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MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS July 21, 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 from July 2, 2026 Work Session

V. Stewart B. Approve Minutes from July 9, 2026 Special Meeting

IV. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

J. Brigham A. Approve Docket of Claims for July 21, 2026

V. CONSENT AGENDA

C. Yarbrough A. Accept letter of resignation from one (1) Fire and Rescue Firefighter, effective July 9, 2026, and approve compensation for any unused leave.

C. Yarbrough B. Approve request for two (2) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "Rope Rescue Awareness and Operations" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, hotel, travel, books, meal expenses, any other expenses in the amount of \$920.00.

G. Ward C. Approve request to send five (5) CPD Officers to the "North Mississippi Law Enforcement Training Center" in Tupelo, Mississippi, and approve cost of reimbursable tuition (\$4,000.00 per Officer) and clothing allowance, not to exceed \$350.00 per Officer.

R. Bonner D. Approve Facility Request for complimentary usage of the Riverside Park and Stage for Zumba in Pink to promote Breast Cancer Awareness on October 3, 2026 beginning at 10:30 a.m., and ending at 1:00 p.m. The event is free to the public.

G. Ward E. Approve request for one (1) CPD personnel to attend "Supporting Those Who Protect Others" to be held in Oxford, Mississippi and approve payment for travel, lodging and meal expenses in the estimated amount of \$922.00.

C. Bush F. Accept Letter of Involuntary Resignation on behalf of (1) one Public Works employee, effective immediately, and authorize the HR Director to begin the normal recruitment process.

K. Stafford G. Approve Skylark Drive Speed Hump request.

K. Stafford H. Approve Springdale Drive Speed Hump Request.

G. Irby I. Approve request to declare three (3) Blight Program properties (715 Railroad Street, 1014 10th Street South and 4th Avenue North, Lot 11, Block 30, Frisco City Addition) surplus.

J. Turnage J. Approve request for General Counsel to attend the "AI for Mississippi Lawyers" educational class to be held July 30, 2026 in Pearl, MS and to approve payment for registration, travel, and meal expenses in the estimated amount of \$389.00

G. Drake K. Approve acceptance of the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program Sub-Recipient Grant Award in the amount of \$163,045.00.

- D. Davis** L. Approve advertising for the following vacant positions: two (2) part-time maintenance technicians for the J.M. Trotter Convention Center, one (1) Code Enforcement Officer for the Code Enforcement Dept., one (1) deputy clerk for Municipal Court, ten (10) officers for the Columbus Police Dept., and one (1) Battalion Chief, one (1) Captain, two (2) Engineers and two (2) Firefighters for the Columbus Fire and Rescue Dept.

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

- A. Comments from Mayor & Council
- S. Jones** B. Special Recognition -- Chase Hill
- G. Ward** C. Presentation to Two (2) CPD Retired Officers
* Lt. Amanda Burrell
* Lt. Samuel Jackson
- C. Gilman** D. Forensic Lab — May 2026, June 2026, and Q2 2026 Reports
- L. Erby** E. Municipal Court — June 2026 Report
- W. Langford** F. Garage - June 2026 Report
- R. Bonner** G. Facilities - June 2026 Report
- G. Ward** H. Columbus Police Department - June 2026 Report
- N. Katona** I. Building Inspection / Code Enforcement - June 2026 Reports
- N. Katona** J. Care & Maintenance — June 2026 Report
- C. Yarbrough** K. Columbus Fire and Rescue - June 2026 Report
- G. Irby** L. Planning & Community Development - June 2026 Report
- C. Bush** M. Public Works - June 2026 Report
- G. Lewis** N. Columbus Recreation Department - June 2026 Report
- G. Drake** O. Information Technology - June 2026 Report
- J. Brigham** P. Finance Report - June 2026 Report
- D. Davis** Q. Human Resources - June 2026 Report
- J. Garrett** R. Board Vacancies

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

1 Vacancy, 4-Year Term, Rita Felton's Term Expires 08/15/2026
Appointment will be made August 18, 2026.

Rita Felton

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

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

- N. Katona** A. Discuss/Approve recommendations from the July 13, 2026, Planning Commission public meeting.

- N. Katona** B. Discuss/Approve the lowest responsive bid from Copper Top Sheet Metal, Inc. for partial Trotter roof repairs in the amount of \$4,852.33.
- N. Katona** C. Discuss/Approve the lowest responsive bid from Elevate Roofing and Exteriors, Inc. for partial Regal Hall roof repairs in the amount of \$3,071.25.
- N. Katona** D. Discuss/Approve awarding the replacement of J.M. Trotter Convention Center AC Roof Units to the lowest responsive bidder, World ADC Heat & Air, in the amount of \$120,000.
- K. Stafford** E. Discuss/Approve 2026 Pavement Analysis and Management Assessment Proposal.
- K. Stafford** F. Discuss/Approve Amphitheater Branding and Marketing Launch contracts.
- K. Stafford** G. Discuss/Approve Change Order Proposal for Terry Brown Amphitheater.
- C. Yarbrough** H. Discuss/Approve the promotion of one (1) Columbus Fire and Rescue personnel from Probation Firefighter to Certified Firefighter, effective date August 3, 2026
- C. Yarbrough** I. Discuss/Approve hiring five (5) Entry Level Firefighters: pending successful completion of a pre-employment physical exam and drug testing.
- C. Yarbrough** J. Discuss/Approve the promotion from Engineer to Chief of Training, with the current annual rate of pay, effective date August 3, 2026.
- G. Lewis** K. Discuss maintenance service contract bids for Propst Park, North Haven Woods, Lee Park and Joe Cook Soccer Complex.
- J. Turnage** L. Discuss/Approve *Memorandum of Understanding* between the City of Columbus and Mississippi University for Women.
- J. Garrett** M. Discuss/Approve proposed FY27 Budget Calendar.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. Personnel Matter (2)
- B. Prospective Litigation