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STEPHEN JONES

# City of Columbus

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## WORK SESSION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS June 10, 2026

CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER  
JAMMIE GARRETT

CFO/SECRETARY-TREASURER  
JAMES "JIM" BRIGHAM

### I. CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

### II. TOPICS

- S. Wilder** A. Discuss/Approve meal expenses estimated at \$700.00 from the Alva Temple Project Grant Funds for Susan Wilder, Grant Writer, Carlos Rosales and Roberto Rosales (filmmaker) to go to Denver, CO Sunday, June 14, 2026 through Wednesday, June 17, 2026 to interview Lt. Col. James Harvey for the Alva Temple documentary with hotels, rental car, and gasoline paid for by a contributor.
- D. Davis** B. Discuss advertising for a Public Information Officer.
- J. Turnage** C. Discuss Golf Cart Ordinance update.
- P. Mitchell** D. Discuss request to approve *Resolution* Ordering that certain Specified Police vehicles be unmarked pursuant to Mississippi Code Section 25-1-87.
- C. Bush** E. Discuss request for (2) Public Works personnel to attend the "MS 811 Damage Prevention Summit" to be held in Biloxi, MS, November 4-6, 2026, and approve payment for travel, lodging, and meal expenses in the estimated amount of \$1,727.91.
- C. Yarbrough** F. Discuss Columbus Fire & Rescue Donations Account.
- C. Yarbrough** G. Discuss FY25 Assistant to Firefighters Turn-Out Gear Grant.
- C. Yarbrough** H. Discuss Public Safety Academy.
- J. Daughtry** I. Discuss permit request submitted by Jamar Meady to host a "Back to School Drive" to be held on July 12, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at 520 - 14th Avenue South, blocking 14th Avenue South at 5th Street South and 6th Street South.
- J. Daughtry** J. Discuss permit request submitted by Janice Richmond and Jaquise Frison, on behalf of Mt. Zion M.B. Church, to host "Mt. Zion M.B. Church Memphis Town Community Day/Parade" to be held on October 31, 2026, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. with the parade starting at Gensis Dream Center, 1820 - 23rd Street North to 14th Avenue North at Mount Zion M.B. Church to a lot across from Wells Cleaners and next to Skeets, 2010 - 14th Avenue North.
- J. Daughtry** K. Discuss permit request submitted by Sharon Jones, on behalf of Paroled to Pride and Fifteenth Street Church, to host "Stuff the Bag Back to School Drive" to be held on June 26, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at Fifteenth Street Church, 917 - 15th Street North blocking 15th Street North at 9th Avenue North and 10th Avenue North.
- J. Daughtry** L. Discuss request to hire two (2) entry-level police officers contingent upon successful completion of preliminary testing.
- J. Daughtry** M. Discuss request to accept letter of retirement from one (1) CPD personnel, effective July 1, 2026, and the request to be compensated for 240 hours of accrued vacation leave, submit the remaining vacation and sick leave to PERS and approval to purchase his service weapon at the State allowed amount of \$10.00.
- J. Daughtry** N. Discuss request to send two (2) CPD personnel to the "Computer Voice Stress Analyzer Course" in New Orleans, LA and approve payment for registration, lodging, travel and meal

expenses in the estimated amount of \$2, 710.00 each.

**G. Irby** O. Discuss implementation of MOU with HUD for Blight Program.

**III. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A. Prospective Purchase, Sell or Leasing of Real Property (1)

**IV. ADJOURN**

## CITY OF COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI OFFICIAL TRAVEL REQUEST APPLICATION

Officials, Officers and Employees of the City of Columbus seeking approval from the Mayor and City Council for permission to travel shall submit this application **fully completed and signed in advance** of the requested travel. Except in urgent or necessitous cases, **Requests for Travel** must be submitted for approval well in advance of the Departure Date so that the Mayor and City Council can consider the request at a regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council **before** the travel. Travel and reimbursement for same is governed by Section 25-3-41 of the Mississippi Code of 1972 as may be amended from time to time.

### INFORMATION ABOUT THE TRAVEL SOUGHT

- Typed or Printed Name of Official Applying for Travel: *Susan Wilder w/ Carlos Rosalind + Roberto Rosalind*
- Name of Event Official seeks to Attend: Benefit to City resulting from Attendance: *Interview Lt. Col. James Harbey for Alva Temple documentary*
- Location (City & State) of the Event for which Travel is sought: *Denver, Co.*
- Name of Hotel, Motel or place of Lodging if reimbursement is sought: *Paid for by contributor*
- Proposed Date of Departure: *6/14/26* Proposed Date of Return: *6/16/26*
- Mode of Transportation:  City Vehicle  Personal Vehicle  Airplane  
 *Rental - Paid for by contributor*

### ITEMIZED ESTIMATE OF COSTS OF TRAVEL

- Estimated Total Fees for Registration of all programs at Event, Conference Seminar, Class or Program: \$ 0.00
  - Cost per Night of Lodging: \$ 0.00
  - Total Estimated Lodging Costs for All Nights: \$ 0.00
  - Estimated Cost of Transportation (Gas, Airfare, Taxi or Mileage Reimbursement): \$ 0.00
    - Gas (if using City Vehicle): \$ \_\_\_\_\_
    - Airfare (if flying): \$ \_\_\_\_\_
    - Taxi Service (if anticipated): \$ \_\_\_\_\_
    - Mileage Reimbursement (if driving Personal Vehicle): \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - Estimated Cost of Meals: \$ 753.00
  - Any other Estimated Costs: \$ 0.00
- TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS** \$ 753.00

I certify that the estimates of the costs of travel as set forth on this form are my best estimates based upon information reasonably available. I also certify that I understand that in order to be reimbursed for the estimated costs above, I must produce upon return any and all registration forms, receipts for meals, and lodging, together with any other bona fide proof of payment for the estimated costs set forth above.

