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**MEETING OF
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS
March 17, 2020**

CFO/SECRETARY-TREASURER
DELIAH VAUGHN

POLICE CHIEF
FREDERICK C. SHELTON

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 MEETINGS OF MARCH 3 & 5, 2020

III. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

A. DOCKET OF CLAIMS FOR MARCH 17, 2020

IV. CONFIRMATION OF/OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- M. Andrews** A. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue Engineer to attend "NFPA 1041-I-II Fire Service instructor" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, travel and meal expenses.
- M. Andrews** B. Approve request for four (4) Fire and Rescue Firefighters to attend "NFPA 472: HazMat Tech I" to be held in Amory, MS, and approve payment of travel, and meal expenses.
- M. Andrews** C. Ratify request for three (3) Fire and Rescue Personnel to attend "Patriot South 2020 OSAR Training" to be held in Grenada, MS, and approve payment of travel and meal expenses.
- M. Andrews** D. Approve request for two (2) Fire and Rescue Captains to attend "Swiftwater Refresher and HSART" to be held in Picayune, MS, and approve payment of travel and meal expenses.
- M. Andrews** E. Ratify request for four (4) Fire and Rescue Personnel to attend "Jackson Metro Area Flooding" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of travel and meal expenses. These expenses will be reimbursed to the City by Homeland Security.
- F. Shelton** F. Accept letter of resignation from one (1) Traffic Controller, effective March 31, 2020, and authorize the HR Director to begin the normal recruitment process.
- F. Shelton** G. Accept letter of resignation from (1) CPD Reserve Officer, effective February 28, 2020.
- F. Shelton** H. Approve request for one (1) CPD Corporal to attend Computer Voice Stress Analysis Training in Biloxi, MS, and approve payment of registration, lodging, travel and meal expenses.

- F. Shelton** I. Approve permit request submitted by Jody Denney and Cameron Herring to host a "Wedding" to be held on April 12, 2020 from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Courtyard on the southwest corner of Fifth Street South and College Street.
- F. Shelton** J. Accept letters of resignation from four (4) CPD Police Officers, effective March 5, 2020, March 12, 2020, March 16, 2020 and March 24, 2020. Also approve request for compensation of unused leave time for the officer who is resigning March 24, 2020.

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

- R. Smith** A. General Comments from the Mayor and Council Members
- F. Shelton** B. **DELETED** - CPD Presentations:
- ~~Commendation to Officer Latessa Fluker~~
 - ~~Recognition to Citizen Johnathan L. Phinizee~~
- M. Andrews** C. Monthly report from the Columbus Fire and Rescue Department
- W. Blunt** D. Monthly Report from the Municipal Court Department for February 2020
- C. Bush** E. Monthly Report from the Public Works Department for February 2020
- G. Irby** F. Monthly Report from the City Planning & Community Development Department for February 2020
- S. James** G. Monthly Report from The Code Enforcement Department for February 2020
- G. Lewis** H. Monthly Report from the Recreation Department for February 2020.
- F. Shelton** I. Monthly Report from the Columbus Police Department for February 2020
- K. Wiegel** J. Monthly Report from the Building Inspection Department for February 2020
- D. Vaughn** K. Financial Report
- D. Armstrong** L. Board Vacancies
- TREE BOARD**
- 1 Vacancy, 3-Year Term for Bruce Sansing Expires 4/4/2020.
 - Appointment will be made April 7, 2020.
 - No applicants at this time

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

- **DELETED:** Jay Fisher—Lowndes Community Foundation
- **DELETED:** Quincy Harris—Young and Gifted Ballers

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

- J. Dillon** A. Discuss FEMA and Good News Columbus.

- C. Bush** B. Discuss/Approve request to hire three (3) applicants to fill vacant Laborer positions in the Public Works Department, contingent on successful completion of a pre-employment medical exam and drug screen.
- C. Bush** C. Discuss/Approve request to fill vacant Truck Driver position in the Public Works Department, contingent on successful completion of a pre-employment medical exam and drug screen.
- G. Lewis** D. Discuss/Approve request to fill vacant position of Parks Grounds Technician, contingent on successful completion of a pre-employment medical exam and drug screen.
- G. Lewis** E. Discuss/Approve request to hire one (1) Maintenance Technician, contingent on successful completion of a pre-employment medical exam and drug screen.
- F. Shelton** F. Discuss/Approve hiring an Animal Control Officer, contingent upon a successful drug screen and pre-employment physical.
- K. Stafford** G. Discuss/Approve All-Way Stop at 5th Avenue South at 24th Street South.
- K. Stafford** H. Discuss/Approve Advertisement for Bids for the MDOT TAP Project (Main Street at 2nd Street Mini-Roundabout).
- K. Stafford** I. Discuss/Approve CE&I Contract for MDOT TAP Project.
- K. Wiegel** J. Discuss/Approve request to promote Building Permit Technician Clerk to the position of Office Manager and Secretary for the various boards.
- K. Wiegel** K. Discuss/Approve recommendations from the March 9, 2020 Planning Commission meeting.
- S. James** L. **Discuss/Approve Derelict Property Docket.**
- D. Armstrong** M. **Discuss/Approve request for Proclamation and Resolution of State of Emergency.**
- J. Turnage** N. **Discuss/Approve Emergency Declaration from Governor for Administrative Leave with Pay.**

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. **Prospective Litigation (1)**