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**MEETING OF
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS
April 6, 2021**

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 MEETING OF MARCH 16, 2021

III. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

A. DOCKET OF CLAIMS FOR APRIL 6, 2021

IV. CONFIRMATION OF/OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

V. CONSENT AGENDA

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| C. Bush | A. | Accept letter of resignation from one (1) Public Works employee, effective April 13, 2021, and authorize the HR Director to begin the normal recruitment process. |
| C. Bush | B. | Accept letter of resignation from one (1) Public Works employee, effective March 30, 2021, and authorize the HR Director to begin the normal recruitment process. |
| B. Gavin | C. | Approve request for the Mayor, Council, COO, CFO, City Planner, and HR Director to attend the "MML 90th Annual Summer Conference" to be held in Biloxi, MS, and approve payment for registration, lodging, travel and meal expenses. |
| W. Langford | D. | Accept letter of resignation from one (1) City Garage employee, effective April 6, 2021, approve compensation for any unused vacation leave, and authorize the HR Director to begin the normal recruitment process. |
| G. Lewis | E. | Accept letter of resignation from one (1) Recreation Department employee, effective April 7, 2021, approve compensation for any unused vacation leave, and authorize the HR Director to begin the normal recruitment process. |
| F. Shelton | F. | Ratify approval for an Investigator to travel to conduct interviews at a medical facility in Jackson, MS at no cost to the City. |
| F. Shelton | G. | Ratify permit request submitted by Elizabeth Swartz, on behalf of First United Methodist Church, to host "Easter Activities Around Outdoor Cross" held on April 4, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., blocking Sixth Street South from the corner of Main Street to the Church parking lot, just past the post office boxes. |

- F. Shelton** H. Approve permit request submitted by Glenn Lautzenhiser, on behalf of Christian Community in Prayer, to host the "National Day of Prayer" to be held on May 6, 2021 from 12:00 noon until 1:00 p.m. in front of the Lowndes County Courthouse, blocking Second Avenue North in front of the Courthouse from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- F. Shelton** I. Approve permit request submitted by Colin Krieger, on behalf of Friends of the Library, to host a "Pie K .5K Fun Run" to be held on April 10, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m., starting at the rear of the Columbus Lowndes Public Library to the Lowndes County Courthouse. See attached map.
- F. Shelton** J. ~~DELETED: Approve permit request submitted by Fairren Wallace, on behalf of Southern Region New Black Panther Party, to host "Unity Assembly for the Youth" to be held on April 17, 2021 from 12:00 Noon until 6:00 p.m. at Sim Scott Park.~~
- F. Shelton** K. Ratify permit request submitted by Princena Swanigan on behalf of United Outreach to host "Faith and Prayer Outreach" held on April 3, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at Sim Scott Park.
- F. Shelton** L. Approve permit request submitted by Colin Krieger to host a "Fundraiser" to be held on April 11, 2021 from 12:00 noon until 6:00 p.m. blocking the west half of the 400 block of Second Avenue North from the edge of Zachary's Tavern to the back of Zachary's rear parking lot and 5th Street North.
- B. Williams** M. Approve request for Compensation of Poll Workers.
- B. Williams** N. Accept letter of retirement from the Registrar/Action Center Clerk, effective June 25, 2021, approve compensation for any unused leave, submit remaining leave to PERS, and authorize the HR Director to begin the normal recruitment process.

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

- B. Gavin** A. General Comments from the Vice-Mayor and Council

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

- Proclamation from Realtor Association
- ~~DELETED: Curtis & Eurie Bordenave, Owners - Patio 45 Restaurant~~
- Larry Wayne Jeona - Patio 45
- Edith Faulkner - Patio 45

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

- B. Gavin** A. Discuss current Face Mask Ordinance.
- R. Bonner** B. Discuss/Approve request to fill one (1) of two part-time Maintenance Technician positions at the Convention Center, contingent upon successful completion of a pre-employment medical exam and drug screen.

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| C. Bush | C. | Discuss/Approve request to fill five (5) vacant Laborer positions in the Public Works Department. |
| J. Turnage | D. | Consider/Approve Intent Resolution to Grant ad valorem tax exemptions for renovations to property within the Central Business District and within the Historic District. |
| G. Lewis | E. | Discuss/Approve hiring four (4) temporary employees for 16 hours a week to work concessions during baseball season, and authorize the HR Director to begin the normal recruitment process. |
| J. Mickens | F. | DELETED: Discuss/Approve Main Street request for use of Trotter Center. |
| F. Shelton | G. | Discuss/Approve hiring one (1) CPD Officer, contingent upon a successful pre-employment physical and drug screen. |
| P. Mitchell | H. | Discuss/Approve/Award Legal Publications bid. |
| K. Stafford/J. Turnage | I. | Discuss/Approve Acceptance of AT&T Easement for 14th Avenue North improvements. |
| D. Vaughn | J. | Discuss/Approve cost of property cleanup previously heard by the Mayor and Council for which remediation has been completed. |
| S. James | K. | Discuss/Approve Derelict Property Docket. |
| B. Gavin/J. Smith | L. | Discuss/Approve request from the Townsend Park Blues-Southside Festival Committee to host the 2021 Festival, and approve payment of \$15,000 as per the Interlocal Agreement dated January 4, 2019 between the City of Columbus, the Lowndes County Board of Supervisors and the CVB. |
| J. Smith | M. | Discuss/Approve the Townsend Park Blues and Southside Festival to sell beer on one day of the 2021 Festival. |

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. Personnel Matters (2)