Signature: *Susan Wilder*

Date: *6/11/26*

## **Public Relations Officer**

### **City of Columbus, Mississippi**

#### **Position Summary**

The Public Relations Officer serves as the City's chief communications professional and is responsible for developing, coordinating, and implementing communication strategies that promote transparency, community engagement, and public awareness of City programs, services, events, and initiatives. The Public Relations Officer works closely with the Mayor, City Council, COO, department heads, local media, community organizations, and residents to ensure accurate and timely dissemination of information. The position includes occasional emergency and after-hours assignments

#### **Minimum Qualifications**

- Bachelor's degree in Public Relations, Communications, Journalism, Marketing, Public Administration, or a closely related field.
- Minimum of three (3) years of progressively responsible experience in public relations, communications, media relations, marketing, journalism, or a related field.
- Valid Mississippi driver's license.
- Any equivalent combination of education, training, and experience that provides the required knowledge, skills, and abilities may be considered.

#### **Preferred Qualifications**

- Experience working in municipal government, public sector communications, or community relations.
- Experience managing social media platforms, websites, and digital communication campaigns.
- Experience in photography, videography, graphic design, and content creation.
- Knowledge of Mississippi public records and open meetings laws.
- Accreditation in Public Relations (APR) or related professional certification.

#### **Essential Duties and Responsibilities**

- Serve as the primary communications liaison for the City of Columbus.
- Develop and implement communication strategies that support the Mayor's Office, City Council, and municipal departments.
- Prepare and distribute press releases, public notices, speeches, proclamations, newsletters, and official statements.
- Manage and maintain the City's website and social media platforms.
- Assist and maintain the Mayor & City Council's calendar of events.
- Coordinate and facilitate Mayor's Youth Council interviews, pinning ceremony, meetings, service projects, conferences and social outings.
- Coordinate media inquiries and maintain positive relationships with local, regional, and state media outlets.

- Promote City projects, economic development initiatives, tourism opportunities, community events, and quality-of-life programs.
- Coordinate public information efforts during emergencies, natural disasters, and other crisis situations.
- Assist with images, sound and video for City Council Meetings, Work Sessions and events.
- Attend City Council meetings, public events, ribbon cuttings, groundbreaking ceremonies, and community functions as assigned.
- Create and manage multimedia content including photographs, videos, graphics, and digital publications.
- Monitor media coverage and public sentiment and provide recommendations to City leadership.
- Assist departments in communicating services, programs, and public notices to residents.
- Ensure consistency in branding and messaging across all City communications.
- Proactively address issues and misinformation through communication.
- Ensure that FOIA requests are received and answered in a timely manner.
- Responsible for developing and implementing a long-range communication plan, including measurable goals, and process improvements.
- Perform other duties as assigned by the Chief Operations Officer or Mayor. Nothing in this job description restricts management's right to assign or reassign duties and responsibilities to this position at any time.

### **Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities**

- Exceptional written, verbal, and interpersonal communication skills.
- Strong public speaking and presentation abilities.
- Knowledge of municipal government operations and community engagement practices.
- Ability to communicate effectively with elected officials, staff, media representatives, and the public.
- Proficiency in social media management, website content management systems, and Microsoft Office applications.
- Ability to work under pressure and respond effectively during emergencies and crisis situations.
- Strong organizational skills with the ability to manage multiple projects simultaneously.
- Ability to exercise sound judgment, discretion, and professionalism.

### **Environmental Conditions**

- While performing the duties of this job, the employee regularly works in an office environment, but at times may be required to attend special events.
- The work environment includes occasional fieldwork that may include exposure to adverse weather conditions. The noise level is generally moderate.
- The job is an on-call position, responding to emergency situations. This position is designated as immediate response personnel and must live thirty (30) minutes or less from their usual daily work site.

**Salary Range**

- \$50,000 – \$55,000
- Salary shall be determined based on qualifications, experience, and available budget as approved by the Columbus City Council.

**Supervision**

- This position exercises no direct supervision over others but may provide technical and functional direction and training to Department Heads and office support staff.
- Receives direction and reports to Chief Operations Officer and the Mayor of the City of Columbus.

**AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO THE USE AND REGULATION OF  
GOLF CARTS AND LOW-SPEED VEHICLES AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Columbus, Mississippi is authorized to pass ordinances not inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of the State of Mississippi or the laws of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus find that this ordinance is not inconsistent with the provisions of the Constitution and laws of the State of Mississippi and the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 2605 was approved by the 2021 Mississippi Legislature, signed into law by the Governor, and now codified at Title 63, Chapter 32 of the Mississippi Code, authorizes municipalities within the State of Mississippi to allow the operation of Golf Carts and Low-Speed Vehicles on certain public roads and streets, to require individuals operating a Golf Cart or Low-Speed Vehicle to have a valid driver's license or temporary driver's permit and proof of financial responsibility, and to require registration of Golf Carts and Low-Speed Vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, currently there are no City of Columbus ordinances, regulations or guidelines regarding the operation of Golf Carts and Low-Speed Vehicles within the municipal limits; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus desire to provide this means of transportation in designated areas of public streets so as to open the door to alternative means of transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council find it is in the public interest to establish policies and procedures in accordance with the authorization as approved and required by the legislation referenced above:

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI THAT THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE IS HEREBY ADOPTED AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1. Definitions.**

The following words and phrases, whenever used in this Chapter, shall be defined as follows:

- (1) **"Golf Cart"** means a motor vehicle that is designated and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes, is not capable of exceeding speeds of twenty (20) miles per hour, and is equipped with safety equipment as required under 49 CFR Section 571.500.
- (2) **"Low-Speed Vehicle"** means any four-wheeled electric or gasoline-powered vehicle that has a top speed greater than twenty (20) miles per hour but less than twenty-five (25) miles per hour and is equipped with safety equipment as required under 49 CFR Section 571.500.
- (3) **"Motor vehicle"** means vehicles as defined in Miss. Code Ann. §§27-19-303, 27-51-5, and 63-17-155 but shall not include electric personal assistive mobility devices as defined in Miss. Code Ann. §63-3-103, or Golf Carts or Low-Speed Vehicles as defined herein.
- (4) **"Person"** means every natural person, firm, co-partnership, corporation, joint-stock or other association or organization.
- (5) **"Owner"** means a person who holds the legal title or interest in a Golf Cart or Low-Speed Vehicle as defined herein.
- (6) **"Driver" or "Operator"** means the person actually driving or operating a Golf Cart or Low-Speed Vehicle at any given time.

## **SECTION 2: Authorized and Prohibited Vehicles.**

**(a) Authorized vehicles.** The following vehicle categories, as defined above, are authorized for use, subject to permitting requirements, upon permissible city streets and roads:

- (1) Golf carts.
- (2) Low-speed vehicles.

**(b) Prohibited vehicles.** The following vehicles are prohibited from use upon the city streets and roads:

(1) All-terrain vehicles.

(2) Utility terrain vehicles.

Nothing in this section shall disallow the operation of all-terrain vehicles and/or utility terrain vehicles operated by authorized police, fire, EMS, security, and event personnel upon the city streets and roads.

### **SECTION 3: Licensing and Registration**

Every golf cart and low-speed vehicle to be operated on a public road or street shall be required to register the vehicle with the City Columbus by submitting an application in the form attached to this ordinance to the Columbus Police Department. The cost for the registration shall be paid in the amount reflected in the adopted fee schedule, to be paid annually in the amount reflected in the adopted fee schedule at the time of the annual payment to ensure compliance with this ordinance and to cover the costs of administration, payable to the municipal clerk or a deputy municipal clerk. Upon registration, a decal shall be provided that must be displayed on the left rear fender of the vehicle.

### **SECTION 4. Registration Requirements.**

(a). Every golf cart and low-speed vehicle shall be subject to an on-site inspection prior to its operation on a public road or street. Every golf cart and low-speed vehicle must be equipped with the following safety equipment:

(1) Headlights.

(2) Taillights.

(3) Front and rear turn signals.

(4) Stop lamps (brake lights).

(5) Side reflectors, one on each side.

(6) Reflector on the rear of the vehicle.

(7) A rear-view mirror.

(8) Parking brake.

(9) Windshield.

(10) A lap belt or shoulder restraint seat belt assembly. Seat belt assemblies shall be installed at each designated seating position.

(11) An alert sound (horn); and

(12) Any other requirements of 49 CFR 571.500

(b). All safety equipment must be present and functional while operating a golf cart or low-speed vehicle on a public road or street. Any person operating a golf cart or low-speed vehicle without the required safety equipment or without functional safety equipment is subject to penalty and/or fines set forth in the adopted fee schedule.

#### **SECTION 5: Operations**

(a) Golf Carts and Low-Speed Vehicles may be operated on public roads and streets in the City of Columbus except those streets that are MDOT Highways and those that have an established speed limit of greater than 30 MPH. Approved Golf carts and Low-Speed Vehicles may cross those streets that are not authorized for travel but in so doing shall be required to use the shortest traveling distance to do so. Drivers are required to operate Golf Carts and Low-Speed Vehicles only in the outside lane of multilane streets and roads, where applicable.

(b) Any person operating a Golf Cart or Low-Speed Vehicle on the public roads and streets under this Ordinance must have in his or her possession a valid driver's license or temporary driver's permit and proof of financial responsibility as required under Miss. Code Ann. §63-15-1 *et seq.* and obey all City and State traffic laws and rules of the road.

#### **SECTION 6: Liability Disclaimer.**

This article is adopted to address the interest of public safety. The city, through regulation, is addressing safety issues, and the adoption of this article is not to be relied upon as a determination

that operating a low-speed vehicle or golf cart on public streets or roads is safe or advisable if done in accordance with this article. All persons who operate or ride upon low-speed vehicles or golf carts on public streets or roads do so at their own risk and peril, and must be observant and attentive to the safety of themselves and others, including passengers, other motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians. The city is not liable under any theory of liability and the city assumes no liability for permitting low-speed vehicles and golf carts to be operated on public streets and roads under the authority granted by the state legislature.

