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**MEETING OF
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS
May 18, 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 MAY 4 & May 6, 2021

III. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

A. DOCKET OF CLAIMS FOR MAY 18, 2021

IV. CONFIRMATION OF/OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- M. Andrews** A. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue Captain to attend "Helicopter Search and Rescue Patriot North Exercise" to be held in Volt Field, WI, **at no cost to City.**
- M. Andrews** B. Approve request for two (2) Fire and Rescue Engineers to attend "NFPA 1021 Final Test" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, travel, and meal expenses.
- M. Andrews** C. Approve request for Fire Marshal to attend "NFPA 1033 Fire Investigator" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, travel and meal expenses.
- M. Andrews** D. Approve request for three (3) Fire and Rescue Personnel to attend "Sunbelt Fire Visit" to be held in Fairhope, AL, and approve payment of travel and meal expenses.
- M. Andrews** E. Accept letter of resignation for one (1) Fire and Rescue Engineer, effective May 3, 2021, and authorize the HR Director to begin the normal recruitment process.
- M. Andrews** F. Approve request for Columbus Fire and Rescue to surplus two (2) UTVs and old Station #4 building.
- F. Shelton** G. Approve permit request submitted by Kamal Karriem, on behalf of the Karriem Family, to host a "Street Dedication Ceremony" to be held on May 28, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., blocking 15th Street North at 7th Avenue North and 8th Avenue North.
- F. Shelton** H. Ratify permit request submitted by Princena Swanigan, on behalf of United Outreach Ministry, to host "Community Outreach and Prayer" held on May 15, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at Sandfield Community Park on Bell Avenue blocking Bell Avenue at 22nd Street South and 23rd Street South.
- F. Shelton** I. Accept letter of resignation from one (1) CPD Officer, effective May 23, 2021.

- B. Bigelow** J. Approve request from the Market Street Festival Committee to host the "2021 Market Street Festival" and sell beer as previously approved in 2018.
- F. Shelton** K. Approve permit request submitted by Barbara Bigelow, on behalf of Main Street Columbus, Inc., to host the "Market Street Festival Friday Concert" to be held on September 17, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. at the Amphitheater.
- F. Shelton** L. Approve permit request submitted by Barbara Bigelow, on behalf of Main Street Columbus, Inc., to host the "Market Street Festival" to be held on September 18, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. in Downtown Columbus. See attached map.
- F. Shelton** M. Approve request for the CPD Chief to attend the "2021 Mississippi Association of Chiefs of Police Educational Conference" to be held in Biloxi, MS, and approve payment for registration, lodging, travel and meal expenses.
- F. Shelton** N. Approve permit request submitted by Mark Smith, on behalf of the Salute to Lowndes County's Finest Committee, to host a "9/11 Luncheon for Lowndes County First Responders" to be held on September 10, 2021 from 5:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. blocking Second Avenue North as shown on the attached map.
- P. Mitchell** O. Approve request to purchase a Government-issued tag.
- F. Shelton** P. Ratify permit request submitted by Jan Miller, on behalf of the Columbus Art Council, Inc. to host a "3rd Saturday Art and Music Fair" held on May 15, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. and to be held on June 19, July 17 and August 21, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the back side of the Boy Scout Hut (in Hitching Lot), blocking off 3rd Street North between 2nd and 3rd Avenue North.
- D. Vaughn** Q. **Approve the 2% Tourism Tax payment to Lowndes County, GT Development LINK and CVB.**

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

- R. Smith** A. General Comments from the Mayor and Council
- M. Andrews** B. Monthly Report from the Columbus Fire & Rescue Department for April 2021
- W. Blunt** C. Monthly Report from the Municipal Court Department for April 2021
- C. Bush** D. Monthly Report from the Public Works Department for April 2021
- G. Irby** E. Monthly Report from the Office of Planning & Community Development for April 2021
- S. James** F. Monthly Report from the Code Enforcement Department for April 2021
- G. Lewis** G. Monthly Report from the Columbus Recreation Department for April 2021
- F. Shelton** H. Monthly Report from the Columbus Police Department for April 2021
- K. Wiegel** I. Monthly Report from the Building Inspection Department for April 2021
- D. Vaughn** J. Financial Report

D. Armstrong K. Board Vacancies

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

- 1 Vacancy, 4-Year Term for Bryan Brown expires 05/16/2021.
- Appointment will be made May 18, 2021.

APPLICANT

- Bryan Brown
- **Emily Johnson**

CITY UTILITIES COMMISSION

- 1 Vacancy, 5-Year Term for Charlie Newell expires 06/21/2021.
- Appointment will be made June 15, 2021.

APPLICANT

- Quinn Brislin

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

- John Almond - Bedz 4 Kids

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

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| G. Irby | A. | Discuss/Approve Contract Awards for the Home Investment Partnership Grant. |
| C. Bush | B. | Approve request to hire one (1) Boom Truck Operator and one (1) Truck Driver. |
| F. Shelton | C. | Discuss/Approve hiring one (1) temporary Records Clerk and approve the HR Director to begin the normal hiring process. |

- B. Williams** D. Discuss/Approve request to pay Poll Workers, Resolution Board and Custodians who will work the polls on June 8, 2021 General Election.
- D. Vaughn** E. Discuss/Approve the resolution request to make the 2021 COLA payment at the end of 2021.
- K. Stafford** F. Discuss/Approve Installation of an All-Way Stop at Sylvan Road and Stewart Avenue.
- K. Stafford** G. Discuss/Approve Installation of an All-Way Stop at 10th Street and 3rd Avenue North.
- K. Wiegel** H. Discuss/Approve recommendations from the May 10, 2021 Planning Commission meeting.
- G. Lewis** I. **Discuss/Approve promotion of one (1) Columbus Recreation employee to fill one (1) of two (2) vacant positions for Maintenance Technician, and approve hiring one (1) person to fill the other vacancy, contingent upon the successful completion of a pre-employment medical exam and drug screen. I also request that the HR Director be authorized to begin the normal recruitment process to fill the Grounds Maintenance position that will be vacated due to the promotion.**
- R. Smith** J. **Ratify emergency procurement and installation of surveillance cameras.**
- R. Smith/J. Turnage** K. **Consider/Approve MOU with Developer for installation of traffic signal on U. S. Highway 45.**

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. Personnel Matters (2)