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MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS August 26, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

II. TOPICS

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| J. Sansing | A. | ***Discuss/Approve Change Order # 5 (FINAL) for the ARPA Drainage Improvements Project. |
| J. Sansing | B. | ***Discuss/Approve payment application #13 (FINAL) for the ARPA Drainage Improvements Project. |
| K. Stafford | C. | *** Discuss/Approve Proposed Change Order for the Senator Terry Brown Amphitheater. |
| R. Bonner | D. | ***Discuss request to approve Facilities Usage Permit submitted by Columbus Police Chief Garland Ward to have a business meeting with downtown business owners on September 2, 2026 at the Regal Hall from 8:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. |
| R. Bonner | E. | Discuss request to approve (5) Facilities Usage Permits Submitted by Main Street Columbus, Inc./Barbara Bigelow, to Host Various Activities at Leadership Plaza during the Months of October, November and December 2026 Free to the Public. Complimentary Usage is Requested. |
| J. Garrett | F. | Discuss federal and state funding with Taft Law Firm. |
| D. Davis / C. Heinkel | G. | Discuss request to consider/approve the Employee Insurance Benefits Renewal Package with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Mississippi, effective October 1, 2026. |
| G. Ward | H. | Discuss permit request submitted by Ryan Munson, on behalf of Munson and Brothers, to host "Oktoberfest Artist Booths & Vendors" to be held on October 2 - 4, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. on October 2, 2026, until 6:00 p.m. October 4, 2026, blocking the corner of Second Avenue North and Third Street North to Third Avenue North. |
| G. Ward | I. | Discuss permit request submitted by Barbara Bigelow, on behalf of Main Street Columbus, to host "The Hitching Lot Holiday Cruise In Car Show" to be held on November 21, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Hitching Lot, blocking Third Street North at Second Aveune North and Third Avenue North. |
| G. Ward | J. | Discuss ratifying permit request submitted by Jennifer Sharp to host a "Birthday Party" held on August 15, 2026, at 221 Lawrence Drive. |
| G. Ward | K. | Discuss request for one (1) CPD personnel to attend "Glock Training Class Armorer Course-Gen 5 Plus" to be held in Fulton, Mississippi and approval of payment for registration and travel expenses in the estimated amount of \$350.00. |
| G. Ward | L. | Discuss request for four (4) CPD personnel to attend "Level 1 SWAT Training Academy" to be held in Aberdeen, Mississippi and approval of travel in a city-owned vehicle. |
| G. Lewis | M. | Discuss the purchase of a Turf Tank to strike sporting fields for the Columbus Recreation Department. |
| D. Davis / C. Bush | N. | Discuss request to hire one (1) Laborer in the Public Works Department contingent upon successful completion of preliminary testing. |

- J. Turnage** O. Discuss Ordinance establishing competitive procurement procedures for certain purchases and contracts; promoting fairness, transparency, and public confidence in the expenditure of public funds; and for related purposes.
- J. Turnage** P. Discuss *Resolution* and Contract approving and authorizing entry into a camera use agreement with Project NOLA; approving fifteen (15) additional project NOLA cameras; acknowledging existing project NOLA cameras and for related purposes.
- L. Harris** Q. Discuss Sandfield Cemetery.
- J. Spears** R. Discuss Consideration of Budget Planning Outlook for FY27.

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Prospective Purchase, Sale or Leasing of Real Property.
- B. Personnel Matters

IV. ADJOURN