### **Section 7. Liability Insurance Required for Golf Cart Operation on Public Streets**

(a). Insurance Required.

No person shall operate, nor shall any owner permit the operation of, a golf cart upon any public street, roadway, or other public right-of-way within the municipality unless the golf cart is covered by a policy of liability insurance issued by an insurer authorized to do business in this state.

(b). Minimum Coverage Limits.

The liability insurance policy required by this section shall provide, at a minimum:

- (1). Bodily injury liability coverage of not less than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) for injury to or death of one person in any one accident;
- (2). Bodily injury liability coverage of not less than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) for injury to or death of two or more persons in any one accident; and
- (3). Property damage liability coverage of not less than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) for damage to property in any one accident.

(c). Proof of Insurance.

The operator of a golf cart shall carry proof of the required insurance while operating the golf cart on a public street and shall present such proof upon demand by any law enforcement officer or other authorized municipal official.

(d). Failure to Maintain Insurance.

Operation of a golf cart on a public street without the insurance required by this section is prohibited and shall constitute a violation of this ordinance. In addition to any monetary penalty authorized by law, the municipality may suspend or revoke any municipal golf cart permit issued for the vehicle until proof of compliance is provided.

(e). Continuing Obligation.

The insurance required by this section shall remain in effect at all times during which the golf cart is authorized to operate on public streets. Cancellation, lapse, or termination of the required coverage shall immediately suspend the golf cart's authorization for street operation until coverage is reinstated.

#### **SECTION 8. Penalties**

The registrant will be subject to the fines and penalties under the traffic laws and rules of the road of the City of Columbus and the State of Mississippi. In addition, the registrant may be subject to the revocation of the registration decal.

#### **SECTION 9. Severability.**

The provisions of this ordinance are severable and should any such provision be declared unconstitutional or unenforceable, such declaration shall not affect any of the remaining provisions.

#### **SECTION 10. Effective Date.**

This Ordinance shall take effect 30 days following its adoption with publication of notice of adoption in the City newspaper of publication.

Council Member \_\_\_\_\_ moved that the above and foregoing Ordinance be adopted. Council Member \_\_\_\_\_ seconded the motion. After a thorough discussion of the pros and cons of the ordinance, the Mayor called for a vote and recorded the votes as follows:

**Council Member**

**Vote Yes or No**

Ethel Taylor Stewart

\_\_\_\_\_

Roderick Smith

\_\_\_\_\_

Rusty Greene

\_\_\_\_\_

Lavonne L. Harris

\_\_\_\_\_

Gary Jefferson

\_\_\_\_\_

Jason Spears

\_\_\_\_\_

Mayor Jones then proclaimed the vote as PASSED by the governing body of the City of Columbus, Mississippi, this \_\_\_\_ day of May, 2026.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Stephen T. Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
James Brigham, Municipal Clerk

LOW SPEED VEHICLE AND GOLF CART  
REGISTRATION FEE SCHEDULE

NEW REGISTRATION	RENEWAL REGISTRATION
\$150	\$25



Registration Number	
Date of Application	
Officer Approval	
Date of approval	

**City of Columbus – Application for Permit to operate Golf Cart – Low Speed Vehicle**

1. Type of Registration – Applicant to Check one

<input type="checkbox"/> New Registration - \$_____ Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Golf Cart <input type="checkbox"/> Low Speed Vehicle
<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal - \$_____

2. Applicant Information

Owner: Click or tap here to enter text.      Vehicle Descrip: Click or tap here to enter text.

Name: Click or tap here to enter text. VIN/Serial: Click or tap here to enter text.

Address: Click or tap here to enter text.      Make & Model: Click or tap here to enter text.

City, State, Zip: Click or tap here to enter text.      Year: Click or tap here to enter text.

Phone #: Click or tap here to enter text.      Color: Click or tap here to enter text.

Email: Click or tap here to enter text. Insurance Policy #: Click or tap here to enter text.

Drivers Lic. #: Click or tap here to enter text. Insurance Co: Click or tap here to enter text.

DL Issue State: Click or tap here to enter text.

I hereby certify and attest that my () Golf Cart or () LSV has the following safety equipment as required under 49 CFR Section 571.500:

- Headlamps
- Front and rear turn signal lamps
- Tail lamps
- Stop lamps
- Reflex reflectors: one red on each side and one red on rear
- Rear visibility required S6.2 of FMVSS No. 111
- Parking brake
- VIN or substantial equivalent serial number
- Type 1 or Type 2 seat belt required Sec.571.209
- Proper windshield required (49 CFR 571.205)

- Exterior mirror mounted on driver's or passenger's side or interior mirror
- An alert sound as required by § 571.141

I hereby certify and attest that I have read and understand the City of Columbus Ordinance Regulating use of golf carts and low speed vehicles and completed the application completely and accurately under penalty of perjury.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sign Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF LOWNDES

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned notary public in and for said state and county aforesaid, within my jurisdiction, the within named, \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name), who acknowledged that as his/her voluntary act and deed, he/she signed, sealed and delivered the above and foregoing and that the information he/she provided is true and correct as therein stated for the purposes mentioned on the day and year therein mentioned.

