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MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS March 3, 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 17, 2026

P. Mitchell B. Approve Minutes for Meeting of February 25, 2026

IV. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

J. Brigham A. Approve Docket of Claims for March 3, 2026

V. CONSENT AGENDA

D. Hughes A. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "Mississippi Fire Investigators Association (MFIA) Spring Conference" to be held in Oxford, MS, and approve payment of registration, hotel, travel, books, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the amount of \$902.00.

D. Hughes B. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "Fire Department Instructors Conference" to be held in Indianapolis, IN, and approve payment of registration, hotel, travel, books, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the amount of \$0.00.

D. Hughes C. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "Rope Rescue Awareness and 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.

D. Hughes D. Approve request to accept a donation of fitness equipment (Life Fitness Lower Body ARC Trainer).

J. Daughtry E. Approve permit request submitted by Terri Doumit, on behalf of Operation Colony Cats, to host "Zachary's Pawty" to be held on March 15, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at Zachary's Restaurant with streets being blocked from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. blocking Fifth Street North at Second Avenue North and Third Avenue North and Second Avenue North to the driveway/alley opening at the Trotter Convention Center.

J. Daughtry F. Approve request for one (1) CPD personnel to attend "Computer Voice Stress Analyzer" to be held in Biloxi, Mississippi and approve payment for registration, lodging, travel and meal expenses in the estimated amount of \$1,617.00.

J. Daughtry G. Approve permit request submitted by Will Cunningham, on behalf of The Southside Claw and Corn Society, to host "The Southside Clawdown in Possum Town" (crawfish boil) to be held on April 11, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. blocking the 600 block of Second Street South. See attached map.

N. Katona H. Approve the lowest and best bid of Johnson Carpet Center in the amount of \$5,904.00 for the

replacement of the City Hall conference room carpet.

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

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

- A. Comments from Mayor & Council
- D. Hughes** B. Atmos Energy presentation of donation check to Columbus Fire and Rescue.
- S. Wilder** C. Update on the Mississippi Humanities Council/America250 Grant - Alva Temple and Tuskegee Airmen Museum at CLCA
- J. Garrett** D. 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.

Lakeysucha Bailey
Pierre D. Beard, Sr.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS & APPEALS

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

Chris Chain

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

TREE BOARD

1 Vacancy, Carol Boggess, 3-Year Term Expired 02/07/2026.
Appointment will be made March 3, 2026.

Jerry Fortenberry
Jason Palagi

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

- D. Hughes** A. Discuss/Approve the promotion of one (1) Columbus Fire and Rescue personnel from Captain to Battalion Chief, effective date March 9, 2026.
- D. Hughes** B. Discuss/Approve the promotion of two (2) Columbus Fire and Rescue personnel from Engineer to Captain, effective date March 9, 2026.
- D. Hughes** C. Discuss/Approve the promotion of three (3) Columbus Fire and Rescue personnel from Certified Firefighters to Engineer, effective date March 9, 2026.
- K. Stafford** D. Discuss/Approve the installation of two speed humps on Lawrence Drive between Maple Street and Lee Street.
- G. Irby** E. Discuss/Approve Request to purchase four (4) properties for the Columbus Blight Program.

- R. Bonner** F. Discuss/Approve the request for permission to advertise for sealed bids for the J. M. Trotter Convention Center audio/visual redesign.
- J. Brigham** G. Discuss/Approve Preliminary Design Invoice for the Senator Terry Brown Amphitheater in the amount of \$180,094.59.
- J. Brigham** H. Discuss/Approve budget amendment for Bassmaster Elite Tournament in the amount of \$25,000.00, Excavator Repair in the amount of \$31,496.03, Bulldozer Repair in the amount of \$58,552.34 and the 2026 America 250 CAFB Open House Celebration in the amount of \$15,000.00.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. Personnel Matter (1)