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WORK SESSION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS March 31, 2026

CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER
JAMMIE GARRETT

CFO/SECRETARY-TREASURER
JAMES "JIM" BRIGHAM

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

II. PRESENTATION

S. Jones A. Presentation of Proclamation - March as National Athletic Training Month

III. TOPICS

- K. Stafford A. Discuss/Approve awarding Bluecutt @ Leigh signal stripe improvements to JC Cheek for \$7,767.40.
- J. Garrett B. Discuss/Approve acceptance of Fire Chief position in the amount of \$92,700 pending preliminary testing.
- J. Garrett C. Discuss/Approve acceptance of HR Director position in the amount of \$75,000 pending preliminary testing.
- J. Garrett D. Discuss/Approve 2025-2026 Appropriation — Columbus Arts Council \$11,000.00
- J. Garrett E. Discuss/Approve Interlocal Agreement — Market Street Festival \$15,000.00
- J. Turnage F. Discuss/Approve *Resolution* regarding the status and removal of trees within the Burns Bottom Urban Renewal District.
- G. Lewis G. Discuss hiring one (1) full-time temporary worker, one (1) seasonal worker for grass cutting at the Columbus Recreation Department, one (1) Site Supervisor for Sandfield Community Center, and six (6) summer workers to supervise children at the community centers during the summer for the Columbus Recreation Department.
- H. Discuss donation from Columbus Marble Works for the Riverwalk Arboretum Project in the amount of \$500.00 to be accepted by the Mayor and Council.
- S. Wilder I. Discuss accepting a donation in the amount of \$5,000.00 from Glenn Machine Works for the Lt. Col. Alva Temple Museum Project and consider matching his gift with \$2,500.00.
- J. Daughtry J. Discuss request for four (4) CPD personnel to attend "2026 NAMI MS Annual Conference on Mental Health and CIT" to be held in Hattiesburg, MS and approve payment for registration, lodging, travel and meal expenses in the estimated amount of \$2,376.00.
- J. Daughtry K. Discuss request for one (1) CPD personnel to attend the "95th Mississippi Municipal League Annual Conference" to be held in Biloxi, MS and approve payment for registration, lodging, travel and meal expenses in the estimated amount of \$1,206.00.
- J. Daughtry L. Discuss request for one (1) CPD personnel to attend the "NOBLE 50th Annual Training Conference" to be held in Dallas, TX and approve payment for registration, travel, lodging, parking and meal expenses in the estimated amount of \$2,810 and provide funds for parking fees prior to travel.
- J. Daughtry M. Discuss permit request submitted by Jerry Fortenberry, on behalf of Tennessee Williams Tribute, to host "Stella Yell" to be held on April 11, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. blocking College Street at 4th Street South and 5th Street South.
- J. Daughtry N. Discuss permit request submitted by Joyce Dumas, on behalf of the Family Advocacy Program,

to host "Child Abuse Awareness Parade with Stokes Beard Elementary School" to be held on April 24, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. starting at Stokes Beard Elementary School, 311 South MLK, Jr. Drive to 5th Avenue North, left on 24th Street North and left back to 311 MLK, Jr. Drive.

- G. Irby** O. Discuss request to pay Wheeler Roofing for roof repairs to 410 16th Street South in the amount of \$7,199.00 and to 1022 15th Street South in the amount of \$6,430.00
- P. Mitchell** P. Discuss approval to purchase fourteen (14) parcels of tax-forfeited properties and remit payment to the State of Mississippi prior to April 8, 2026.
- P. Mitchell** Q. Discuss request to Award Bid for Legal Publications to be made April 7, 2026.
- P. Mitchell** R. Discuss request to fill vacant positions in the Public Works Department, to include: Truck Driver, Equipment Operator and Street Sweeper Operator.

IV. ADJOURN

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. Personnel Matter (1)