

**MAYOR**  
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**CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER**

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

**III. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.**

A. DOCKET OF CLAIMS FOR JULY 6, 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 the "NFPA 1031 Fire Inspector Course" to be held in Jackson, MS, on July 12-23, 2021 and approve payment for travel and meal expenses at the cost of \$1235.00.
- M. Andrews** B. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue Firefighter to attend the "Firefighter Oath of Office" to be held in Columbus, MS, on July 6, 2021 at no cost to the city.
- M. Andrews** C. Approve request for the Fire and Rescue Fire Marshal to attend the "NFPA 1033 Fire Investigator Course" to be held in Jackson, MS, on July 12 - July 23 and approve payment for travel and meal expenses at the cost of \$940.00.
- M. Andrews** D. Ratify request for one (1) Fire and Rescue Captain to attend the "Helicopter Search and Rescue Patriot North Exercise" to be held in Volk Field, WI, and approve payment for travel and meal expenses at the cost of \$129.32.
- C. Bush** E. Accept letter of resignation from one (1) Public Works employee, effective June 4, 2021, and authorize the HR Director to begin the normal recruitment process.
- C. Bush** F. Accept letter of resignation from one (1) Public Works employee, effective June 16, 2021, and authorize the HR Director to begin the normal recruitment process.
- G. Lewis** G. Approve field trip requests for the Recreation Department Sim Scott and Townsend Centers Summer Camp participants to travel to Fayette Waterpark on July 7, 2021 and Hype Adventures on July 13, 2021 at an estimated cost of \$150.00.
- F. Shelton** H. Ratify permit request submitted by Keirra Brown to host a "Backyard Pop-Up Shop" held on June 25, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at 1324 Sixth Avenue North.

- F. Shelton** I. Ratify approval request to send a CPD Investigator out of State to interview a suspect in a murder case at no cost to the City.
- P. Mitchell** J. Accept letter of retirement from one (1) Administrative Assistant, effective July 2, 2021 and approve compensation for 240 hours of unused leave and submit the remaining leave to PERS.

## **VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:**

- K. Gaskin** A. General Comments from the Mayor and Council
- F. Shelton** B. Presentation of Commendation to CPD Officer Lance Luckey
- J. Turnage/P. Mitchell** C. Board Vacancies

### **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

- 1 Vacancy, Remainder of Dr. Chance Laws' 4-Year Term, which expires 6/4/2023.
- Dr. Laws resigned May 24, 2021.
- Appointment will be made July 6, 2021.

### **APPLICANT**

- Emily Johnson

### **COLUMBUS HOUSING AUTHORITY**

- 1 Vacancy, Gretta S. Gardner's 5-Year Term, expires 07/05/2021.
- Appointment will be made July 6, 2021.

### **APPLICANT**

- Gretta S. Gardner

### **CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU**

- 1 Vacancy, Elizabeth "Liz" Terry's 3-Year Term expires 07/03/2021.
- Appointment will be made July 6, 2021.

### **APPLICANT**

- Elizabeth "Liz" Terry

## **VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA**

**VIII. POLICY AGENDA:**

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| <b>K. Gaskin</b>   | A. | Consider/Approve selection of Vice Mayor.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>K. Gaskin</b>   | B. | Consider/Approve Mark G. Alexander Jr. as Interim Chief Operating Officer at no cost to the city effective immediately.                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>C. Bush</b>     | C. | Approve request to hire six (6) Laborers, contingent on successful completion of a pre-employment drug screen and medical examination.                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>F. Shelton</b>  | D. | Discuss/Approve hiring two (2) CPD Officers and one (1) lateral transfer Investigator, contingent upon a successful drug screen and pre-employment physical.                                                                                                                  |
| <b>K. Karriem</b>  | E. | Discuss/Approve funding request from the 7th Avenue Heritage Festival Committee for the Festival to take place on October 1-2, 2021. The Committee also requests permission to allow beer sales and consumption in the designated areas for the 7th Avenue Heritage Festival. |
| <b>D. Vaughn</b>   | F. | Discuss/Approve cost of property cleanup previously heard by the Mayor and Council which remediation has been completed.                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>K. Stafford</b> | G. | Discuss/Approve awarding the CLCA Open Hangar Rehabilitation project to the lowest responsive bidder, contingent upon the Columbus-Lowndes County Airport Board's approval.                                                                                                   |
| <b>K. Stafford</b> | H. | Discuss/Approve Supplemental Agreement for Construction Inspection and Administrative Services for the 2020-21 Bond Paving Project.                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>K. Stafford</b> | I. | Consider/Approve Agreement for Engineering and Professional Services.                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>J. Turnage</b>  | J. | Discuss/Approve Engagement of General Counsel.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>K. Wiegel</b>   | K. | Discuss/Approve recommendations from the June 14, 2021 Planning Commission meeting.                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>S. James</b>    | L. | Discuss/Approve the Derelict Property Docket.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- A. Personnel Matter (1)