# MEETING OF
# THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
# CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS
# November 4, 2025

The Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday November 4, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the Court Chambers of the Municipal Complex. Mayor Stephen Jones presided over the meeting and all Council Members were present. Also present were the General Counsel, the COO, CFO, the Police Chief, HR Director, and all other Department Heads.

## I. CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

Mayor Stephen Jones called the meeting to order and called upon Rev. Stanley McCrary, pastor of Friendship M. B. Church, to offer the Invocation.

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

Council Member Harris made a motion to approve the Agenda as prepared. Council Member Jefferson seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion

The motion carried 6/0.

## III. APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

**A. Approve Minutes for Special Meeting of October 15, 2025.**
**B. Approve Minutes for Meeting of October 21, 2025.**

Council Member Stewart made a motion to approve the Minutes for the Special Meeting of October 15, 2025 and the Regular Meeting of October 21, 2025. Council Member Smith seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

## IV. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS

Council Member Spears made a motion to approve the Docket of Claims for November 4, 2025 in the amount of $250,956.12. Council Member Harris seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

## V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve request for Fire and Rescue Personnel, Colton Birmingham, to attend "*Hazardous Materials Technician"* to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, lodging, use of City vehicle for travel, and reimbursement of meal expenses, total estimated cost of $235.00.

B. Approve request for Fire and Rescue Personnel: Chief Duane Hughes, Training Chief Alan Lewis, Battalion Chief Wes Mims, and Captains Joe Denton and Damon Estes to attend "*NFPA 1001 Graduation"* to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, use of City vehicle for travel and reimbursement of meal expenses, total estimated cost of $175.00.

C. Approve uncontested two (2) day suspension without pay for CPD Employee, I. D. 1635 for a chargeable accident, pursuant to the guidelines.

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Council Member Harris seconded the motion. Mayor Jones called for discussion, and there being none, all Council Members voted in favor of same, with a unanimous vote.

## VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

### A. Comments from Mayor and Council

- Mayor Jones reminded the public of the Veterans Day Parade, scheduled for Saturday, November 8, 2025. The Parade line-up will begin at 9:00 a.m. and the Parade will begin at 10:00 a.m. the Municipal Complex and will end at the Lowndes County Courthouse and wreath laying will be held at 11:00.

- With the exception of Emergency Personnel, City Offices will be closed November 11, 2025 in observance of Veterans Day.

**B. Swearing In of nine (9) CPD Officers and one (1) Honorary Chaplain**

Chief Daughtry came forth and presented six (6) new CPD Officers that recently completed twelve (12) weeks of training at the Tupelo Police Academy, two (2) returning Certified Officers, one (1) returning Part-Time Officer and Mayor Stephen Jones swore the Officers in while they recited the Oath of Office.

- Alexander Vaughn
- Laketa Williams (Rehire)
- Dyana Weston
- Jalin Smith
- Briunna Hardy
- Breanna Williams
- Makhal Tart
- Quartez Temple (Rehire)
- Ronald Richardson (Part-Time)

Mayor Jones then swore in Bennie Coleman as Honorary Chaplain and he recited the Oath of Office.

Chief Daughtry recognized two (2) sisters that were sworn in: Laketa Williams and Breanna Williams.

**C. Update on Highway 45 North Drainage project**

Council Member Spears updated the Mayor and Council on Highway 45 North Drainage Project, beginning with the west side of Hwy. 45 at Holly Hills Road and moving south and the east side of Hwy. 45 near Bank of Commerce and Bluecutt Road moving south. City Engineer Kevin Stafford of Neel-Schaffer, Inc. came forward and elaborated on the project, stating that bids are scheduled to be opened at City Hall November 20, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. and will be discussed at the November 26 Work Session and hopefully we can make a recommendation for approval prior to the end of December. Providing the weather cooperates during the winter, the project should take approximately 90 days to complete.

**D. Discussion of Public Works Ward Scheduling for project planning**

Council Member Spears remarked that he continues to receive great reviews about Public Works and the work they are performing and continued by stating that since grass cutting will be ending, what is being done to ensure that projects are lined up for each ward. The Public Works Director was not present. The Assistant Public Works Director, Bennie Coleman, came forward and shared how they are rotating crews in all wards to perform much needed projects. COO Garrett remarked that she and the I. T. Director are working on a program that will address computerized scheduling for certain projects so that the Council and the public may be better informed.

