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**MEETING OF
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS
May 4, 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 20, 2021

III. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

A. DOCKET OF CLAIMS FOR MAY 4, 2021

IV. CONFIRMATION OF/OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- M. Andrews** A. Ratify request for one (1) Fire and Rescue Firefighter to attend "Hazardous Materials Awareness/Operations test (HAZMAT)" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, travel, and meal expenses.
- M. Andrews** B. Approve request for reimbursement to one (1) Fire and Rescue Firefighter from attendance to CPAT-E in Jackson, MS.
- M. Andrews** C. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue Personnel to attend "Accreditation Site Visit" to be held in New Bern, NC, and approve payment of any registration, travel, and meal expenses.
- M. Andrews** D. Approve request for three (3) Fire and Rescue Firefighters to attend "National Registry of EMT (NREMT)" to be held in Tuscaloosa, AL, and approve payment of any registration, travel, and meal expenses.
- W. Blunt** E. Approve request for the Municipal Court Clerk to attend the "Mississippi Municipal Court Clerk Annual Summer Seminar" to be held in Biloxi, MS, and approve payment for lodging, travel and meal expenses.
- S. James** F. Approve request for the Code Enforcement Officer and Assistant to attend the "Mississippi Association for Code Enforcement Educational Conference" to be held in D'Iberville, MS, and approve payment for registration, lodging, travel and meal expenses.

- F. Shelton** G. Ratify permit request submitted by LaChunda Sparks on behalf of the CAFB, DHS and Stokes Beard Elementary School to host a "Child Abuse Prevention Parade" held on April 29, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m., starting at Stokes Beard Elementary School, 311 South MLK, Jr. Drive.
- F. Shelton** H. Ratify permit request submitted by Nicole Clinkscales, on behalf of Community Recovery of Lowndes County, to host a "Home Dedication Ceremony" held on April 24, 2021 from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., blocking the 800 block of 18th Street North.
- C. Bush** I. **Accept letters of resignation from three (3) Public Works employees, one (1) effective April 27th, one (1) effective May 5th, and one (1) effective May 14, 2021. Approve request to compensate two employees for unused time and submit the remaining time to PERS. Also approve request for the HR Director to begin the normal recruitment process.**

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

- R. Smith** A. General Comments from the Mayor and Council
- B. **Name Park JOE EDWARDS PARK**
- D. Armstrong** C. 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 15, 2021.
- There are no applicants at this time.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION COMMISSION

- 3 Vacancies, 4-Year Terms for Penesha McDowell Harrison, Diane Sloan and Roy M. Hicks will expire 6/30/2021.
- Appointments will be made July 6, 2021.

APPLICANT

- Penesha McDowell Harrison

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

- Stephanie Gibson & Sherry Faggans - National Day of Prayer
- Karen L. Johnwick - Patio 45
- **Curtis Bordenave - Patio 45 Restaurant**

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

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| K. Wiegel | A. | Consider/Approve the Human Resources Department to advertise internally for the vacant position of Office Clerk within the Building Inspection Department. |
| K. Stafford | B. | Discuss/Approve Acceptance of Right-of-Way for Union Drive Turnaround. |
| S. James | C. | Discuss/Approve Derelict Property Docket. |
| G. Lewis | D. | Approve request to hire six (6) Summer workers and two (2) Seasonal workers for the Columbus Recreation Department. |
| C. Bush | E. | Approve request to promote two (2) Truck Drivers to Boom Truck Operators with pay increase. |

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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| | A. | Prospective Litigation (1) |
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