

# City of Columbus

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## MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS May 27, 2026

CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER  
JAMMIE GARRETT

CFO/SECRETARY-TREASURER  
JAMES "JIM" BRIGHAM

### I. CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

### II. TOPICS

- J. Spears** A. \*\*\*Discuss/Approve April Finance Report
- G. Lewis** B. \*\*\*Discuss/Approve applying for the Mississippi Arts Commission Matching Grant not to exceed \$1,000 with 1:1 match. The deadline to apply is June 1, 2026.
- G. Lewis** C. \*\*\*Discuss/Approve Facilities Usage Permit submitted by Advocate Assistant Jaqueline Brown on behalf of Turning It Around Ministries to host The "Orange for Life Gun Violence Awareness" Event to be held at Propst Park from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.
- G. Lewis** D. \*\*\*Discuss/Approve applying for the Quality-of-Life Event Grant (Columbus-Lowndes Convention and Visitors Bureau) due on June 30, 2026. This is a reimbursable grant.
- J. Brigham** E. \*\*\*Discuss/Approve request for new Human Resources Director to attend the 95th Annual MML Conference in Biloxi, MS with an estimated amount of \$1,515.22.
- G. Irby** F. \*\*\*Discuss/Approve request to ratify change of addresses of two (2) previously purchased properties on the Blight Program.
- J. Turnage** G. \*\*\*Discuss/Approve general counsel to execute joinder and waiver to confirm tax title to various parcels in Burns Bottom.
- J. Turnage** H. \*\*\*Consider/Approve extension to July 7, 2026 to close on Woody's on the Water parcel.
- J. Turnage** I. Introduce street legal golf-cart ordinance
- J. Turnage** J. Discuss request to Sign Lease Agreement.
- J. Turnage** K. Discuss granting Mayor Jones authorization to execute the Wayfinding Grant Agreement.
- C. Yarbrough** L. Discuss applying for the FY25 Assistance to Firefighters Grant for Columbus Fire and Rescue for a new fire truck with a 10% non-federal cash match requirement.
- C. Yarbrough** M. Discuss request for one (1) Fire and Rescue Personnel to attend the Southeastern Association of Fire Chiefs Conference in Savannah, GA at no cost to the City. Chief Yarbrough serves as the State Director of Mississippi for the Fire Chiefs Association.
- R. Bonner** N. Discuss Mowing Contract for Friendship and Sandfield (Historical) Cemeteries.
- P. Mitchell /  
R. Bonner** O. Consider/Approve Awarding Bid / Reverse Auction for New audio/Visual System for Trotter Convention Center
- C. Bush** P. Discuss Mowing Contract for Bypass Cutting.
- J. Sansing** Q. Discuss Change Order #3 for the ARPA Drainage Improvements Project at no increased cost.
- N. Katona** R. Discuss the new Care and Maintenance Report and desired content.
- J. Spears** S. Discuss getting quotes for drainage clean-out work to clear and identify problems using remaining ARPA funds.

- J. Garrett**      T.    Discuss request for Victims' Advocate Coordinator to attend the "Domestic Violence Conference" to be held in Jackson, Mississippi on June 11, 2026 and approve payment for travel expense in the estimated amount of \$223.30.

**III. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A. Personnel Matters (3)

**IV. ADJOURN**