### E. BOARD VACANCIES

**CITY PLANNING COMMISSION**
1 Vacancy, Jarvis Fenster's 3-Year Term will expire 11/19/2025.
Appointment will be made November 18, 2025.

**COLUMBUS-LOWNDES LIBRARY**
1 Vacancy, Sumeca Gaines' 5-Year Term expired 10/16/2025.
Appointment will be made November 18, 2025.

## VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

### A. Fernando Palomino – Tractor Supply Financial Donation

Mr. Fernando Palomino on behalf of Tractor Supply came forth and presented a financial donation of $500.00 each to the Columbus Fire and Rescue Department, Columbus Police Department and Columbus Air Force Base, recognizing the need to give back to the community. Mayor Jones thanked Mr. Palomino for the generous donation.

### B. Donel Briggs – Travel Season

Mr. Donel Briggs came before the Mayor and City Council requesting financial support. Mr. Briggs previously came before the Mayor and Council and requested $2,500.00 to support five (5) young men. Mr. Briggs also stated that he has $2,500.00 matching funds. The Council discussed the request and asked how the organization would be advertising the City of Columbus. Upon request, General Counsel Turnage discussed the various means the City could legally contribute funding to organization  The COO recommended that this request will be added for discussion at the next work session. No action was taken.

### C. Jerry Fortenberry – Master Gardener State Convention

Mr. Fortenberry, President of Lowndes County Master Gardeners, along with Daphne Bordelon, Vice-President. The purpose of their visit is to inform the

Mayor and Council that the Northeast Master Gardener District will host Master Gardener State Convention in 2027 and they are trying to bring the convention to Columbus and would like to hold it at the Trotter Convention Center and Regal Hall. He has been given a price of $9,000 to bring approximately 225 participants for four (4) days, which would be a positive economic impact for the City. He asked that the rental fees for the City facilities be discounted. Mayor Jones recommended that these sponsors meet with the Columbus Visitors' Bureau. No action taken.

**D. Joseph Murphy – Court Practices**

Mr. Joseph Murphy came before the Mayor and Council to discuss the Municipal Court Department and opined that the services rendered are inefficient. He continued to discuss traffic stops made by CPD and remarked that the tickets written are not legible to the point that the court date is not visible. Key personnel need to meet to devise ways to create efficiency. No action was taken.

## VIII. POLICY AGENDA

**A. Discuss/Approve the request of the Columbus Police Department to purchase four (4) Stalker Dual Radar units from Stalker in the amount of $6,786.00 with funds being reimbursed by the Mississippi Office of Highway Safety Grant.**

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve the purchase of four (4) Stalker Dual Radar units from Stalker in the amount of $6,796.00 with funds being reimbursed by the Mississippi Office of Highway Safety Grant. Council Member Greene seconded the motion. CFO Brigham remarked that before the purchase can be made, two (2) quotes must be attached to the purchase order. Chief Daughtry stated that he had produced two quotes – one from Stalker Radar Applied Concepts, Inc. and the other from Kustom Signals, Inc. for $9,972 which were attached to the electronic agenda, but would double check to ensure they were attached to the purchase order.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

**QUOTES FOLLOW:**

STALKERradar
applied concepts, inc.

855 E. Collins Blvd.
Richardson, TX75081
Phone: 972-398-3780
Fax: 972-398-3781

National Toll Free: 1-800- STALKER

Inside Sales Partner: John Paul
+1-972-801-4874
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# Quote
# 2112836

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**Date:** 10/09/2025

**Effective From:** 10/09/2025 **Valid Through:** 01/07/2026 Lead Time: 55 working days

| **Bill To:** | **Customer ID: 107652** | **Ship To:** | *FedEx Ground* |
|---|---|---|---|
| Columbus Police Dept<br>1501 Main Street<br>Columbus, MS 39701-4971 | Accounts Payable | Columbus Police Dept<br>1501 Main St<br>Columbus, MS 39701-4971 | Sergeant Johnny Vaughn |

