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**MEETING OF
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS
June 15, 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 JUNE 1, 2021

III. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

A. DOCKET OF CLAIMS FOR JUNE 15, 2021

IV. CONFIRMATION OF/OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

V. CONSENT AGENDA

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| M. Andrews | A. | Accept letter of resignation from one (1) Fire and Rescue Firefighter, effective June 19, 2021, and approve compensation for any unused leave. |
| M. Andrews | B. | Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue Captain to attend the "Firefighter Physical Fitness Program" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment for travel and meal expenses. |
| M. Andrews | C. | Approve request for seven (7) Fire and Rescue Personnel to attend the "BLS/CPR Instructor Course" to be held in Columbus, MS, and approve payment for travel and meal expenses. |
| W. Blunt | D. | Approve to pay notary renewal for the Chief Deputy Clerk in the Municipal Court Division. |
| J. Mickens | E. | Approve request for the Mayor, Council and Interim City Planner to attend the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Conference to be held in Point Clear, AL, and approve payment for registration, lodging, meals and travel expenses. |
| F. Shelton | F. | Approve permit request submitted by Trudie Miller to host a "Southside Back to School Party" to be held on July 24, 2021, from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at 913 Tenth Avenue South. |
| F. Shelton | G. | Accept letter of resignation from one (1) CPD Investigator, effective June 4, 2021, and approve compensation for any unused sick and vacation leave. |
| F. Shelton | H. | Ratify permit request submitted by Jeffery Barry, on behalf of Zion Gate M.B. Church, to host an "Outside Funeral Service" held on June 5, 2021, from 2:00 p.m. until 3:45 p.m., blocking Fifth Street South at 12th Avenue South and 13th Avenue South. |

- F. Shelton** I. Approve request to retire K-9 Stanley and K-9 Black from service with the Columbus Police Department within the next 30 days due to their age and health issues.
- F. Shelton** J. Approve request to allow Officer Nicholas Hairston to solicit donations, per City Policy, for the purchase of two (2) K-9s and K-9 necessities for the Columbus Police Department.
- F. Shelton** K. **Approve permit submitted by Wendy Blunt, on behalf of the Southside Townsend Blues Festival, to host the "Townsend Blues Festival" on July 3, 2021, from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 a.m., blocking 11th Avenue South and 10th Street South.**

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 May 2021
- W. Blunt** C. Monthly Report from the Municipal Court Department for May 2021
- C. Bush** D. Monthly Report from the Public Works Department for May 2021
- G. Irby** E. Monthly report from Planning and Community Development for May 2021.
- S. James** F. Monthly Report from the Code Enforcement Department for May 2021
- G. Lewis** G. Monthly Report from the Columbus Recreation Dept. for May 2021
- F. Shelton** H. Monthly Report from the Columbus Police Department for May 2021
- K. Wiegel** I. Monthly Report from the Building Inspection Department for May 2021
- D. Vaughn** J. Financial Report

D. Armstrong K. Board Vacancies

CITY UTILITIES COMMISSION

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

APPLICANTS

- Quinn Brislin
- Sherry Ellis
- Stephanie Gale
- **Kegdra Gray**

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.

APPLICANTS (for 7/6/21 appointments)

- Penesha McDowell Harrison
- Roy Milton Hicks
- Jermaine Shanklin

MUNICIPAL ELECTION COMMISSION (for 7/20/21 appointments)

- 2 Vacancies, 4-Year Terms for George T. Sumrall and Willie Harris will expire 7/18/2021.
- Appointments will be made July 20, 2021.

APPLICANT

- **George T. Sumrall**

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

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| M. Andrews | A. | Discuss/Approve hiring one (1) Entry Level Firefighter, pending successful completion of a pre-employment physical exam and drug screen, pending approval to interview by the Civil Service Commission. |
| C. Bush | B. | Discuss/Approve promotion of two (2) Public Works Department Laborers to Crew Leaders. |
| J. Dillon | C. | Discuss/Approve appealing any and all FEMA/MEMA rulings with objections and supporting information on all Columbus, MS projects. |
| F. Shelton | D. | Discuss/Approve hiring one (1) CPD Reserve Officer, contingent upon a successful pre-employment physical and drug screen. |
| J. Turnage | E. | Consider/Approve Landlord's Waiver and Consent to allow Mt. Vernon Mills to secure finances for collateral to be installed or kept in the City's property. |
| S. James | F. | Discuss/Approve Derelict Property Docket. |
| J. Turnage | G. | Consider/Approve resolution approving sale of certain real property being approximately 10' in width and 132' in length immediately west of the Stone Real Estate LLC property on 5th Street South. |

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION: