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**MEETING OF
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS
August 3, 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. CONFIRMATION OF/OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

III. APPROVE MINUTES FOR PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

- A. Approve Minutes for Meeting of July 20, 2021.

IV. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

- A. DOCKET OF CLAIMS FOR AUGUST 3, 2021

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- M. Andrews** A. Approve request for two (2) Fire and Rescue Firefighters to attend the "NREMT-B Course" to be held in Mayhew, MS, and approve payment for registration, travel and meal expenses. Total for both firefighters is \$3,700.00.
- M. Andrews** B. Approve request for two (2) Fire and Rescue Firefighters to attend "NFPA 1001 I-II" to be held in Pearl, MS, and approve payment for registration, travel and meal expenses. Total for both firefighters is \$3,600.00.
- C. Bush** C. Accept letter of resignation from one (1) Public Works Boom Truck Operator, effective August 4, 2021, and authorize the HR Director to begin the normal recruitment process.
- F. Shelton** D. Ratify permit request submitted by Anthony Walker on behalf of the Rise Up Sandfield Group to host "Sandfield Day/Back to School Drive" held on July 31, 2021 from 1:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at Sandfield Park on Bell Avenue.
- F. Shelton** E. Approve request for one (1) CPD Officer to attend the "SSGT Recertification Level One Training" to be held in Tuscaloosa, AL, and approve payment for registration and meal expenses. The total is \$585.61.
- G. Drake** F. Approve request to purchase IT inventory software in the amount of \$1,404.00.
- G. Drake** G. Approve request to purchase Cellebrite Mobile Forensics training course software in the amount of \$2,295.00.
- M. Andrews** H. Accept letter of resignation from Fire & Rescue Administrative Assistant and authorize the Human Resources Director to begin the recruitment process.

- G. Lewis** I. Accept letter of resignation from Recreation Department Site Supervisor for Sim Scott and authorize the Human Resources Director to begin the recruitment process.
- G. Irby** J. Approve request to pay JLD Preservation Consulting, LLC \$9,497.50 for completion of Phase 2 of South Columbus Historic District National Register nomination.
- M. Alexander** K. Accept lowest price proposal from BAM's, LLC for Friendship Cemetery grounds maintenance (include but not limited to mowing, trimming, edging, blowing and removing foreign objects and debris) in the amount of \$3.827.00 per cut (33 total cuts yearly).

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

- K. Gaskin** A. General Comments from the Mayor and Council
- F. Shelton** B. Presentation of Commendations to two (2) CPD Officers
- * Rodreiuz Porter
* Joshua Birchfield
- F. Shelton** C. Swearing in of two (2) CPD Officers
- * Tykeria Harris
* Shuntez Clay
- M. Alexander** D. Board Vacancies

MUNICIPAL ELECTION COMMISION

5 Vacancies, 4-Year Terms for Penesha McDowell Harrison, Diane Sloan, George T. Sumrall, Willie Harris, and Roy M. Hicks expired 6/30/2021.

Appointments will be made August 3, 2021.

APPLICANTS:

- Penesha McDowell
- Roy Milton Hicks
- Jermaine Shanklin
- George T. Sumrall
- Lavonne Latham Harris
- Julie C. Parker
- Pam Brock
- Japa Castro
- Judy Dunaway

- Wanda Corder-Jones
- Linda Jean Harris
- Jimmy Lewis Parker Jr.

GOLDEN TRIANGLE REGIONAL AIRPORT BOARD

1 Vacancy, to fill the remainder of Stephen James's five year term, which ends 6/20/22.
Dr. James resigned 7/19/21. Appointments will be made 9/7/21

GOLDEN TRIANGLE DEVELOPMENT LINK BOARD

1 Vacancy, Antwann Richardson's two year term ends 9/30/21. Appointments will be made 8/17/21

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD

1 Vacancy, Marthalie Porter's five year term ends 9/5/21. Appointments will be made 9/7/21.

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

- A. Lavonne Latham-Harris - Columbus Night Out On Crime
- B. Robert J. Raymond - Police Department Complaint

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

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| G. Lewis | A. Discuss/Approve request to hire a Grounds Maintenance Technician, contingent on successful completion of a pre-employment drug screen and medical exam. |
| W. Langford | B. Approve request to fill vacant Mechanic position in Maintenance Shop, contingent on successful completion of pre-employment drug screen and medical exam. |
| C. Bush | C. Discuss/Approve request to hire a Concrete Finisher, contingent on successful completion of pre-employment drug screen and medical exam. |
| C. Bush | D. Discuss/Approve request to hire three (3) Laborers in the Public Works Department, contingent on successful completion of a pre-employment drug screen and medical exam. |
| C. Bush | E. Discuss/Approve request to hire one (1) Equipment Operator in the Public Works Department, contingent on successful completion of a pre-employment drug screen and medical exam. |
| C. Bush | F. Discuss/Approve request to hire one (1) Truck Driver in the Public Works Department, contingent on successful completion of a pre-employment drug screen and medical exam. |
| S. James | G. Discuss/Approve the Derelict Property Docket. |
| G. Irby | H. Discuss/Approve request to Advertise for General Contractors. |

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A. PERSONNEL MATTERS (2)