(Sign Name) \_\_\_\_\_

(Print Name) \_\_\_\_\_

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME on this the \_\_\_ day of  
\_\_\_\_\_, 202\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC

(S E A L)

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**MAYOR**

STEPHEN JONES.

**CITY COUNCIL**

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JAMES "Jim" BRIGHAM

June 08, 2026

Mayor Stephen Jones and  
Members of the City Council  
City of Columbus, MS

**RE: RENEWAL OF RESOLUTION ORDERING CERTAIN  
SPECIFIED POLICE VEHICLES BE UNMARKED PURSUANT  
TO MISSISSIPPI CODE SECTION 25-1-87**

Dear Mayor and Council:

Please find attached a Resolution ordering certain specified police vehicles be unmarked pursuant to Mississippi Code Section 25-1-87. The Resolution was approved under the previous administration and in need of updating.

Thank you for the attention afforded to this request.

Sincerely,

***s/s Patricia Mitchell***

Patricia Mitchell  
Deputy City Clerk

CC: Joseph Daughtry, Chief

Attachment

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI ORDERING THAT CERTAIN SPECIFIED  
POLICE VEHICLES BE UNMARKED  
PURSUANT TO MISSISSIPPI CODE SECTION 25-1-87**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Mississippi Code Section 21-21-3, the City of Columbus (“City”) employs, regulates, and supports a sufficient police force and to furnish and supply all suitable and necessary equipment therefore; and

**WHEREAS**, the City’s support of the police force includes providing vehicles for use by the police to assist with maintaining order and peace, which, includes, but is not limited to conducting official criminal investigations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief of Police of the City has recommended to the Mayor and City Council of the City, pursuant to Section 25-1-87 of the Mississippi Code that certain City Police vehicles, identified and described on Exhibit A attached hereto, should be unmarked because identifying marks would hinder official criminal investigations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council accept the recommendation of the Chief of Police as the chief law enforcement officer of the City and his control over police officers and how investigations will proceed; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Mayor and City Council hereby adjudicate and order the following:

1. That the Mayor and City Council authorize and approve the use of the City Police vehicles identified on the list attached hereto as Exhibit A, in an unmarked status, and find that the said vehicles are exempted from the requirements of Section 25-1-87 of the Mississippi Code based upon the finding that identifying marks on such vehicles would hinder City Police criminal investigations; and

2. The City Clerk, is ordered to take any and all action to effectuate the intent of this Resolution and shall forthwith furnish the State Department of Audit a certified copy of this Resolution.

Council Member \_\_\_\_\_ moved that the resolution be adopted and approved. Council Member \_\_\_\_\_ seconded the motion. After a thorough discussion on the matter, the Mayor called for a vote on the motion and recorded the votes as follows:

Council Member Stewart    voted \_\_\_\_\_  
Council Member Smith        voted \_\_\_\_\_  
Council Member Greene       voted \_\_\_\_\_  
Council Member Harris       voted \_\_\_\_\_  
Council Member Jefferson    voted \_\_\_\_\_  
Council Member Spears       voted \_\_\_\_\_

The Mayor then announced that the Resolution carried and was duly adopted on this the 6  
\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**STEPHEN JONES, MAYOR, CITY OF  
COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI**

**ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**JAMES BRIGHAM, SECRETARY TREASURER  
CITY CLERK CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF LOWNDES**

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned notary public, in and for the aforesaid County and State, the within named JAMES BRIGHAM, who after first being sworn by me, deposed and stated that the above and foregoing Resolution was duly adopted and approved on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023, at a regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council at which a quorum of the Council was present.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

( S E A L )

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_



EXHIBIT A

Vehicle 1 Manufacturer's serial number: \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle 2 Manufacturer's serial number: \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle 3 Manufacturer's serial number: \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle 4 Manufacturer's serial number: \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle 5 Manufacturer's serial number: \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle 6 Manufacturer's serial number: \_\_\_\_\_



## INFORMATION SHEET

### *IP Casino & Resort Biloxi*

Wednesday, November 4 – Friday, November 6, 2026

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Wednesday, November 4

- **Summit Golf Outing – Shell Landing Golf Club – \$110**  
Includes green fee, cart, and range balls – 8:30 AM sign-in, 9:00 AM tee time
- **Summit Workshops**
  - **Damage Investigation Training - \$200**  
8:30 AM – 12:00 PM
  - **Acoustic & RTK 1 Day Certification Course - \$250**  
8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
  - **Utility Locator Skills Enhancement Workshop Training - \$ 250**  
8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
  - **Utility Mapping with GIS Training - \$150**  
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM
- **Summit Reception** – included in registration for any of the Summit events
  - 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

### Thursday, November 5 – Friday, November 6

- **Summit Sessions – Registration**
  - **\$289** (Early)
  - **\$329** (after 9/9/26)
  - **\$379** (after 10/14/26)Includes entry to all sessions, Exhibit Hall, lunch, and receptions.  
Workshops are not included.

