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MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS July 1, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

II. CONFIRMATION OF/OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

III. APPROVE MINUTES FOR PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

P. Mitchell A. Approve Minutes of June 26, 2025 Special Meeting

IV. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

J. Brigham A. Approve Docket of Claims for July 1, 2025

V. CONSENT AGENDA

J. Garrett A. Approve the reappointment of Gary Street Goodwin, Esq. as Interim Municipal Court Judge.

J. Garrett B. Approve the reappointment of Nicole Clinkscales, Esq. as Interim City Prosecutor.

J. Garrett C. Approve the reappointment of Amanda Meadows, Esq. as Interim Public Defender.

J. Garrett D. Approve request to advertise for the positions of Court Administrator, Deputy Court Clerk and Court Clerk.

J. Garrett E. Approve renewing surety bonds for Councilwoman Ward I, Councilman Ward III, Chief Operations Officer, Chief Financial Officer/City Clerk and Staff Accountant.

J. Garrett F. Approve surety bonds for Mayor, Councilman Ward II, Councilwoman Ward IV, Councilman Ward V, Councilman Ward VI, Deputy City Clerk, Parks & Recreation Director, Court Administrator, Facilities Director, Building Inspector and Public Works Director.

J. Garrett G. Approve expenditure request of \$3,000.00 for five (5) sites (\$600.00 per site) for National Night Out on Crime, to be held on August 5, 2025 with the funds to be taken from line item 001-004-695 (Advertising City Resources) pursuant to Section 17-3-1 of the Mississippi Code which finds the said amount is a legitimate expense that will advertise and bring into favorable notice the opportunities, possibilities and resources of the City of Columbus.

S. James H. Approve Code Enforcement accepting donation of (1) utility trailer from Keep Mississippi Beautiful.

D. Hughes I. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "NFPA 1041 Fire Service Instructor" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, hotel, travel, books, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the amount of \$500.00.

D. Hughes J. Approve request for two (2) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "Haz-Mat Awareness and Operations (A & O)" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, hotel, travel, books, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the amount of \$400.00.

D. Hughes K. Approve request for four (4) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) review course" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of

registration, hotel, travel, books, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the amount of \$250.00.

- J. Daughtry** L. Approve request for a Victim Advocate to attend "Apply Yourself Advocacy Convening 2025" to be held in Biloxi, Mississippi, July 9-11, 2025 and approve travel expenses in the estimated amount of \$358.40.
- J. Daughtry** M. Approve request for one (1) Crime Lab Director to attend "Digital Forensics" via an online self-paced course with a registration fee of \$3,499.00.
- J. Daughtry** N. Approve permit request submitted by Sharon Jones, on behalf of Paroled 2 Pride and Fifteenth Street Church, to host a "Back to School Drive" to be held on July 18, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Fifteenth Street Church, 917 - 15th Street North blocking 15th Street North at 9th and 10th Avenue North. See attached flyer.
- J. Daughtry** O. Approve request for one (1) CPD personnel to attend "Search/Arrest Warrant Service Operator Level 1" to be held in Meridian, Mississippi, August 5-6, 2025 and approve payment for meal and travel expenses in the estimated amount of \$186.00.
- J. Daughtry** P. Approve request for one (1) CPD personnel to attend "Executing Search Warrants" to be held in Meridian, Mississippi and approve payment for meal and travel expenses in the estimated amount of \$118.00.
- J. Daughtry** Q. Approve request for two (2) CPD personnel to attend "NOBLE 49th Annual Training Conference" to be held in Hollywood, Florida on August 8-12, 2025 and approve payment of registration, travel, lodging and meal expenses in the estimated amount of \$5,368.
- J. Daughtry** R. Ratify permit request submitted by Angela Verdell, on behalf of Stephen Chapel M.B. Church, to host "Vacation Bible School" held on June 27, 2025, from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. blocking Joe Lee Peoples Loop at 6th and 7th Avenue North.
- G. Irby** S. Request for Interim Planner to attend the Tenn-Tom Waterway Development Council Annual Meeting in Point Clear, Alabama at a cost of \$1,363 plus additional transportation cost.
- W. Blunt** T. Accept letter of resignation from the Court Administrator effective July 14, 2025 and approve compensation for unused, accrued vacation leave up to 240 hours.
- W. Blunt** U. Accept voluntary resignation of Court Clerk.
- G. Lewis** V. Approve Facilities Usage Permit for Southside Blues Festival.
- G. Lewis** W. Approve Facilities Usage Permit for Sim Scott.

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

- A. Comments from Mayor & Council
- S. Jones** B. Special Recognition - Barbara Bigelow
Charles Beasley Outstanding Main Street Director of the Year Award
- J. Garrett** C. Board Vacancies

MUNICIPAL ELECTION COMMISSION

5 Vacancies, 4-Year Terms, All Expire 06/30/2025
Penesha McDowell, Helen Pridmore,
Beverley Odom, Julie C. Parker, Linda J. Harris
Appointments will be made July 1, 2025.

Penesha McDowell Harrison

Jamonica Short

Robert Raymond

Linda Harris

Gail Clark

Josh Clemons

Irma Moore

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT & APPEALS of DEVELOPMENT CODES

1 Vacancy, 3 -Year Term, Quinn Brislin's Term Expires 07/02/2025.

Appointment will be made July 1, 2025.

Quinn Brislin

CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

1 Vacancy, 3-Year Term, Term Expires 03/03/2026

Whirlie Byrd Resigned June 17, 2025.

Appointment will be made August 5, 2025.

David Armstrong

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

1 Vacancy, 5-Year Term, Term Expires 09/05/2027

Jason Spears Resigned June 27, 2025.

Appointment will be made August 5, 2025.

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

J. Garrett A. George Lowe - Community Development Survey Data

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

S. James A. Discuss/Approve Derelict Property Docket

K. Stafford B. Discuss/Approve awarding Bluecutt & Leigh Drive Signal Improvements bid to the lowest responsive bidder to Powell Construction Services, Inc., in the amount of \$261,340.00.

D. Hughes C. Discuss/Approve request to apply for a Mississippi Emergency Management Agency building generator grant for \$ 223,934.00. If awarded, the 25% grant match from the city would be \$55,983.50.

L. Dismukes D. Discuss/Approve request to hire two (2) Seasonal Workers for Community Outreach.

J. Garrett E. Discuss/Approve Agreement for Engineering Services.

J. Garrett F. Discuss/Approve the appointment of one (1) City Councilmember to the Columbus Lowndes County Airport Board.

J. Garrett G. Discuss/Approve selection of Vice Mayor.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A. Personnel Matter (1)