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**MEETING OF
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS
March 16, 2021**

CFO/SECRETARY-TREASURER
DELIAH VAUGHN

POLICE CHIEF
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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 MEETINGS OF MARCH 2 & 5, 2021

III. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

A. DOCKET OF CLAIMS FOR MARCH 16, 2021

IV. CONFIRMATION OF/OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- M. Andrews** A. Approve request for two (2) Fire and Rescue Engineers to attend "Overland Search/Rescue FUNSAR Certification" to be held in Meridian, MS, and approve payment of registration, travel and meal expenses.
- M. Andrews** B. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue Firefighter to attend "Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, travel and meal expenses.
- M. Andrews** C. Approve request for three (3) Fire and Rescue Engineers to attend "NFPA 10-21 final testing" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, travel and meal expenses.
- M. Andrews** D. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue Personnel to attend "Accreditation Site Visit" to be held in Johnston City, TN, and approve payment of registration, travel and meal expenses.
- M. Andrews** E. Approve request for four (4) Fire and Rescue Firefighters to attend "CPAT-E" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, travel and meal expenses.
- M. Andrews** F. Approve request for reimbursements to three (3) Fire and Rescue Firefighters from attendance at "Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations" in Jackson, MS.
- D. Armstrong** G. Approve request for the COO and Interim City Planner to attend the "LPA Project Development Manual" to be held in Ridgeland, MS, and approve payment for lodging and meal expenses.

- F. Shelton** H. Approve request for the Chief of Police, Assistant Chief and Director of Training to attend the "Mississippi Delta Community College Law Enforcement Training Academy Graduation" on March 25, 2021 at no cost to City.
- F. Shelton** I. Approve permit requests submitted by Andrew Misulia, M.D., on behalf of the Triple B Cowboy Band, to host a "Country Gospel Music Band Playing" to be held on March 26, 2021, and on recurring dates from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the corner of Fifth Street South and College Street at the gazebo, and on May 15, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon at the Farmers Market parking lot.
- F. Shelton** J. Ratify approval for Investigators to travel to conduct interviews at a medical facility in Jackson, MS, and approval of payment for travel and meal expenses.
- B. Williams** K. Approve request to pay Poll Workers, Resolution Board and Custodians for working at the polls for the Primary Election on April 6, 2021.
- C. Bush** L. **Accept letters of resignations from two (2) Public Works Employees, effective March 12, 2021 and March 19, 2021, and authorize the HR Director to begin the normal recruitment process.**
- G. Lewis** M. **Accept letter of resignation from one (1) Columbus Recreation Dept. Maintenance Technician, effective March 12, 2021,**

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

- B. Gavin** A. General Comments from Vice-Mayor and Council
- M. Andrews** B. Monthly Report from the Columbus Fire & Rescue Department for February 2021
- W. Blunt** C. Monthly Report from the Municipal Court Division for February 2021
- C. Bush** D. Monthly Report from the Public Works Department for February 2021
- G. Irby** E. Monthly Report from Planning & Development for February 2021
- S. James** F. Monthly Report from the Code Enforcement Department for February 2021
- G. Lewis** G. Monthly Report from the Columbus Recreation Department for February 2021
- F. Shelton** H. Monthly Report from the Columbus Police Department for February 2021
- K. Wiegel** I. Monthly Report from the Building Inspection Department for February 2021
- D. Vaughn** J. Financial Report
- D. Armstrong** K. Board Vacancies: None

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

- Bob Raymond -Fallen CAFB Pilots Memorial
- Tommy Brown - Mask Ordinance
- Angie Verdell - 1625 4th Avenue South
- Kamal Karriem - Street Name Dedication

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

- M. Andrews** A. Discuss/Approve promotion of two (2) Fire & Rescue Department Firefighters to Engineers.
- R. Bonner** B. Discuss/Approve request replacing two (2) part-time employees for the Trotter Center, and authorize the HR Director to begin the normal recruitment process.
- F. Shelton** C. Discuss/Approve hiring four (4) Columbus Police Officers, contingent upon a successful pre-employment physical exam and drug screen.
- J. Mickens** D. ***(March 2, 2021 Agenda Consent Item E moved to Policy and tabled.)*** Approve permit request submitted by Nancy Carpenter, on behalf of the Columbus Cultural Heritage Foundation, to host "Catfish in the Alley" on April 10, 2021 from 10 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. See attached map.
- S. James** E. Discuss/Approve Derelict Property Docket.
- G. Irby** F. **Discuss/Approve request from the Mississippi Home Corporation.**
- G. Irby** G. **Discuss/Approve Certified Local Grant/South Columbus Historic Resource Survey Invoice payment.**

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. Personnel Matters (**3**)