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MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS May 13, 2026

CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER
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JAMES "JIM" BRIGHAM

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

II. TOPICS

- J. Turnage** A. ***Discuss/Approve *Notice of Sale of Surplus Municipal Property* and *Resolution Declaring Certain Municipal Property as Surplus and Authorizing the Sale of Said Property*.
- J. Turnage** B. ***Discuss to Consider/Approve *Resolution* supporting Opportunity Zone nomination for specified Census Tract.
- G. Lewis** C. Discuss two (2) Columbus Recreation Department employees attending the STREAM and Gaming Implementation in Mobile, AL on June 19th-20th in the estimated amount of \$988.
- G. Lewis** D. Discuss facilities usage request by Tony Price on behalf of Kingdom Vision Church to host a Back 2 School Drive at the Sandfield Pavilion on July 18, 2026, from 10am-2pm.
- G. Lewis/Q. Walker** E. Discuss the Event Corporation Agreement between the City of Columbus Recreation Department and the Columbus Arts Council for the *Blues on the River* Event on July 18, 2026.
- Q. Walker** F. Discuss request from the Columbus Arts Council to sell beer and wine for *Blues on the River* on July 18, 2026.
- C. Lawrence** G. Discuss request from the Juneteenth Festival Committee to sell beer and wine for *the Juneteenth Festival* on June 20, 2026.
- K. Stafford / B. Bigelow** H. Discuss the "Mississippi Main Street Revitalization Grant MOA and Sub-Grant Agreement"
- C. Yarbrough** I. Discuss request to grant the Columbus Fire and Rescue Department access to Fire Insurance bate Funds for fire boots, coats/pants turnouts in the amount of \$36,838.00 plus freight, fire ses in the amount of \$14,550.00 and fire engine 21 pump repair in the amount of \$19,450.54.
- C. Yarbrough** J. Discuss to approve the Columbus Fire and Rescue Department hiring 18-yr-old applicants.
- C. Gilman** K. Discuss applying for the BJA FY25 Rural Law Enforcement Violent Crime Reduction Initiative.
- G. Irby** L. Discuss MOU with the Mississippi Home Corporation for the Columbus Blight FY 2023 Community Project Funding Grant.
- G. Irby** M. Discuss the Purchase of two (2) properties (1220 Ash Street and 2007 Washington Street) through the Columbus Blight FY2023 Community Project Funding Grant
- J. Brigham** N. Discuss acceptance of ccontribution in the amount of \$15,000.00 from the Columbus-Lowndes Convention & Visitors Bureau for the Alva Temple Documentary.
- J. Daughtry** O. Discuss permit request submitted by Colin Krieger to host a "Charity Boil for Homeless Coalition" to be held on May 24, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the 500 block of 8th Street North.
- J. Daughtry** P. Discuss permit request submitted by Barbara Bigelow and Carrie Martin, on behalf of Main Street Columbus/Chamber of Commerce, to host "Sounds of Summer" to be held on June 11, 2026, and June 25, 2026, from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. each date at the Roger Short Soccer

Complex blocking the portion of the street that runs to the west of the pavilion across from the Farmers' Market.

- J. Daughtry** Q. Discuss permit request submitted by Roderick Smith to host "East Columbus Day Festival" to be held on August 8, 2026, from 3:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. at East Columbus Gym/Stage, 222 Lawrence Drive.
- J. Daughtry** R. Discuss permit request submitted by Leroy Brooks, on behalf of Juneteenth - Columbus, Inc., to host the "Juneteenth Festival" to be held on June 20, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. blocking 20th Street North at 8th Avenue North and 10th Avenue North.
- J. Daughtry** S. Discuss permit request submitted by Mary Coleman, on behalf of We Are Southside, to host a "Southside Homecoming Parade" to be held on July 4, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. starting at Mitchell Elementary School, 15th Street South to Hank Aaron Park, 11th Avenue South. See attached map.
- J. Daughtry** T. Discuss request for two (2) CPD personnel to attend an "Interview and Interrogation Course" to be held in Pearl, Mississippi and approve payment for registration, travel, lodging and meal expenses in the estimated amount of \$1,822.00.
- J. Daughtry** U. Discuss request to hire one (1) entry-level officer and three (3) certified officers contingent upon successful completion of preliminary testing.
- J. Spears** V. Discuss contract and funding for beaver removal and obstruction removal.

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

IV. ADJOURN