### **Hotel Room Reservations**

Room block rates are coming soon  
Reservations must be made by  
Please call (888) 946- 2847 #1  
Group Code:

Online Reservations link coming soon

**Click a workshop to view more information.**

**Workshops scheduled for Thursday,**

**November 5th**

**Register Here!**

**DAMAGE INVESTIGATION TRAINING –  
\$200**

**UTILITY LOCATOR SKILLS  
ENHANCEMENT WORKSHOP – \$250**

**MS811 WEB PORTAL & MOBILE APP  
WORKSHOP – FREE**

**UTILITY MAPPING WITH GIS TRAINING –  
\$150**

# ACOUSTIC & RTK 1 DAY CERTIFICATION COURSE – \$250



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**INFORMATION ABOUT THE TRAVEL SOUGHT**

- Typed or Printed Name of Official Applying for Travel: Tabitha Price
- Name of Event Official seeks to Attend: MS811 Conference/Web Portal & Mobile App Workshop
- Benefit to City resulting from Attendance: Updated training on requesting line locaters and MS dig laws

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- Location (City & State) of the Event for which Travel is sought: Biloxi, MS
- Name of Hotel, Motel or place of Lodging if reimbursement is sought: IP Casino Resort Spa
- Proposed Date of Departure: 11/4/2026      • Proposed Date of Return: 11/6/2026
- Mode of Transportation: Personal

**ITEMIZED ESTIMATE OF COSTS OF TRAVEL**

• Estimated Total Fees for Registration of all programs at Event, Conference, Seminar, Class or Program:	\$	<b><u>289.00</u></b>
• Cost per Night of Lodging:      \$ <b><u>79.99</u></b>		
• Total Estimated Lodging Costs for All Nights:	\$	<b><u>159.98</u></b>
• Estimated Cost of Transportation (Gas, Airfare, Taxi or Mileage Reimbursement):		
Gas (if using City Vehicle):	\$	_____
Airfare (if flying):	\$	_____
Taxi Service (if anticipated):	\$	_____
Mileage Reimbursement (if driving Personal Vehicle):	\$	<b><u>387.15</u></b>
• Estimated Cost of Meals:	\$	<b><u>136.00</u></b>
• Any other Estimated Costs:	\$	_____
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>972.13</u></b>

I certify that the estimates of the costs of travel as set forth on this form are my best estimates based upon information reasonably available. I also certify that I understand that in order to be reimbursed for the estimated costs above, I must produce upon return any and all registration forms, receipts for meals, and lodging, together with any other bona fide proof of payment for the estimated costs set forth above.

Signature: Tabitha Price

Date: 6/2/2026

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**INFORMATION ABOUT THE TRAVEL SOUGHT**

- Typed or Printed Name of Official Applying for Travel: Bennie Coleman
  - Name of Event Official seeks to Attend: MS 811 Conference
  - Benefit to City resulting from Attendance: Gain updated knowledge on MS dig laws and training on how to successful request a line locator.
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- Location (City & State) of the Event for which Travel is sought: Biloxi, MS
  - Name of Hotel, Motel or place of Lodging if reimbursement is sought: IP Casino and Resort Biloxi
  - Proposed Date of Departure: 11/4/2026      • Proposed Date of Return: 11/6/2026
  - Mode of Transportation: City

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• Estimated Cost of Transportation (Gas, Airfare, Taxi or Mileage Reimbursement):		
Gas (if using City Vehicle):	\$	<b><u>102.80</u></b>
Airfare (if flying):	\$	_____
Taxi Service (if anticipated):	\$	_____
Mileage Reimbursement (if driving Personal Vehicle):	\$	_____
• Estimated Cost of Meals:	\$	<b><u>204.00</u></b>
• Any other Estimated Costs:	\$	_____
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>755.78</u></b>

I certify that the estimates of the costs of travel as set forth on this form are my best estimates based upon information reasonably available. I also certify that I understand that in order to be reimbursed for the estimated costs above, I must produce upon return any and all registration forms, receipts for meals, and lodging, together with any other bona fide proof of payment for the estimated costs set forth above.

Signature:     Bennie Coleman          Date: 6/2/2026

**CENTRAL ALABAMA TRAINING SOLUTIONS**

5100 Culver Rd  
 Tuscaloosa, AL 35401  
 (205) 242-1996



**Estimate**

ADDRESS  
 Columbus Fire & Rescue  
 72 Airline Rd.  
 Columbus, MS 39702

SHIP TO  
 Columbus Fire & Rescue  
 72 Airline Rd.  
 Columbus, MS 39702

ESTIMATE 5445  
 DATE 06/04/2026

ITEM	SKU	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
Viking IQ Turnouts	PS1125/PS1175	Viking IQ Turnout Gear-includes coat, pants, suspenders and lettering	65	3,095.00	201,175.00T
M7G Structural Firefighting Kangaroo Leather- Gauntlet	M7G	XXS-3XL gloves	130	129.00	16,770.00T
Bullard Lightweight UST LowRider w/ReTrak Visor	UL6R350	Available in white, red, yellow and black	65	489.00	31,785.00T
Viking NFPA Firefighter Hood	PS3849	Viking hood	130	129.00	16,770.00T
Fire Hero Xtreme	507101	Sizes 5-16 Leather Boot	65	489.00	31,785.00T

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SUBTOTAL	298,285.00
TAX	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$298,285.00</b>

Accepted By

Accepted Date

Remit To:  
 CATS  
 5100 Culver Rd.  
 Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

If you wish to make future payments by ACH, please contact us at 205-341-2287.  
 Credit card payments are accepted with a 3.5% surcharge.

