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## MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS April 7, 2026

CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER  
JAMMIE GARRETT

CFO/SECRETARY-TREASURER  
JAMES "JIM" BRIGHAM

### I. CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

### II. CONFIRMATION OF/OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

### III. APPROVE MINUTES FOR PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

- V. Stewart A. Approve Minutes for Special Meeting of March 11, 2026
- V. Stewart B. Approve Minutes for Special Meeting of March 12, 2026
- V. Stewart C. Approve Minutes for Special Meeting of March 17, 2026
- V. Stewart D. Approve Minutes for Meeting of March 17, 2026
- V. Stewart E. Approve Minutes for Special Meeting of March 19, 2026
- V. Stewart F. Approve Minutes for Special Meeting of March 20, 2026
- V. Stewart G. Approve Minutes for Special Meeting of March 31, 2026

### IV. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

- J. Brigham A. Approve Docket of Claims for April 7, 2026

### V. CONSENT AGENDA

- D. Hughes A. Approve request for one Columbus Fire and Rescue Captain tuition reimbursement, in accordance with the City of Columbus Continuing Educational Reimbursement Policy, in the amount of \$600.00.
- D. Hughes B. 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 C. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "NFPA 1030-Fire Inspector" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, hotel, travel, books, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the amount of \$735.00.
- D. Hughes D. Accept letter of retirement from one (1), the Columbus Fire and Rescue Fire Chief, effective April 16, 2026, and approve compensation for unused vacation leave up to 240 hours.
- C. Bush E. Accept letter of retirement from one (1) Public Works laborer, effective April 23, 2026, and approve compensation for unused vacation leave up to 240 hours, and authorize the HR Director to begin the normal recruitment process.
- C. Bush F. Accept letter of retirement from one (1) Public Works truck driver, effective April 30, 2026, and approve compensation for unused vacation leave up to 240 hours, and authorize the HR Director to begin the normal recruitment process.

- C. Bush** G. Accept letter of resignation from one (1) Public Works employee, effective March 26, 2026, and authorize the HR Director to begin the normal recruitment process.
- J. Daughtry** H. Approve 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, travel, lodging and meal expenses in the estimated amount of \$2,376.00.
- J. Daughtry** I. Approve 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, travel, lodging and meal expenses in the estimated amount of \$1,206.00.
- J. Daughtry** J. Approve 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 \$2,810.00 and provide funds for parking costs prior to travel.
- J. Daughtry** K. Approve 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** L. Approve permit request submitted by Joyce Dumas, on behalf of the Family Advocacy Program, to host a "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 to 311 MLK, Jr. Drive.
- J. Daughtry** M. Approve permit request submitted by Sarah Preston-Sykes on behalf of the Golden Triangle Elite Soccer Club to host a soccer tournament to be held April 11th & 12th, 2026 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Championship Loop - 2nd Street Roger Short Soccer Complex.
- G. Lewis** N. Approve 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.
- G. Lewis** O. Accept resignation from Recreation Department Maintenance Technician and approve request to fill the vacant position.
- J. Garrett** P. Approve request to ratify expenses for lodging, meals and related expenses for the Washington DC Legislative Funding trip for the Mayor and City Council.
- S. Wilder** Q. Approve acceptance of \$5,000.00 donation from Glenn Machine Works for the Lt. Col. Alva Temple Museum and Documentary Film Project and matching that donation with \$2,500.00 from the City of Columbus.
- S. Wilder** R. Approve acceptance of \$2,500.00 donation from Dan Duston/Straight Up Aviation, LLC to be used for the Lt. Col. Alva Temple Museum and Documentary Film Project.

#### **VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:**

- R. Smith** A. Autism Awareness — Recognition
- S. Jones** B. Boys and Girls Club Winners Recognition -- Chloe Smith, Military Youth of the Year for Boys and Girls Club and & Adrienne Craddieth, MS Youth of the Year for Boys and Girls club. Both have advanced to the regional level!
- G. Lewis** C. 1 Columbus Diamond Dawgs - Grand Slam Champions
- J. Garrett** D. Board Vacancies

#### **TREE BOARD**

1 Vacancy, Mildred Munroe's 3-Year Term Expires 04/18/2026.  
Appointment will be made April 21, 2026.  
Mildred Munroe

Ashlynd King

## VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

## VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

- D. Hughes** A. Discuss/Approve request to pay North Greenville Fitness \$29,715.00 for employee medical physicals, with funds obtained from the City of Columbus Insurance Rebate fund.
- C. Bush** B. Discuss/Approve promotion of one (1) Public Works Concrete Finisher to an Equipment Operator, and authorize the HR director to begin the normal recruitment process for a Concrete Finisher.
- C. Bush** C. Discuss/Approve request to fill vacant Boom Truck Operator position, pending successful completion of all preliminary testing.
- C. Bush** D. Discuss/Approve request to fill vacant position of Street Sweeper/Operator, pending successful completion of all preliminary testing.
- C. Gilman** E. Discuss/Approve request to fill vacant position of Forensic Lab Technician pending successful completion of all preliminary testing.
- C. Gilman** F. Discuss/Approve request to fill position of Latent Fingerprint Examiner, pending successful completion of all preliminary testing.
- G. Lewis** G. Discuss/Approve request to fill vacant position of Maintenance Technician for the Recreation Department, pending successful completion of all preliminary testing.
- G. Lewis** H. Discuss/Approve request to fill Seasonal Maintenance Technician position for the Recreation Department, pending successful completion of all preliminary testing.
- G. Lewis** I. Discuss/Approve request to fill position of Site Supervisor for Sandfield Community Center and East Columbus Gym, pending successful completion of all preliminary testing.
- G. Irby** J. Discuss/Approve request to Pay Wheeler Roofing \$6,430 for Repairs to 1022 15th Street North from the Emergency Repair Program.
- G. Irby** K. Discuss/Approve request to pay Wheeler Roofing \$7,199 for repairs to 410 16th Street South from the Emergency Repair Grant Program.
- G. Irby** L. Discuss/Approve authorizing the Mayor to approve change orders not to exceed \$2,000 for additional costs to properties apart of the Emergency Repair Grant Program.
- J. Garrett** M. Discuss/Approve hiring Attorney to serve as substitute City Prosecutor at \$200 per case due to conflict of interest.
- J. Garrett** N. Discuss/Approve Judge Pro Tem rate of pay at \$492.75 per day.
- P. Mitchell** O. Discuss/Approve request to award bid for Legal Publications.
- J. Turnage** P. Discuss to Consider/Approve the sale of Municipal SURPLUS Real Property.

## IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. Personnel (1)