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MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS July 7, 2026

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 Work Session of June 10, 2026.
V. Stewart B. Approve Minutes for Meeting of June 16, 2026.
V. Stewart C. Approve Minutes for Special Meeting of June 24, 2026.

IV. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

- J. Brigham A. Approve Docket of Claims for July 7, 2026.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- C. Yarbrough A. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "Emergency Services Administrative Professionals (ESAP) Conference" to be held in Biloxi, MS, and approve payment of registration, hotel, travel, books, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the amount of \$1,054.
- C. Yarbrough B. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "Fire Department Safety Officer (Online) and face-to-face" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, hotel, travel, books, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the amount of \$300.00.
- C. Yarbrough C. Approve request for two (2) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "Fire Instructor 1 (Online) and face-to-face" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, hotel, travel, books, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the amount of \$300.00.
- C. Yarbrough D. Approve request for two (2) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "Fire Officer 2 (Online) and face-to-face" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, hotel, travel, books, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the amount of \$300.00.
- C. Yarbrough E. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "Fire Officer 1 (Online) and face-to-face" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, hotel, travel, books, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the amount of \$300.00.
- C. Yarbrough F. Approve request for three (3) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, hotel, travel, books, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the amount of \$4,200.00.
- C. Yarbrough G. Approve Columbus Fire and Rescue using Fire Insurance Rebate Funds for Rescue Saw in the amount of \$2,195.00 and misc. equipment for fire trucks in the amount of \$3,556.00.
- J. Garrett H. Approve request for Victims' Advocate Coordinator to attend "Apply Yourself 2.0 - Rooted to Rise" in support of domestic violence and sexual assault victims to be held in Biloxi, MS July 15 - 17, 2026 and to approve payment for registration, hotel, travel, meal expenses and any other expenses in the amount of \$358.40.

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| J. Garrett | I. | Approve 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. |
| G. Irby | J. | Approve request for the Planning & Community Development Director to attend The "44th Annual Tenn-Tom Waterway Conference" to be held August 12–14, 2026 in Point Clear, Alabama, and payment of registration, lodging, transportation, and meals expenses in the amount of \$1,921.00, |
| J. Daughtry | K. | Accept letter of resignation from one (1) CPD personnel effective June 30, 2026. |
| C. Bush | L. | Accept letter of retirement from (1) Public Works employee, effective June 30, 2026, and approve payment of 240 hours of accrued vacation leave. |
| N. Katona | M. | Approve the lowest and best bid for Dial-a-Bus asbestos removal in the amount of \$17,850 to EAC Environmental. |
| J. Brigham | N. | Approve 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. |
| J. Brigham | O. | Accept letter of resignation from Grant Writer/Administrator effective July 2, 2026. |
| J. Brigham | P. | Approve 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 | Q. | Approve awarding the bid for five (5) Natural Gas Generators to Absolute Power in the amount of \$270,000. |
| J. Turnage /G. Lewis | R. | Approve the Artistik Music Entertainment contract for Blues on the River in the amount of \$1,500. |
| J. Turnage/R. Bonner | S. | Approve Owner-Contractor Agreement for audio/visual improvements for the J.M. Trotter Convention Center in the amount of \$297,474.00. |
| D. Davis | T. | Approve request for the HR Director to advertise for Public Information Officer. |
| J. Garrett | U. | Accept letter of resignation from one (1) Deputy Court Clerk effective July 9, 2026. |

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

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| S. Jones | A. | Comments from Mayor & Council |
| C. Yarbrough | B. | Proclamation - 28+ Years of Dedicated Service
Firefighter/Engineer/Captain/Battalion Chief - Robert (Chip) Kain |
| J. Daughtry | C. | Presentation of Certificates of Completion
* Ian Halbert
* Antonious Sellers |
| J. Garrett | D. | Board Vacancies |

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS & APPEALS

1 Vacancy, 3-Year Term, Emily Johnson's Term Expires 07/18/2026
Appointment will be made July 21, 2026.

Emily Johnson

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

Gretta Gardner

Lillian Granderson-Daughtry

Broderick Trimuel

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VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

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| C. Gilman | A. | Discuss/Approve promoting two (2) Forensic Chemist Trainees to Forensic Chemists. |
| J. Turnage | B. | Discuss/Approve <i>Resolution</i> , submitted by the Golden Triangle Development Link, in support of Air Service funding. |
| J. Daughtry | C. | Discuss/Approve 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, to be held on August 4, 2026. |
| J. Garrett | D. | Discuss/Approve two (2) Substitute Prosecutor Agreements. |
| J. Spears | E. | Discuss/Approve addition of new department to the FY27 budget for City Council and Mayor line items. |
| J. Spears | F. | Discuss/Approve 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. |
| D. Davis/C. Bush | G. | Discuss/Approve hiring one (1) Truck Driver in the Public Works Department. |
| D. Davis/W. Langford | H. | Discuss/Approve hiring one (1) Diesel Mechanic in the Garage Department. |
| R. Bonner | I. | Discuss/Approve changing the vacant position of Full-time Convention Center Maintenance Technician to two (2) Part-time Convention Center Maintenance Technicians. |
| R. Bonner/N. Katona | J. | Discuss/Approve to replace the roofs on the J.M. Trotter Convention Center and Regal Hall. |
| N. Katona | K. | Discuss/Approve awarding bid to repair water-damaged ceilings and paint walls of the Farmer's Market Annex to New Creation in the amount of \$8,850.00. |
| G. Lewis | L. | Discuss/Approve acceptance of the FY27 Mississippi Arts Commission Grant in the amount of \$2,501.00 with a 50% match to be taken from the Columbus Recreation Budget to support music and quilting workshops. |

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. Personnel Matters (4)