| Grp | Qty | Package | Description | Wrnty/Mo | Price | Ext Price |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 4 | 805-0022-00 | Dual - 2 Antenna Radar System | 36 | $1,699.00 | $6,796.00 |
| **Ln** | **Qty** | **Part Number** | **Description** | | **Price** | **Ext Price** |
| 1 | 4 | 200-0998-50 | Dual Enhanced Counting Unit, 1.5 PCB, ARM Processor | | | $0.00 |
| 2 | 4 | 200-1571-00 | Dual SL Modular OSC Display | | | $0.00 |
| 3 | 8 | 200-1468-00 | Dual DSR Ka Antenna | | | $0.00 |
| 4 | 4 | 200-0920-00 | Dual SL Remote Control w/Screw Latch | | | $0.00 |
| 5 | 4 | 200-0769-00 | 25 MPH/40 KPH KA Tuning Fork | | | $0.00 |
| 6 | 4 | 200-0770-00 | 40 MPH/64 KPH KA Tuning Fork | | | $0.00 |
| 7 | 4 | 200-0243-00 | Counting/Display Tall Mount | | | $0.00 |
| 8 | 4 | 200-0244-00 | Antenna Dash Mount | | | $0.00 |
| 9 | 4 | 200-0245-00 | Antenna Tall Deck Mount | | | $0.00 |
| 10 | 4 | 200-0648-00 | Display Sun Shield | | | $0.00 |
| 11 | 4 | 155-2591-08 | 8 Foot Antenna Cable, IP67 | | | $0.00 |
| 12 | 4 | 155-2591-20 | 20 Foot Antenna Cable, IP67 | | | $0.00 |
| 13 | 4 | 200-0622-00 | VSS Cable Kit | | | $0.00 |
| 14 | 4 | 200-0820-00 | Dual Manual Kit | | | $0.00 |
| 15 | 4 | 006-0096-00 | Fan Noise Suppression Addendum - Dual SL | | | $0.00 |
| 16 | 4 | 005-1468-00 | Dual Certified Package | | | $0.00 |
| 17 | 4 | 035-0361-00 | Shipping Container, Dash Mounted Radar | | | $0.00 |
| 18 | 4 | 060-1000-36 | 36 Month Warranty | | | $0.00 |
| 19 | 4 | 006-0147-00 | Certificate of Accuracy, Stalker Dual/DSR/SII/2X | | | $0.00 |
| | | | | | **Group Total** | $6,796.00 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Product | $6,796.00 | Sub-Total: | $6,796.00 |
| Discount | $0.00 | Sales Tax 0% | $0.00 |
| | | Shipping & Handling: | $0.00 |
| Payment Terms: Net 30 days | | **Total: USD** | **$6,796.00** |

Vehicle Information:
2025 Dodge Durango

This Quote or Purchase Order is subject in all respects to the Terms and Conditions detailed at the back of this document. These Terms and Conditions contain limitations of liability, waivers of liability even for our own negligence, and indemnification provisions, all of which may affect your rights. Please review these terms and Conditions carefully before proceeding.

KUSTOM SIGNALS INC

MPH INDUSTRIES

Address 316 East 9th Street
Owensboro, KY 42303
USA

MPH Industries, Inc.
316 East 9th Street
Owensboro KY 42303

Quote Number 00018515

Created Date 10/21/2025
Expiration Date 2/6/2026

Prepared By Brandy Atherton
Phone (270) 685-6418
Fax (270) 685-6288
Email bmatherton@mphindustries.com

Quote To:

Bill To Name COLUMBUS POLICE DEPT
Bill To 1501 MAIN ST
COLUMBUS, MS 39701
USA

Ship To Name COLUMBUS POLICE DEPT
Ship To 1501 MAIN ST
COLUMBUS, MS 39701
USA

| Product Code | Quantity | Product Description | Sales Price | Total Price |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 57 | 4.00 | Golden Eagle II Dual KA Antennas with DSP, TruTrak™ VSS, and Smart Patrol Search | USD 2,445.00 | USD 9,780.00 |

Totals

| | |
|---|---|
| Subtotal | USD 9,780.00 |
| Shipping and Handling | USD 192.00 |
| Total Amount | USD 9,972.00 |

* Applicable Sales Tax Not Included. Seller may charge Buyer a 25% restocking fee.

Quote Acceptance

Signature ______________________

Name ______________________

Title ______________________

Date ______________________

**B. Discuss/Approve the Revised Organization Chart.**

The Organization Chart has been revised and approval is requested. Council Member Stewart made a motion to approve the revised Organization Chart. Council Member Smith seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion, except Council Member Harris, who opposed.

The motion carried 5/1.

