 Vacancies, Mac Arthur Inge didn't seek reappointment in Oct. 2025, 3-Year Term.
Qunicy Harris resigned Feb. 10, 2026, Remainder of Term Expires Dec. 1, 2027.
Appointments are scheduled to be made March 17, 2026.

CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

2 Vacancies Melodie Cunningham & David Armstrong,
3-Year Terms, Both Expire 03/03/2026.
Appointments will be made March 3, 2026.

David Armstrong
Melodie Cunningham

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS & APPEALS

1 Vacancy, Chris Chain's 3-Year Term, Expires 03/03/2026.
Appointment will be made March 3, 2026.

**GOLDEN TRIANGLE REGIONAL WASTE
MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY**

1 Vacancy since Dec. 2024 when Kathy Goodwin's Term expired.
Appointment will be made February 17, 2026.

Sedrick Fenster
Nicholas Milam

Errollyn Gray

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

J. Garrett A. Vanessa Walker - God Don't Make No Junk Stage Play

J. Garrett B. Carl Lee - City Government

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

K. Stafford A. Approve BUILD Grant *Resolution* supporting the completion of the Downtown Columbus Main Street and 5th Street Improvements.

N. Katona B. Discuss/Approve recommendations from the January 9, 2026 Planning Commission public meeting.

N. Katona C. Discuss/Approve Waggoner Engineering, Inc. Task Order to create Crime Lab Renovations Conceptual Pre-Design for an hourly rate not-to-exceed \$8,000.

N. Katona D. Discuss/Approve the lowest and best bid from Metro Building Services in the amount of \$56,762 for Municipal Building HVAC work to accommodate the roof rework. The new total project cost is \$445,762.

D. Duston E. Discuss/Approve payment of \$3,860 to Jones Eliete Services to rewire and install new lighting on the fuel sign and replace a light fixture on the fueling facility and red obstruction light to be charged to 001-082-635-001.

D. Hughes F. Discuss/Approve Captain George Ryan Thompson taking an online college course under City of Columbus Continuing Education Reimbursement Policy.

J. Daughtry G. Discuss/Approve the request to promote one (1) CPD Lieutenant to the rank of Captain effective February 17, 2026.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION: