

# City of Columbus

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## MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS April 21, 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 Meeting of April 7, 2026

### IV. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

J. Brigham A. Approve Docket of Claims for April 21, 2026

### V. CONSENT AGENDA

J. Garrett A. Approve full page ad in the Mississippi Business Journal in the amount of \$1,100.

J. Garrett B. Approve request for Mayor and Council to attend the 2026 Mississippi Policy Conference August 6-8, 2026 in Tunica, MS and approve payment for registration, travel, lodging and meal expenses.

J. Garrett C. Approve request for Mayor and Council to attend the 2026 Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Conference August 12-14, 2026 in Point Clear, Ala. and approve payment for registration, travel, lodging and meal expenses.

J. Daughtry D. Approve permit request submitted by Marcel Pilate, on behalf of 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 Fifth Street North to Second Avenue North to Lowndes County Courthouse.

J. Daughtry E. Approve request for three (3) CPD personnel to attend the "2026 Mississippi Association of Chiefs of Police Summer Educational Conference" to be held in Biloxi, Mississippi and approve payment for registration, travel, lodging and meal expenses at an estimated cost of \$1,193.63 each.

C. Yarbrough F. Approve 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.

J. Brigham G. Accept a \$500.00 donation from Neel-Schaffer and a \$500.00 donation from Main Street Columbus for the Riverwalk Arboretum Project.

P. Mitchell H. Approve request to revise Vacation and Sick Leave Accruals, add the change to the Employee Personnel Rules Handbook and distribute to new employees.

N. Katona I. Approve awarding lowest and best bid for Propst Park Activity Center to Beavers Electric in the amount of \$11,200.

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

- A. Comments from Mayor & Council
- S. Jones** Special Recognition for Robert "Bob" Schlobo
- C. Gilman** B. Forensic Lab Report — Q1 and March 2026 Report(s)
- P. Mitchell** C. Human Resources — March 2026 Report
- N. Katona** D. Building Inspection/Code Enforcement — March 2026 Report
- L. Erby** E. Municipal Court — March 2026 Report
- C. Yarbrough** F. Columbus Fire and Rescue — March 2026 Report
- W. Langford** G. Garage — March 2026 Report
- J. Daughtry** H. Columbus Police Department — March 2026 Report
- R. Bonner** I. Facilities — March 2026 Monthly Report
- G. Irby** J. Planning & Community Development — March 2026 Report
- C. Bush** K. Public Works — March 2026 Report
- G. Drake** L. IT — March 2026 Report
- J. Brigham** M. Finance — March 2026 Report
- G. Lewis** N. Columbus Recreation Department — March 2026 Report
- J. Garrett** O. 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

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2 Vacancies, 3-Year Terms, Mac Thatcher's Term Expires 05/02/2026.  
Gary Dantico's Term Expires 05/16/2026.  
Appointments will be made May 19, 2026.

**VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA**

- J. Garrett** A. Autism Awareness Walk - Leonardo Dismukes
- J. Garrett** B. Greg Lewis and Haleigh Spragg - Science Technology Recreation, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STREAM) Program

**VIII. POLICY AGENDA:**

- N. Katona** A. Discuss/Approve request to deny exception to RV parking on John Hancock Street.
- N. Katona** B. Discuss/Approve recommendations from the April 13, 2026, Planning Commission public meeting
- J. Turnage /C. Gilman** C. Discuss/Approve Form of Employment Agreement for Latent Print Analyst and authorize Mayor to execute same.
- W. Langford** D. Discuss/Approve Bulldozer Repair Estimate that increased from the previous estimate of \$58,552.34 to current estimate of \$79,458.75.

- G. Lewis** E. Discuss/Approve advertising Request for Qualifications in the selection of a consultant for a Delineation Study of the Kayak Launch Project.
- J. Turnage** F. Consider/Approve buyer constructing a single family home and combining the two lots he purchased on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue South pursuant to the advertisement for sale.
- G. Irby** G. Discuss travel request for Planning and Community Development Interim Planner 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, lodging and meal expenses at an estimated cost of \$1,420.96.

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- A. Prospective Litigation (1)
- B. Personnel Matter (1)