**REVISED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART FOLLOWS:**

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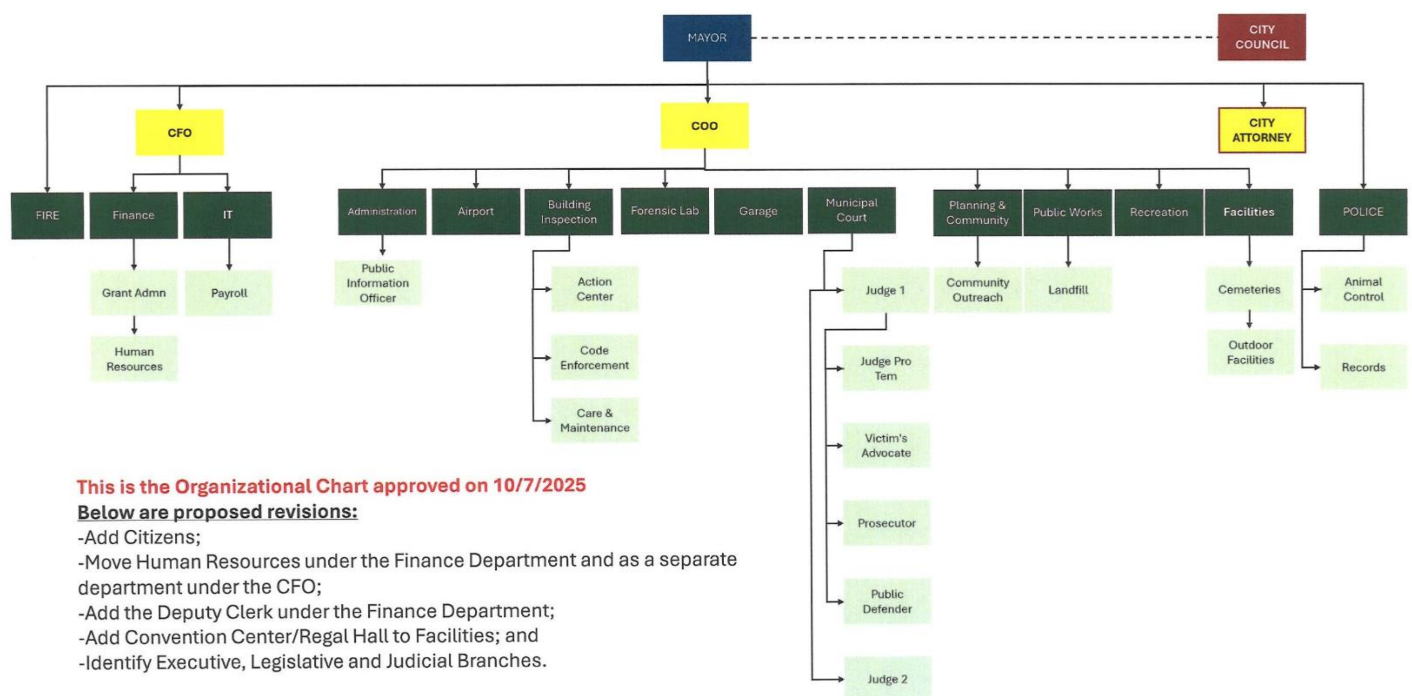
## ORGANIZATION CHART




**This is the Organizational Chart approved on 10/7/2025**

**Below are proposed revisions:**

-Add Citizens;
-Move Human Resources under the Finance Department and as a separate department under the CFO;
-Add the Deputy Clerk under the Finance Department;
-Add Convention Center/Regal Hall to Facilities; and
-Identify Executive, Legislative and Judicial Branches.

