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MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS April 15, 2026

CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER
JAMMIE GARRETT

CFO/SECRETARY-TREASURER
JAMES "JIM" BRIGHAM

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

II. TOPICS

- J. Daughtry** A. ***Ratify permit request submitted by Irena McClain, on behalf of the Diabetes Foundation of Mississippi, to host the "Mississippi's Walk for Diabetes - Columbus/Golden Triangle" held on April 12, 2026, from 10:30 am until 4:30 pm at the Riverwalk. See Attached Map.
- J. Turnage** B. ***Discuss/Approve Form of Employment Agreement for Latent Print Analyst and authorize Mayor to execute same.
- K. Stafford** C. ***Discuss City Paving bid update and accept lowest bid for the 2026 Bituminous Hot Mix Overlay and Street Improvements.
- K. Stafford** D. ***Discuss/Approve *Resolution* and grant submission for the 5th Street North Revitalization Scope SS4A (Safe Streets for All) to improve 5th Street from 4th Avenue South (The Columbus Light and Water Headquarters) to 5th Avenue North (Magnolia Bowl- where TAP Project ends.)
- J. Daughtry** E. ***Discuss permit request submitted by Alan Aldridge to host "Porch Fest" to be held April 17-19, 2026 from at 2pm until 10pm each day blocking 3rd Street North (from 2nd Avenue North to 3rd Avenue North) and remaining blocked until the end of the event.
- J. Daughtry** F. Discuss permit request submitted by Marcel Pilate, on behalf of the American Legion Post #69, to host a "Veterans' Day Parade" to be held on November 7, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. with the lineup beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Municipal Complex and parade starting at 1501 Main Street to 5th Street North to Second Avenue North to Lowndes County Courthouse.
- J. Daughtry** G. Discuss travel request for three (3) CPD personnel to attend the "2026 Mississippi Association of Chiefs of Police Summer Educational Conference" to be held June 16-19, 2026 in Biloxi, MS and approve payment for registration, travel, lodging and meal expenses at the estimated cost of \$1,193.63 each.
- C. Yarbrough** H. Discuss travel request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend the "89th Mississippi Firefighters and Fire Chiefs Conference" to be held May 27-31, 2026 in Biloxi, MS and approve payment for registration, travel, lodging and meal expenses at the estimated cost of \$1,240.00
- G. Irby** I. Discuss update on Blight Program
- G. Irby** J. Discuss travel request for Planning and Community Development Secretary/Bookkeeper to attend the "Mississippi Home Corporation Annual Housing Conference" to be held April 29 - May 1, 2026 in Biloxi, MS and approve payment for registration, travel and meal expenses at the estimated cost of \$495.00
- J. Brigham** K. Discuss travel request for Grant Writer to attend the "Mississippi Home Corporation Annual Housing Conference" to be held April 29 - May 1, 2026 in Biloxi, MS and approve payment for registration, travel and meal expenses at the estimated cost of \$867.65
- G. Lewis** L. Discuss selecting a Consultant for Delineation Study for the Kayak Launch Project.

- N. Katona** M. Discuss previous case of John Hancock RV Trailer
- N. Katona** N. Discuss Propst Park Activity Center Electrical Bids
- W. Langford** O. Discuss Bulldozer Repair Estimate that increased from the previous estimate of \$58,552.34 to current estimate of \$79,458.75
- P. Mitchell** P. Discuss Leave Accrual Policy and Amend the Employee Personnel Rules Handbook.
- J. Garrett** Q. Discuss full page ad in the Mississippi Business Journal in the amount of \$1,750.
- S. Jones** R. Discuss 30 notice to terminate Public Information Officer contract and authorize HR director to begin the normal recruitment process for permanent position.

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

IV. ADJOURN