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MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS September 1, 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 Special Meeting of August 11, 2026.

V. Stewart B. Approve Minutes for Work Session of August 12, 2026.

V. Stewart C. Approve Minutes for Meeting of August 18, 2026.

IV. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

J. Brigham A. Approve Docket of Claims for September 1, 2026.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

R. Bonner A. Discuss/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.

G. Ward B. Approve 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 C. Approve request for four (4) CPD personnel to attend "Level 1 SWAT Training Academy" to be held in Aberdeen, Mississippi and approve travel in a city-owned vehicle.

G. Ward D. Approve request for one (1) CPD personnel to attend "Glock Training Class Armorer Course-Gen 5 Plus" to be held in Fulton, Mississippi and approve payment for registration and travel in the estimated amount of \$350.00.

G. Ward E. Ratify permit request submitted by Jennifer Sharp to host a "Birthday Party" held on August 15, 2026, at 221 Lawrence Drive.

G. Ward F. Approve 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 November 21, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Hitching Lot, blocking Third Street North at Second Avenue North and Third Avenue North.

G. Ward G. Approve request for one (1) CPD personnel to attend the "IACP 2026 Annual Conference" to be held in Orlando, Florida and approve payment for registration, travel, lodging and meal expenses in the estimated amount of \$2,140.00.

N. Katona H. Approve the request to promote the Code Enforcement Clerk to Code Enforcement Officer and allow the Human Resources Director to advertise for a new Code Enforcement Clerk.

C. Bush I. Approve request to hire two (2) Laborers in the Public Works Department contingent upon

successful completion of preliminary testing.

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

- A. Comments from Mayor & Council
- G. Ward** B. Presentation to one (1) CPD Officer
 - * Lt. Mark Underwood
- G. Ward** C. Presentation of Commendation to five (5) CPD Officers
 - * Ptl. Alexander Vaughn
 - * Ptl. Tovaes Chandler
 - * Ptl. Dijon Shields
 - * Cpl. Timothy Tate
 - * Sgt. Kimberly Hayes
- G. Lewis** D. Presentation to the MUW Art Department
- J. Turnage** E. Board Vacancies

COLUMBUS-LOWNDES LIBRARY BOARD

1 Vacancy, 5-Year Term, Randi Robison's Term Expires 09/30/2026.
Announcement will be made October 6, 2026.

Randi Robison

GOLDEN TRIANGLE LINK DEVELOPMENT

1 Vacancy, 2-Year Term, Bill West's Term Expires 09/30/2026.
Appointment will be made September 15, 2026.

Nic Parish

COLUMBUS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

1 Vacancy, 5-Year Term, Marthalie Porter's Term Expires 09/01/2026
Appointment will be made September 1, 2026.

Howard Dodd

Marthalie Porter

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

- A. **Julia Chavez** - Homelessness, Transportation and Data Center.

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

- N. Katona** A. Discuss/Approve the lowest and best bid for the former Dial-A-Bus building electrical work from Malone Electric in the amount of \$5,850.
- N. Katona** B. Discuss the current Dial-A-Bus budget and discuss/approve two change orders, one roofing change order for 28 damaged sheets in the amount of \$2,100 and one trim/paint change order for \$845.
- N. Katona** C. Discuss/Approve the lowest and best bid for the former Dial-A-Bus building HVAC installation from Patterson HVAC in the amount of \$12,500.
- N. Katona** D. Discuss/Approve recording of eighty-eight (88) \$250 or less abatement determinations in the meeting minutes.
- N. Katona** E. Discuss/Approve the lowest and best bid for the removal of a dead tree overhanging Puckett Parkway by Magnolia Tree Service in the amount of \$2,500.
- J. Turnage** F. Discuss/Approve *Ordinance* establishing competitive procurement procedures for certain purchases and contracts; promoting fairness, transparency and public confidence in the

expenditure of public funds and related purposes.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A. Personnel Matter (1)