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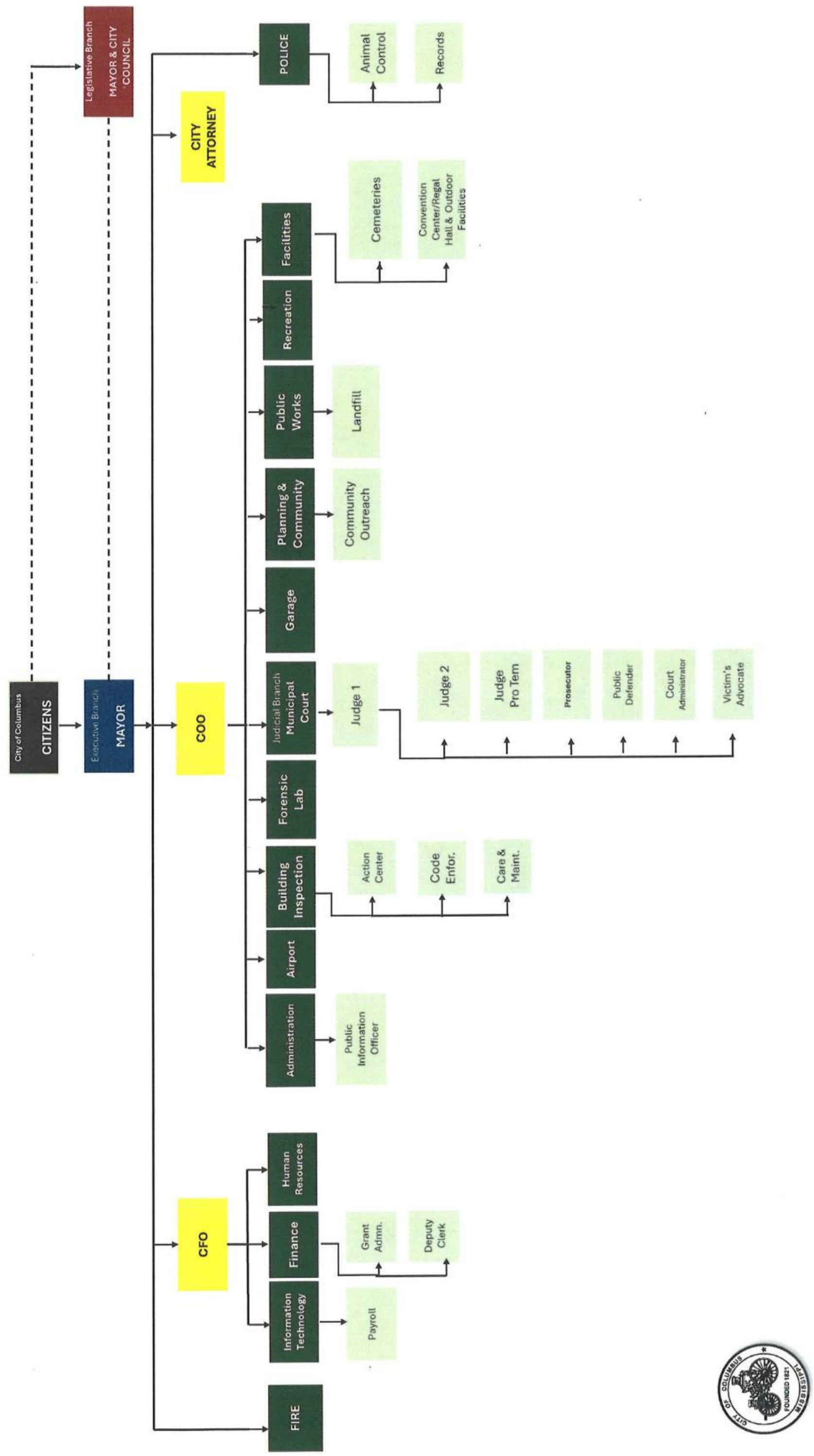

**C. Discuss/Approve Change Order No. 1 for Columbus-Lowndes County Airport's Replacement of Terminal Windows/Doors project in the amount of $4,950.00 for access controls.**

Zach Foster, engineer with Neel-Schaffer, Inc. came before the Mayor and Council and reported that this project is funded by the Department of Energy Life Grant and was applied for by Lowndes County. The Grant requires no matching funds and requested an additive change order to add a maglock/keypad for access control to the front door. Council Member Greene made a motion to approve Change Order No. 1 for Columbus-Lowndes County Airport's Replacement of Terminal Windows/Doors project in the amount of $4,950.00 for a maglock/keypad for access control. Council Member Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

**CHANGE ORDER FOLLOWS:**

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**CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER**

OWNER: LOWNDES COUNTY

CONTRACTOR: American Glass Company, Inc.

DATE: 9/26/25

CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 PROJECT NO.: **NS.2409.025**

PROJECT NAME: CLCA Terminal Windows and Doors Replacement

REASON FOR CHANGE: Added maglock/keypad for access control to front door.

YOU ARE HEREBY REQUESTED TO COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES FROM THE CONTRACT PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, CONTRACT DOCUMENTS: (USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF REQUIRED)

| REVISED QUANTITY AND AMOUNT | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ITEM NO. | PAY ITEM DESCRIPTION | UNIT | QTY | UNIT COST | TOTAL CONTRACT |
| 1 | Access Control (Maglock, motion sensor, push button keypad, power supply, install, and prep.) | EA | 1 | $ 4,950.00 | $ 4,950.00 |

| | |
|---|---|
| NET INCREASE/DECREASE THIS CHANGE ORDER | $ 4,950.00 |
| ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT | $ 73,260.00 |
| CURRENT CONTRACT AMOUNT | $ 73,260.00 |
| INCREASE PER CHANGE ORDER NUMBER NO. 1 | $ 4,950.00 |
| REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT | $ 78,210.00 |
| CURRENT CONTRACT TIME (Calendar Days) | N/A |
| TIME EXTENSION REQUIRED BY CHANGE (0 Calendar Days) | |
| REVISED CONTRACT TIME (Calendar Days) | |

THIS DOCUMENT SHALL BE AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT AND ALL PROVISIONS OF THE CONTRACT WILL APPLY.

