

# City of Columbus

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## MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS April 29, 2026

CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER  
JAMMIE GARRETT

CFO/SECRETARY-TREASURER  
JAMES "JIM" BRIGHAM

### I. CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

### II. TOPICS

- J. Turnage** A. \*\*\*Discuss/Approve request to sign the Annual FPSI (Fire & Police Selection, Inc.) Contract to receive testing materials for entry-level firefighters.
- G. Lewis** B. \*\*\*Discuss/Approve awarding the best bid for the concession stand contract bids for 2026 baseball and softball season.
- B. Bigelow / G. Lewis** C. Discuss the purchase of a 7 ft. T-Rex statue to be placed at the entrance of the Fossil Park or at a location determined by the City.
- J. Daughtry** D. \*\*\*Discuss/Approve permit request submitted by Johnathan West, on behalf of Carter's Funeral Services, to host "VPC Annual Memorial Celebration" to be held May 2, 2026, from 4:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at 602 - 14th Street North, blocking 14th Street North at 6th Avenue North and 7th Avenue North.
- J. Daughtry** E. Discuss accepting changes to date, location and cost of the previously approved Critical Incident Negotiations Level 1 Training that will now be held May 11-15, 2026 in Pearl, MS and approve adjusted payment of registration, lodging, travel and meal expenses in the amount of \$2,318.00
- J. Daughtry** F. Discuss request for one (1) CPD personnel to attend the "Computer Voice Stress Analyzer Course" to be held May 11-15, 2026 in Biloxi, MS and approve payment for registration, lodging, travel and meal expenses in the estimated amount of \$2,685.00.
- J. Daughtry** G. Discuss request for four (4) CPD personnel to attend "Mississippi Command College" to be held July 12-17, 2026 in Oxford, Mississippi and approve payment for registration, lodging, travel and meal expenses in the estimated amount of \$1,290.00 each.
- J. Daughtry** H. Discuss permit request submitted by Marlon Andrews, on behalf of Columbus High School, to host "Meet the Coach" to be held on May 16, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at Columbus High School, 212 Hemlock Street, blocking Hemlock Street at North Browder Street and North McCrary Road.
- J. Daughtry** I. Discuss permit request submitted by Jeff Smith, on behalf of the Southside Blues Festival Committee, to host the "2026" Southside Blues Festival" to be held on July 2 - 4, 2026, with events on July 2 - 3, 2026, being held from 5:30 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. until 11:30 p.m. on July 4, 2026, blocking 9th Avenue South at 11th Street South.
- J. Sansing** J. Discuss change order proposal (#2) for the Columbus Drainage Improvements to extend the construction contract time to July 31, 2026. Price is not affected by this change.
- K. Glenn** K. Discuss change order proposal for Propost Park Lighting (wire) in the amount of \$5,621.
- K. Glenn** L. Discuss awarding Summerhaven Drive Drainage Improvements to Hannon, LLC, the lowest responsive bidder at \$43,650.00.
- C. Peak** M. Discuss final change order and itemization for the 2024 Bituminous Hot Mix Overlay and Street Improvements Project.

- N. Katona** N. Discuss creation of excavation ordinance and utility company access on newly paved roads.
- N. Katona** O. Discuss recommendation to deny trailer storage on John Hancock or amend the ordinance.
- N. Katona** P. Discuss entering into an agreement with a collection agency for outstanding abatement invoices.
- J. Spears/G. Drake** Q. Discuss Sytes platform costs and functionality
- G. Drake** R. Discuss Avancir Asset Tracking and Inventory Visibility system.
- G. Irby** S. Discuss two (2) properties that have been demolished under the Blight program to be declared as SURPLUS and sold to the highest bidder based on completed requirements.
- G. Irby** T. Discuss request to accept two (2) proposals from Wheeler Roofing as lowest and best bids for roof repairs to 1613 5th Avenue North and 2408 22nd Avenue North.
- P. Mitchell / C. Bush** U. Discuss Awarding Reverse Auction/Bid for the purchase of a New Bucket Truck w/Truck Mounted Telescopic Aerial Device.
- J. Brigham** V. Discuss accepting \$1,788.00 donation from Stephen Ellis' Barn Concert Series for the Riverwalk Arboretum Project.
- J. Garrett/J. Brigham** W. Discuss/Approve advertising Request for Qualifications in the selection of an engineering firm for the FY25 \$3,000,000 Federal Appropriation for the Lower Luxapilla Creek Watershed Project to alleviate flooding in and around Columbus.

**III. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**IV. ADJOURN**