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MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS May 5, 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 from Meeting of April 15, 2026

V. Stewart B. Approve Minutes from Meeting of April 21, 2026

IV. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

J. Brigham A. Approve Docket of Claims for May 5, 2026

V. CONSENT AGENDA

C. Yarbrough A. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "Fire Management 101" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, travel, meals, and other expenses in the amount of \$485.00.

C. Yarbrough B. Approve request for two (2) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "Hazardous Materials-Awareness and Operations" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, travel, meals, and other expenses in the amount of \$420.00.

C. Yarbrough C. Approve request for two (2) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "NFPA 1010: Driver Operator" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, travel, meals, and other expenses in the amount of \$735.00 each.

C. Yarbrough D. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "Heavy Vehicle Rescue School" to be held in Cowpens, SC and approve payment of registration, travel, meals, and other expenses in the amount of \$200.00.

C. Yarbrough E. Approve request for two (2) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "Hazardous Materials Technician Level 1" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, travel, meals, and other expenses in the amount of \$420.00.

J. Daughtry F. Approve request for four (4) CPD personnel to attend "Mississippi Command College" to be held in Oxford, Mississippi and approve payment for registration, travel, lodging and meal expenses in the estimated amount of \$1,290.00 each.

J. Daughtry G. Approve 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 H. Approve permit request submitted by Jeff Smith, on behalf of the Southside Blues Festival Committee, to host the "2026 Southside Blues Festival" to be held 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. Daughtry I. Approve request for one (1) CPD personnel to attend the "Computer Voice Stress Analyzer

Course" to be held May 11 - 15, 2026, in Biloxi, Mississippi and approve payment for registration, lodging, travel and meal expenses in the estimated amount of \$2,685.00.

- J. Daughtry** J. Accept 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** K. Accept letters of resignation from two (2) CPD personnel effective April 16, 2026, and April 29, 2026.
- G. Irby** L. Approve recommendation to award roofing repair contract to Wheeler Roofing in the amount of \$7,000 for 1613 5th Avenue North.
- G. Irby** M. Approve recommendation to award roofing repair contract to Wheeler Roofing in the amount of \$7,100 for 2408 22nd Avenue North.
- G. Irby** N. Approve request to declare 322 22nd Street North and 1610 8th Avenue North surplus properties.
- J. Brigham** O. Accept \$1,788.00 donation from Stephen Ellis' Barn Concert Series for the Riverwalk Arboretum Project.
- G. Lewis** P. Approve placement of a 7 ft. T-Rex statue to be placed in Propst Park for the Dr. John "Jack" Kaye Cretaceous Fossil Park at no cost to the City.
- J. Sansing** Q. Approve 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. Stafford** R. Approve change order proposal for Propst park Lighting (Wire) in the amount of \$5,621.00
- K. Stafford** S. Approve awarding Summerhaven Drive Drainage Improvements to Hannon LLC for the lowest and best responsive bid at \$43,650.00.
- K. Stafford** T. Approve final change order and itemization for the 2024 Bituminous Hot Mix Overlay and Street Improvements Project.
- N. Katona** U. Approve recommendation to deny a RV trailer storage exception on John Hancock Road.
- P. Mitchell** V. Approve bid and make Award for one (1) New Truck Mounted Telescopic Aerial Device (Bucket Truck) to Ingram Equipment at a cost of \$260,167.00.
- L. Harris** W. Approve request for City Council member(s) to attend the National League of Cities' National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials Summer Conference July 15 - July 18, 2026, in Birmingham, Ala. and approve payment of registration, lodging, travel and meals.
- J. Garrett** X. Approve request for Mayor and City Council to attend the 2026 National League of Cities (NLC) Summit November 18 -22, 2026 in Nashville, Tenn., and approve payment of registration, lodging, travel, meals and other expenses.

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

- A. Comments from Mayor & Council
- J. Daughtry** B. Presentation of Commendations to Four (4) CPD Officers
* Sgt. Johnny Vaughn
* Cpl. Rodreiuz Porter
* Ptl. Shynice Watt
* Ptl. Tovaes Chandler
- G. Lewis** C. Special Recognition - Dunn-Seiler Earth Day Plastic Creative Recycling Challenge Project
- G. Jefferson/C. Yarbrough** D. Special Recognition - Acts of Heroism

J. Daughtry E. Special Recognition — Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Officer of the Year
Corporal Antonious Sellers

J. Garrett F. Board Vacancies

TREE BOARD

2 Vacancies, 3-Year Term, Mac Thatcher's Term Expires 05/02/2026.

Gary Dantico's Term Expires 05/16/2026.

Appointments will be made May 19, 2026.

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VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

J. Garrett A. Robert Benton - National Day of Prayer

J. Garrett B. Keep Columbus Beautiful — Tire Bin Locations

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

N. Katona A. Discuss/Approve recording of twenty (20) \$250 or less abatement determinations in the meeting minutes.

Z. Foster B. Discuss/Approve applying for FY2026 FAA AIP Grant for CLCA's Automated Weather Observing System – Phase II.

Z. Foster C. Discuss/Approve applying for FY2026 FAA AIG Grant for the CLCA Open Hangar Construction project.

J. Brigham/J. Garrett D. Discuss/Approve the selection of an engineering firm for the FY25 \$3,000,000.00 Federal Appropriation to be administered by the Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation Commission for the Lower Luxapalila Creek Watershed Project to alleviate flooding in and around Columbus.

J. Spears E. Discuss contract and funding for beaver removal and obstruction removal.

G. Irby F. Discuss/Approve request to hire two (2) Seasonal Workers for Community Outreach.

K. Stafford G. Discuss/Approve awarding base bid only of phase 3 of the Senator Terry Brown Amphitheater to the lowest responsive bidder.

K. Stafford H. Discuss/Approve paving 7th Ave North from 13th Street to Railroad Street in the city-wide paving contract.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A. Prospective Litigation (1)

B. Prospective Purchase of Real Property