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## MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS July 2, 2026

### I. CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

### II. TOPICS

- B. Bryan** A. Discuss expanding the Main Street Downtown Columbus Walking Tour with the placement of a Historic Marker for City Hall presented by the Preservation Society of Columbus.
- D. Taylor** B. Discuss funds request in the amount of \$600.00 per site (East Columbus Gym, Northaven Woods, Sandfield Community Center, Sim Scott Community Center, Townsend Community Center) for National Night Out on Crime.
- C. Gilman** C. Discuss promoting two (2) Forensic Chemist Trainees to Forensic Chemist(s).
- C. Yarbrough** D. Discuss permission to participate in a Gun Raffle with all proceeds going to Columbus Fire & Rescue.
- C. Yarbrough** E. Discuss using Insurance Rebate Funds for a rescue saw and miscellaneous equipment for fire trucks in the amount of \$5,692.
- C. Yarbrough** F. Discuss AC Units for Fire Stations 1 and 3.
- N. Katona** G. Discuss putting the lowest and best bid for Dial-a-Bus asbestos removal on the consent agenda.
- R. Bonner/N. Katona** H. Discuss the need to replace roofs on the J. M. Trotter Convention Center and Regal Hall.
- R. Bonner** I. Discuss changing the vacant position of Full-Time Convention Center Maintenance Technician to (2) Part-Time Convention Center Maintenance Technicians.
- J. Turnage/R. Bonner** J. Discuss Owner-Contractor Agreement for audio/visual improvements for the J.M. Trotter Convention Center.
- J. Turnage** K. Discuss *Resolution*, submitted by the Golden Triangle Development Link, in support of Air Service funding.
- J. Turnage/G. Lewis** L. Discuss the Artistik Music Entertainment contract for Blues on the River.
- J. Turnage/G. Lewis** M. Discuss the service contract for maintenance at Propst Park, Cook, North Haven Woods, and Lee Park.
- D. Davis/J. Daughtry** N. Accept letter of resignation submitted by one (1) CPD personnel effective June 30, 2026.
- D. Davis/J. Garrett** O. Discuss request for the HR Director to advertise for Public Information Officer.
- D. Davis/J. Brigham** P. Accept letter of resignation from Grant Writer/Administrator effective July 2, 2026.

- J. Brigham** Q. Discuss awarding the bid for five (5) Natural Gas Generators to Absolute Power in the amount of \$270,000.
- J. Brigham** R. Discuss awarding the bid for a New Conventional Day Cab Chassis Line Haul Semi-Tractor Truck (dump truck) to Waters International Trucks, Inc. in the amount of \$181,247.
- J. Brigham** S. Discuss awarding the bid for a 2026 24-foot Tandem Axle Hybrid Steel End Dump Semi-Trailer to Tri-State Truck Center of Tupelo in the amount of \$50,905.
- R. Greene** T. Discuss the homelessness problem in Columbus.
- K. Stafford** U. Discuss the handicap parking stall in front of City Hall..
- J. Spears** V. Discuss getting quotes for tree removal of trees obstructing ditch work next to Kensington Drive.
- J. Spears** W. Discuss purchasing East Columbus Gym scoreboard.
- J. Spears** X. Discuss awarding East Columbus Gym drainage project to the lowest qualified quote contractor, Hannon LLC, in the amount of \$14,800.00
- J. Spears** Y. Discussion of FY27 budget and addition of new department to the budget for City Council and Mayor line items.
- J. Spears** Z. Discuss moving eleven (11) months of salary plus benefits of the City Planner and eleven (11) months of salary plus benefits of Public Information Officer in FY26 budget to Special Projects fund.
- G. Irby** AA. Discuss request for the Planning and Community Development Director to attend the "44th Annual Tenn - Tom Waterway Conference" to be held August 12-14, 2026 in Point Clear, Alabama and approve payment for registration, lodging, travel, and meal expenses in the estimated amount of \$1,921.00.
- J. Garrett** BB. Discuss Substitute Prosecutor Agreement.

### **III. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A. Personnel Matters (4)

### **IV. ADJOURN**