

City of Columbus

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MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS June 2, 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 for Meeting (Work Session) of May 13, 2026

V. Stewart B. Approve Minutes for Meeting of May 19, 2026

IV. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

J. Brigham A. Approve Docket of Claims for June 2, 2026.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

G. Irby A. Approve request to *Ratify* correction of addresses for two (2) previously purchased properties on the Blight Program; 1301 9th Avenue North and 1014 10th Street South.

J. Sansing B. Approve Change Order #3 for the ARPA Drainage Improvements Project at no increased cost.

P. Mitchell C. Approve request to Award Bid/Reverse Auction for New Audio/Visual System for the J.M. Trotter Convention Center to Strictly Entertainment in the amount of \$297,474.

P. Mitchell D. Accept letter of retirement from Human Resources Director, Patricia Mitchell, and approve payment of 240 hours of accrued vacation leave.

G. Lewis E. 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.

C. Yarbrough F. Accept letter of retirement from two (2) Fire and Rescue personnel, effective May 30, 2026, and June 1, 2026, and approve compensation for 240 hours of accrued vacation leave as permitted by PERS.

C. Yarbrough G. Approve request for two (2) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "Compressed Natural Gas First Responder Training" to be held in Jackson, MS and approve payment of registration, hotel, travel, books, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the amount of \$90.00.

C. Yarbrough H. Approve applying for the FY25 Assistance to Firefighters Grant for a new fire truck for Columbus Fire & Rescue and authorize the Mayor to sign grant documents.

J. Turnage I. Approve request to Sign Agreement with Fire & Police Selection Inc. for Online Testing.

J. Turnage J. Approve granting Mayor Jones authorization to execute the Wayfinding Grant Agreement.

R. Bonner K. Accept Letter of Involuntary Resignation on behalf of an employee in the Trotter Convention Center, effective immediately and authorize the HR Director to begin the normal recruitment process.

R. Bonner L. Approve extending Contract for Grounds Maintenance with BAM's LLC for Friendship Cemetery in the amount of \$3,827 per cut and Sandfield (Historical) Cemetery in the amount of \$675 per cut from July 1, 2026 to July 31, 2027.

- C. Bush** M. Approve General Service Agreement for bypass cutting with S & S Landscaping Nursery int amount of \$99,000 annually from July 10, 2026 to July 10, 2028.
- D. Davis** N. Approve request for HR Director to attend "2026 MS Society for Human Resource Management Conference" to be held in Biloxi, MS and approve payment of registration, hotel, travel, and meal expenses in the estimated amount of \$1,650.46.
- J. Brigham** O. Approve bond payment request for Regions Bank in the amount of \$46,252.00.

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

- A. Comments from Mayor & Council
- J. Daughtry** B. Presentation of Certificates of Completion
* Johnny Vaughn
* Jayonna Minor
- E. Stewart** C. Special Recognition - Heart of Service
- J. Spears** D. Finance Committee Update
- J. Garrett** E. Board Vacancies

COLUMBUS HOUSING AUTHORITY

1 Vacancy, 5-Year Term, Gretta Gardner's Term Expires 07/05/2026
Appointment will be made July 7, 2026.

Darren Leach

TREE BOARD

1 Vacancy, Remainder of Shannon Evans Term (resigned), Expires May 6, 2028.
Appointment will be made June 16, 2026.

Kerry Pittman

CITY UTILITIES COMMISSION

1 Vacancy, 5-Year Term, Sherry Ellis' Term Expires 06/15/2026.
Appointment will be made June 16, 2026.

Barbara Morris Brandon

Jacqueline DiCicco

Donald Pope

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

- J. Garrett** A. Robert Allen White - Road Issue Request
- J. Garrett** B. Greg Lewis - Perfect Fame Championship Cup (Athens, Alabama)

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

- J. Garrett** A. Discuss/Approve acceptance of Planner position in the amount of \$75,000 pending preliminary testing.
- J. Turnage** B. Discuss/Approve street legal golf cart ordinance.
- G. Irby** C. Discuss/Approve request to Pay Wheeler Roofing \$7,700 for Roofing Repairs to 2408 22nd Avenue North on the Emergency Repair Program.
- G. Irby** D. Discuss/Approve Request to Pay Wheeler Roofing \$7,280 for Roofing Repairs to 1613 5th Avenue North on the Emergency Repair Program.
- G. Irby** E. Discuss/Approve Request to enter into an agreement with TJ's Animation Workshop in the amount of \$4,995.00 and permission for the Mayor to sign.

- S. Jones** F. Discuss/Approve the NOLA Camera System Expansion Project in the amount of \$52,500 to address gun violence.
- S. Jones** G. Discuss/Approve the purchase of a from camera Ingram Equipment Company for drain maintenance in the amount of \$60,000.
- L. Harris** H. Discuss/Approve appropriating \$3,000 to United Way of the Golden Triangle Region, a Mississippi non-profit corporation to match other funds contributed to said corporation for the purposes of supporting social and community service programs, including a Stop the Violence program to address the immediate and urgent need to bring awareness to the issues arising from the misuse of deadly weapons within the community.
- J. Spears** I. Discuss/Consider camera work and pipe clean out along Greenbriar as well as other locations across the city.
- J. Spears** J. Discuss/Consider Sytes program contract at a cost of \$2,000.
- J. Turnage** K. Consider/Approve Amendment to the Auditor's Engagement Letter.
- J. Garrett** L. Discuss/Approve *Request for Qualifications* for Consultant Engineering Services for the Propst Park Kayak Launch.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. Prospective Purchase, Sell or Leasing of Real Property