# CITY OF COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT

## PERMIT

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TODAY'S DATE: 6-1-2026

### APPLICANT:

NAME/ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCAL/PERMANENT ADDRESS: 1417 5<sup>th</sup> Street South

### REPRESENTATIVE:

NAME: JAMAR MEADY TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: 1417 5<sup>th</sup> Street South PHONE: 662-570-5952

Columbus, MS 39701 PHONE: 662-574-1326

### ACTIVITY INFORMATION:

NAME OF ACTIVITY: Back to school Drive

DATE OF ACTIVITY: 7-12-26  PARADE  MEETING  ASSEMBLY

EXACT TIME OF ACTIVITY: BEGINNING 1  AM  PM ENDING: 5  AM  PM

PURPOSE: Give Kids books bags & school supplies & fun time for Kids before school begins

LOCATION OR ROUTE OF ACTIVITY: 14<sup>th</sup> Ave South between 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Street South

MAP ATTACHED:  YES  NO

PERSON, GROUP, ASSOCIATION OR BODY TO BE AUTHORIZED UNDER THE PERMIT TO DO SUCH ACTIVITY:

JAMAR MEADY

NUMBER OF PERSONS TO PARTICIPATE: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE OF ANY MINORS: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH MINORS: JAMAR MEADY II

### APPROVAL

APPROVED BY: [Signature] DATE: June 2, 2026

NAME & TITLE

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TODAY'S DATE: May 11, 2026

### APPLICANT:

NAME/ORGANIZATION: Mt. Zion M.B. Church

LOCAL/PERMANENT ADDRESS: 2221 14<sup>th</sup> Ave North  
Columbus, MS. 39701

### REPRESENTATIVE:

NAME: Janice Richmond / Pastor Jaquise Frison TITLE: Member Organizer / Pastor

ADDRESS: 2221 14<sup>th</sup> Ave No. PHONE: 662-848-8441  
Columbus, MS. 39701 PHONE: 662-722-0770

### ACTIVITY INFORMATION:

NAME OF ACTIVITY: Mt. Zion M.B. Church Memphis Town Community Day / Parade

DATE OF ACTIVITY: Oct 31, 2026  PARADE  MEETING  ASSEMBLY

EXACT TIME OF ACTIVITY: BEGINNING 8:30  AM  PM ENDING: 4  AM  PM

PURPOSE: Bringing Lowndes, the GTA, Churches all Communities together to enjoy, Children Playing, Free food and vendors with all different info for the Em...

LOCATION OR ROUTE OF ACTIVITY: Gemis sis Dream Center 1820 23rd st. No. to M.LK  
Drive turn Right to 14<sup>th</sup> Ave No. to lot a cross from Wells Cleaner 2010 14<sup>th</sup> Ave No

Need Police cars, motorcycles beginning and end of Parade at Festival Car to sign (next Page  
MAP ATTACHED:  YES  NO

PERSON, GROUP, ASSOCIATION OR BODY TO BE AUTHORIZED UNDER THE PERMIT TO DO SUCH ACTIVITY:

Organizer Janice Richmond, Pastor Jaquise Frison, Church Members as shaperones

NUMBER OF PERSONS TO PARTICIPATE: 200-300 + AGE OF ANY MINORS: All

NAME OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH MINORS: Parents, shaperones

### APPROVAL

APPROVED BY: [Signature] DATE: June 3 2026  
NAME & TITLE

Columbus Fire Dept. in parade, Display  
at Festival, Jumper if available.

Saw horses (8')

⊗ Approx. 4 police mix cars & motor cycle  
if available.

Bleaches from Park & Recreation

# MOUNT ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

2221 14th Avenue North  
Columbus, Mississippi 39701  
*Jacquise Frison, Pastor*



★ *Join Us!* ★

**OCTOBER 31, 2026**

★ **DEACONS** ★

Deacon Thomas McLeod  
Deacon Charles Chapman  
Deacon Willie Brown  
Deacon Marvin Brown  
Deacon David Turner  
Deacon Anthony Jenkins

★ **TRUSTEES** ★

MacArthur Harris  
Jessie Koonce  
Dianne Harris  
Nelson Roland  
Joyce Johnson  
Aaron Brown  
Johnny McKinley

Financial Secretary: Dr. Cynthia Brown  
Correspondent Secretary: Shulanda Harris

**PARADE**

8:45 a.m.



Parade Starting Location:  
Genesis Church Lot

**FESTIVAL**

10:00 a.m.  
– 4:00 p.m.



★ **SPONSORSHIP TIERS** ★



**\$50**

Name recognized during festival



**\$100**

Name/Logo included on parade banner plus name recognized at least once during festival



**\$250**

Name/Logo included on parade banner, name recognition throughout entire festival day, business recognized as sponsor on local news interview.

*Dear Community Partner:*  
**GREETINGS!**

We are excited to invite you to be a part of our upcoming **4th Annual Memphis Town Community Day**, a joyful event dedicated to bringing families together for a day of fellowship, fun, and support.

This special day features free vendor opportunities, along with activities for all ages, including entertainment, free food, and family-friendly fun. In addition, we will be providing free socks, coats, and jackets to individuals and families in need within our community and throughout the Golden Triangle.