RECOMMENDED BY: ______________ ENGINEER DATE 9/26/25

ACCEPTED BY: ______________ CONTRACTOR DATE 10/10/25

APPROVED BY: ______________ OWNER DATE ______

**D. Discuss/Approve Change Order No. 1 for CLCA AWOS III Construction – Phase I Project, in the amount of $7,055.13 due to the suspension of all active burn permits.**

Zach Foster reported that the Fire Department suspended all burn projects due to drought conditions and wind which suspension forced the contractors to demobilize their equipment and move to another project. The Contractor has resumed burning on November 3, 2025. Council Member Smith made a motion to approve Change Order No. 1 for CLCA AWOS III Construction – Phase I Project, in the amount of $7,055.13 due to the suspension of all active burn permits resulting in a delay to critical path work of the contractor who demobilized to avoid incurring stand-by time and cost. Council Member Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

**CHANGE ORDER FOLLOWS:**

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## CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER

OWNER: City of Columbus

CONTRACTOR: Castle Energy Group, LLC

DATE: October 15, 2025

CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 PROJECT NO.: NS.19199.000

PROJECT NAME: Columbus-Lowndes County Airport AWOS III CONST. – PHASE I

REASON FOR CHANGE: Due to unforeseen drought conditions, the City of Columbus issued a burn ban and suspended all active burn permits. This action delayed critical path work involving on-site burning and required the Contractor to demobilize from the site and subsequently remobilize to avoid incurring standby time and costs. Contract time was suspended effective October 2, 2025, and will resume once conditions improve and the burn ban is reinstated.

YOU ARE HEREBY REQUESTED TO COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES FROM THE CONTRACT PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, CONTRACT DOCUMENTS: (USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF REQUIRED)

| ITEM NO. | PAY ITEM DESCRIPTION | UNIT | ORIGINAL QUANTITY | REVISED QUANTITY | UNIT COST | TOTAL CONTRACT ADJUSTMENT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| C-105-6.1a | Remobilization | CY | 0 | 1 | $ 7,055.13 | $ 7,055.13 |
| | | | | | | |
| NET ***INCREASE*** THIS CHANGE ORDER | | | | | | $ 7,055.13 |
| ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT | | | | | | $ 71,243.00 |
| CURRENT CONTRACT AMOUNT | | | | | | $ 71,243.00 |
| REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT | | | | | | $ 78,298.13 |
| CURRENT CONTRACT COMPLETION DATE | | | | | | November 4, 2025 |
| TIME EXTENSION REQUIRED BY CHANGE (Calendar Days) | | | | | | TBD |
| REVISED CONTRACT TIME | | | | | | TBD |

THIS DOCUMENT SHALL BE AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT AND ALL PROVISIONS OF THE CONTRACT WILL APPLY.

RECOMMENDED BY: Zed Post ENGINEER October 15, 2025 DATE

ACCEPTED BY: Janna Brown CONTRACTOR 10/22/2025 DATE

APPROVED BY: ________ OWNER ________ DATE

**E. Discuss/Approve Applying for MDOT's FY2026 SMIF Grant for Terminal Renovation Project.**

Zach Foster reported that this grant is due by November 15, 2025 by MDOT. The grant amount is $300,000.00 and does not require a match, but the County approved a 10% match to be split between the City and County, which nets to $15,000.00 each. Mr. Foster stated that agreement to provide matching funds enhances the likelihood of a grant award. CFO Brigham remarked that the City's match can be paid out of the Special Projects Fund. Council Member Stewart made a motion to approve applying for MDOT's FY2026 SMIF Grant for Terminal Renovation Project. Council Member Greene seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Mayor then asked if there was any other business to come before the Mayor and City Council. There being none, Mayor Jones announced that the meeting was ADJOURNED.

**Approved by:** ____________________________ ____________________________

**Stephen Jones, Mayor** **James "Jim" Brigham**
**CFO/Secretary-Treasurer/Clerk**

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