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## MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS September 9, 2026

### I. CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

### II. TOPICS

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| <b>M.Pritchett</b> | A. | Presentation on potential partnership with the Frank P. Phillips Memorial YMCA employee health initiative.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>N. Katona</b>   | B. | Discuss the Action Center Officer attending training in Madison, MS on Thursday, September 17th for Keep Columbus Beautiful and request for the use of city fuel and reimbursement for meal expenses.                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>N. Katona</b>   | C. | Discuss request to hold resource fairs at various locations.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>C. Gilman</b>   | D. | Discuss the lowest and best bid in the amount of \$1,575.00 for electrical work in the Forensic Lab for electrical improvements.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>G. Ward</b>     | E. | Discuss permit request submitted by Blaine Walters, on behalf of The Bride & Groom, Inc., to block three (3) parking spaces at 120 Fifth Street South to host a Mother of Bride & Groom Sale on October 16 –17, 2026, with blocking to start the afternoon of Thursday, October 15, 2026, until the morning of Monday, October 19, 2026.                                 |
| <b>G. Ward</b>     | F. | Discuss permit request submitted by Barbara Bigelow, on behalf of Main Street Columbus, Inc., to host "Oktoberfest Downtown 'Barktoberfest' Pet Parade" to be held on October 3, 2026, from 9:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. in downtown Columbus, See attached map.                                                                                                           |
| <b>G. Ward</b>     | G. | Discuss permit request submitted by Jackie Griffin, on behalf of First Methodist Church, Annunciaton Catholic Church and St. Paul's Episcopal Church, to host a "Fall Festival" to be held on October 25, 2026, from 4:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. with an Officer(s) at 5th Street South and College Street and blocking of streets to start at 2:00 p.m. See attached map. |
| <b>G. Ward</b>     | H. | Discuss permit request submitted by Barbara Bigelow, on behalf of Main Street Columbus, Inc, to host "Wassail Fest" to be held on December 4, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in Downtown Columbus. Please see attached map with streets to be blocked from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. highlighted in pink.                                                          |
| <b>G. Ward</b>     | I. | Discuss permit request submitted by Barbara Bigelow, on behalf of Main Street Columbus, Inc., to host the "Christmas Parade" to be held on December 7, 2026, from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. See attached map.                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>G. Ward</b>     | J. | Discuss permit request submitted by Eddie Jones, on behalf of Street Jumpers, to host "Sickle Cell Awareness Ride" to be held on September 19, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. See attached flyer.                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>G. Ward</b>     | K. | Discuss request for five (5) CPD personnel to attend "Level 1 SWAT Training Academy" to be held September 21-25, 2026 in Aberdeen, Mississippi and approve travel in city-owned vehicles.                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>G. Ward</b>     | L. | Discuss request for one (1) CPD personnel to attend "Glock Training Class Armorer Course-Gen 5 Plus" to be held October 1, 2026 in Fulton, Mississippi and approval of payment for registration and travel expense in the estimated amount of \$350.00.                                                                                                                  |
| <b>G. Ward</b>     | M. | Discuss request for one (1) CPD personnel to attend "ADSI User Group Conference 2026" to                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

be held October 4-6, 2026 in Tunica, Mississippi and approval of payment for registration, lodging, travel and meal expenses in the estimated amount of \$628.00.

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| <b>G. Ward</b>                | N. | Discuss request to re-hire one (1) certified officer and hire four (4) certified officers contingent upon successful completion of preliminary testing.                                                                                                                          |
| <b>M. Armstead / D. Davis</b> | O. | Discuss request to hire two (2) deputy clerks for the Municipal Court Department contingent upon successful completion of preliminary testing.                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>G. Irby</b>                | P. | Discuss a recommendation to accept proposal for repairs to 410 Springdale Drive and award a contract to J Miller Roofing in the amount of \$8,700.                                                                                                                               |
| <b>G. Lewis</b>               | Q. | Discuss moving one (1) temporary Maintenance Technician to replace one (1) Full-Time Maintenance Technician.                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>G. Lewis</b>               | R. | Discuss one (1) Facilities Usage Permit submitted by Edward Rice, Pastor of Hope of Glory-Rice Chapel, for a community outreach event about Jesus Christ at Propst Park on October 10, 2026.                                                                                     |
| <b>G. Lewis</b>               | S. | Discuss one (1) Facilities Usage Permit submitted by Councilwoman Lavonne Harris and the Columbus Recreation Department for complimentary usage of the J.M. Trotter Convention Center for Community Information and Bingo to be held on September 21, 2026 and December 7, 2026. |
| <b>C. Yarbrough</b>           | T. | Discuss request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "Mississippi Fire Chief Conference" to be held December 15-17, 2026 in Oxford, MS, and approve payment of registration, hotel, travel, books, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the amount of \$659.00.   |
| <b>G. Lewis</b>               | U. | Discuss one (1) Facilities Usage Permit submitted by the Councilman Roderick Smith and the Columbus Recreation Department for complimentary usage of the J.M. Trotter Convention Center for a Thanksgiving Luncheon to be held on November 23, 2026.                             |
| <b>C. Yarbrough</b>           | V. | *** Ratify the intergovernmental transfer of the Columbus Fire & Rescue's Mobile Command Center to the town of West Point, MS and/or its Fire Department utilized Friday, September 4, 2026 and Saturday, September 5, 2026.                                                     |
| <b>G. Lewis</b>               | W. | ***Discuss/Approve request for one (1) Columbus Recreation Department employee to attend the Fossil Fest held at the University of Alabama on September 12, 2026. The estimated cost is \$40 for fuel.                                                                           |
| <b>S. Jones / J. Turnage</b>  | X. | ***Consider/Approve MOA to extend interlocal cooperation agreement with CVB.                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>J. Brigham/J. Garrett</b>  | Y. | ***Discuss/Approve the FY27 Budget.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

### III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Personnel Matters

### IV. ADJOURN