We are reaching out to local businesses, agencies, and organizations for support in making this event a success. We would greatly appreciate door prize donations and any additional support that would help make this day meaningful for the families we serve.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and support. Together, we can continue to make a positive impact in our community while sharing love, fellowship, and encouragement with those in need.

*Kind Regards,* *Janice Richmond*  
*The Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church Family* 662-848-8441

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TODAY'S DATE: June 8, 2024

### APPLICANT:

NAME/ORGANIZATION: Paroled to Pride and 15<sup>th</sup> St Church  
LOCAL/PERMANENT ADDRESS: 917 10<sup>th</sup> St N  
Columbus, MS 39705

### REPRESENTATIVE:

NAME: Sharon Jones TITLE: Executive Director  
ADDRESS: POB 9071 PHONE: 662 5903432  
Columbus MS PHONE: 662 574 5452

### ACTIVITY INFORMATION:

NAME OF ACTIVITY: Staff the bag Back to School Drive  
DATE OF ACTIVITY: 6/26/24  PARADE  MEETING  ASSEMBLY  
EXACT TIME OF ACTIVITY: BEGINNING 1  AM  PM ENDING: 6  AM  PM  
PURPOSE: Staff the book bag will have activities that children will be playing in street  
LOCATION OR ROUTE OF ACTIVITY: 9<sup>th</sup> St 15<sup>th</sup> Street between 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>

MAP ATTACHED:  YES  NO

PERSON, GROUP, ASSOCIATION OR BODY TO BE AUTHORIZED UNDER THE PERMIT TO DO SUCH ACTIVITY:

Sharon Jones & Pastor Marion C Bonner  
NUMBER OF PERSONS TO PARTICIPATE: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE OF ANY MINORS: 5-18  
NAME OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH MINORS: STAFF OF Paroled a Pride and Volunteers

### APPROVAL

APPROVED BY: [Signature] DATE: 6/8/24  
NAME & TITLE



## FEDERAL SERVICES

June 8, 2026

**Dear Cpt. Kennedy Meaders:**

NITV Federal Services is pleased to have the opportunity to provide Computer Voice Stress Analyzer (CVSA) Certification training. The CVSA Certified Examiners Course (CEC) is a comprehensive five-day program designed to provide you with the skills required to become a professional CVSA Examiner. Upon completion of the training course, you will be certified by NITV Federal Services to conduct truth verification examinations using the CVSA.

The CEC training course will be held:

**DATE:** August 3-7, 2026 (Monday – Friday)

**TIME:** 8:00AM to 5:00PM with an hour lunch break (no meals provided)

**PLACE:** Gretna Police Department  
Police Academy Training Room  
200 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Gretna, LA 70056

**Parking lot is directly across from police headquarters.**

Suggested Hotels Nearby:

**Courtyard by Marriott: 5 Westbank Expressway, Gretna, LA 70053, 504-366-1010**

**Homewood Suites by Hilton: 3 Westbank Expressway, Gretna, LA 70053, 504-619-9800**

Any student who is absent for more than one hour in any one day or a total of four hours during the week will not be eligible to graduate. If any classroom instruction is missed, please coordinate with the instructor to review the missed content.

**The CVSA instrument is mandatory for ALL students. Two students can share one CVSA instrument in class.** If possible, bring an extension cord.

**Please do NOT bring payment to class.** There is a 3% processing fee for credit card payments. We do not accept debit cards and American Express. To pay by credit card, have the invoice number available and use the following link:

<https://nitvfederalserv.securepayments.cardpointe.com/pay?> Otherwise, mail your payment to our office address. **Payments must include your Invoice Number.**

Class space is limited. If you are unable to attend, please notify NITV Federal Services at least fourteen (14) working days prior to the first day of class in order to receive a full refund.

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**INFORMATION ABOUT THE TRAVEL SOUGHT**

- Typed or Printed Name of Official Applying for Travel: Antonious Sellers, Kennedy Meaders
  - Name of Event Official seeks to Attend: Computer Voice Stress Analyzer Course
  - Benefit to City resulting from Attendance: Receive refresher training and CVSA software upgrades.
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- Location (City & State) of the Event for which Travel is sought: New Orleans, LA
  - Name of Hotel, Motel or place of Lodging if reimbursement is sought: Click here to enter text.
  - Proposed Date of Departure: 8/2/2026      • Proposed Date of Return: 8/7/2026
  - Mode of Transportation: City

**ITEMIZED ESTIMATE OF COSTS OF TRAVEL**

- Estimated Total Fees for Registration of all programs at Event, Conference, Seminar, Class or Program: \$ 2990.00
  - Cost per Night of Lodging: \$ 150.00
  - Total Estimated Lodging Costs for All Nights: \$ 1500.00
  - Estimated Cost of Transportation (Gas, Airfare, Taxi or Mileage Reimbursement):
    - Gas (if using City Vehicle): \$ 250.00
    - Airfare (if flying): \$ 0.00
    - Taxi Service (if anticipated): \$ 0.00
    - Mileage Reimbursement (if driving Personal Vehicle): \$ 0.00
  - Estimated Cost of Meals: \$ 680.00
  - Any other Estimated Costs: \$ 0.00
- TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS                    \$     5,420.00**

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Signature: 

Date: 6/8/2026