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**MEETING OF
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS
August 6, 2019**

CFO/SECRETARY-TREASURER
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FIRE CHIEF
MARTIN ANDREWS

HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR
PATRICIA MITCHELL

**INTERIM CITY PLANNING &
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**
GEORGE IRBY

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

II. APPROVE MINUTES FOR PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

A. MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF JULY 16, 2019

III. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

A. DOCKET OF CLAIMS FOR AUGUST 6, 2019

IV. CONFIRMATION OF/OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

V. CONSENT AGENDA

M. Andrews A. Ratify request for three (3) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "MSARTF-RR-071019-5854 Tropical Storm Barry Deployment" to be held in Hattiesburg, MS, and approve payment of travel and meal expenses. Fuel, meals, and salaries will be reimbursed by Homeland Security.

M. Andrews B. Approve request for two (2) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "Trench Rescue and Emergency Shoring Technician Training" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, travel, and meal expenses.

M. Andrews C. Accept letter of resignation from one (1) Fire and Rescue Firefighter, effective July 28, 2019, and approve compensation for any unused vacation leave.

M. Andrews D. Accept letter of resignation from one (1) Fire and Rescue Firefighter, effective August 11, 2019, and approve compensation for any unused vacation leave.

- R. Bonner** E. Approve request to refund two (2) citizens for Trotter rental fees.
- L. Dismuke** F. Approve request for one (1) Municipal Court Judge and the Drug Court Coordinator to attend the "MADCP Training Conference" to be held in Oxford, MS, and approve payment for registration, travel, and meal expenses.
- F. Shelton** G. Accept letter of resignation from one (1) CPD Reserve Officer, effective July 18, 2019.
- F. Shelton** H. Ratify permit request submitted by Johnson Washington to host a "GTA Car Meet and Ride Out" held on August 3, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Columbus Lock and Dam with the Ride Out from the Columbus Lock and Dam, down Hwy. 45 through Main Street, Highway 82 East to Southern Family Market.
- F. Shelton** I. Approve permit request submitted by Mack Patel to host a "Wedding" to be held on August 17, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. at the Trotter Convention Center, 123 Fifth Street North blocking, Second Avenue North and Fifth Street North.
- F. Shelton** J. Approve permit request submitted by Kabir Karriem, on behalf of the 7th Avenue Heritage Festival Committee, to host the "7th Avenue Heritage Festival" to be held on October 4 - 5, 2019 from 12:00 Noon October 4, 2019 until 10:00 p.m. October 5, 2019, blocking the corner of 7th Avenue North and 15th Street North.
- F. Shelton** K. Approve permit request submitted by Steve Blaylock, on behalf of First Pentecostal Church, to host a "FPC Block Party" to be held on August 17, 2019 from 12:00 Noon until 5:00 p.m. at 501 Lehmberg Road blocking Bennett Avenue from Lehmberg Road to just passed Calvary and United Methodist Churches.
- F. Shelton** L. Approve permit request submitted by John Brown, on behalf of J.B.'s House of Blues, to host a "Labor Day Blues Bash" to be held on August 31, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. outside J.B.'s House of Blues at 120 - 22nd Street South. See attached map.

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

- R. Smith** A. General Comments from the Mayor and Council Members
- F. Shelton** B. Presentation of Commendation to two (2) CPD Officers
- Glenn Jenkins
 - Rodreiuz Porter
- M. Andrews** C. Swearing in of two (2) Fire and Rescue Firefighters
- William Branch
 - Robert Dinsmore

D. Board Vacancies

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD

- 1 Vacancy, Mark Castleberry's 5-Year Term Expires 9/1/2019.
- Appointment will be made 9/3/2019.
- No applicants at this time.

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

- Ellie Graham - Greater Columbus Learning Center
- Allison Sudduth - Use of Leadership Plaza
- Rudy Watkins - PATH Presentation

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

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| D.Vaughn/P. Mitchell | A. | Consider/Approve request to fill vacant Accounts Payable position and Accounts Receivable position. |
| K. Karriem | B. | Discuss/Approve permission request from the 7th Avenue Heritage Festival Committee to sell beer during the 7th Avenue Heritage Festival on October 4-5, 2019. |
| J. Dillon | C. | Discuss FEMA/MEMA Submission Update and approve all submitted bills pertaining to the declared disaster of the February 23, 2019 tornado. |
| J. Dillon | D. | Discuss Community Recovery of Lowndes County Update. |
| J. Turnage | E. | Consider/Approve Application for Ad Valorem Tax Exemption. |
| J. Turnage | F. | Ratify acceptance of July 2019 donation by an anonymous donor of \$2,532.01 for the August 1, 2019 renewals of all Columbus Sixteenth Section Leases and ratify July 2019 payment by Mayor and City Council, as Successors in Interest to the Trustees of Franklin Academy, of said sum to the Columbus Municipal Separate School District for said renewal. |
| J. Turnage | G. | Consider/Approve instruction to City/County Tax Assessor/Collector to show on the 2019 year-end ad valorem tax bills for all Sixteenth Section parcels, that the Sixteenth Section payment is being collected in advance for the August 2020 renewal and that each successive year thereafter that the same be for the next following August 1 renewal. |
| F. Shelton | H. | Consider/Approve agreement to purchase surplus property from the City of Southaven, MS. |
| D. Vaughn | I. | Discuss/Approve cost of property clean-up on cases previously heard by Mayor and Council and for which remediation has been completed. |
| T. Jones | J. | Discuss/Approve Derelict Property Docket. |

- C. Box** K. **Discuss Consent Agenda Item V.I. approved on 6/18/2019, for the Mayor, Fire Chief, Assistant Chief, Accreditation Manager, and Chief of Training, to attend "Fire Rescue International" to be held in Atlanta, GA, and approve payment for registration, fuel, hotel and meal expenses.**

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION: