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**MEETING OF
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS
April 20, 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 APRIL 6, 2021

III. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

A. DOCKET OF CLAIMS FOR APRIL 20, 2021

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 "Patriot North final planning meeting" to be held in Volt Field, WI, and approve payment of travel and meal expenses.
- M. Andrews** B. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue Firefighter to attend "CPAT-E" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, travel, and meal expenses.
- M. Andrews** C. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue Engineer to attend "Mississippi Task Force II Class" to be held in Meridian, MS, and approve payment of registration, travel, and meal expenses.
- M. Andrews** D. Approve request for Fire and Rescue Personnel to attend and host "Howard Cross & Associates Leadership Training" to be held in Columbus, MS, and approve payment of registration, travel, and meal expenses.
- M. Andrews** E. Approve request for reimbursements to one (1) Fire and Rescue Engineer from attendance to NFPA 1021 in Jackson, MS.
- M. Andrews** F. Approve request for reimbursements to three (3) Fire and Rescue Firefighters from attendance to CPAT-E in Jackson, MS.
- C. Bush** G. Accept letter of resignation from one (1) Public Works employee, effective April 8, 2021, and authorize the HR Director to begin the normal recruitment process.
- C. Bush** H. Approve request for the Public Works Director to attend the "Solid Waste Management & Recycling Conference" to be held in Biloxi, MS, and approve payment for registration, lodging, travel, and meal expenses.

- J. Mickens** I. Approve request to add Rogena Bonner, Trotter Director, to attend the MML Summer Conference to be held in Biloxi, MS, and approve payment for registration, lodging, travel and meal expenses.
- F. Shelton** J. Approve request to send five (5) CPD Officers to the "Mississippi Delta Community College Law Enforcement Training Academy" in Moorhead, MS, and approve cost of tuition and clothing required by the academy. The clothing allowance is not to exceed \$350.00 per Officer and will be reimbursed upon completion of the academy.
- F. Shelton** K. Ratify approval for an Investigator to travel to deliver evidence to the Crime Lab and conduct interviews at a medical facility in Jackson, MS, at no cost to the City.
- F. Shelton** L. Ratify permit request submitted by Sharonna Crosby to host "Celebration of Life" held on April 16, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. blocking, the Fifth Street South block past Zion Gate Church.

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

- R. Smith** A. General Comments from the Mayor and Council
- F. Shelton** B. Swearing in of five (5) CPD Officers

- Jaylan Barry
- Darrius Goss
- Tykeria Harris
- Javonna Minor
- Joey Winford

- M. Andrews** C. Monthly Report from the Columbus Fire & Rescue Department for March 2021
- W. Blunt** D. Monthly Report from the Municipal Court Department for March 2021
- C. Bush** E. Monthly Report from the Public Works Department for March 2021
- G. Irby** F. Monthly Report from Planning & Development for March 2021
- S. James** G. Monthly Report from the Code Enforcement Department for March 2021
- G. Lewis** H. Monthly Report from the Columbus Recreation Department for March 2021
- F. Shelton** I. Monthly Report from the Columbus Police Department for March 2021
- K. Wiegel** J. Monthly Report from the Building Inspection Department for March 2021
- D. Vaughn** K. Financial Report

D. Armstrong L. Board Vacancies

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

- 1 Vacancy, 4-Year Term for Bryan Brown expires 05/16/2021.
- Appointment will be made May 18, 2021.
- There are no applicants at this time.

CITY UTILITIES COMMISSION

- 1 Vacancy, 5-Year Term for Charlie Newell expires 06/21/2021.
- Appointment will be made June 22, 2021.
- There are no applicants at this time.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION COMMISSION

- 3 Vacancies, 4-Year Terms for Penesha Harrison, Diane Sloan and Roy M. Hicks will expire 6/30/2021.
- Appointments will be made July 6, 2021.
- There are no applicants at this time.

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

- Chief Fred Shelton - Crime Prevention Task Force

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

- M. Andrews** A. Discuss/Approve request to hire a Public Relations/Educational Officer applicant to fill the vacant position in the Columbus Fire & Rescue Department upon successful completion of a pre-employment physical and drug screen.
- L. Brooks** B. Discuss/Approve request from the Juneteenth Committee to sell beer at the Annual Juneteenth Festival on June 18-19, 2021. The Festival will be held in the Sim Scott Park, located on 20th Street North.
- G. Drake/J. Dillon** C. Discuss/Approve request to purchase security cameras for the Sim Scott Community Center.
- S. James** D. Discuss/Approve Derelict Property Docket.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. Personnel Matters (2)