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**MEETING OF
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS
September 7, 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 August 17, 2021
- B. Approve Minutes for Special Meeting of August 26, 2021

IV. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS

- A. Docket of Claims for September 7, 2021

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- K. Wiegel** A. Consider/Approve request to reimburse Columbus Historic Preservation Commission Member Emily Johnson for the registration fee of \$80 for attending the mandatory National Alliance of Preservation Commission Summer Short Course, which was held August 24 and 25, 2021.
- F. Shelton** B. Accept letters of resignation from two (2) CPD Officers, effective August 31, 2021, and September 10, 2021 and approve compensation for any unused sick and vacation leave.
- F. Shelton** C. Accept letter of resignation from one (1) CPD Reserve Officer, effective August 29, 2021.
- F. Shelton** D. Approve permit request submitted by Barbara Bigelow, on behalf of Main Street Columbus, Inc., to host the "Downtown Art Walk" to be held on October 9, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on the sidewalks and inside businesses on Main Street and Fifth Street.
- F. Shelton** E. Approve permit request submitted by Julie Parker, on behalf of Community Benefit Committee, to host a "Fundraiser - # Stay Sawyer Strong" to be held on September 12, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. blocking 3rd Street North between 2nd Avenue North and 3rd Avenue North.
- F. Shelton** F. Approve permit request submitted by Katrina Sunivelle, on behalf of Contact Helpline, to host a "Save Just One 5K Run/Walk" to be held on September 11, 2021 from 7:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. See attached map.

- F. Shelton** G. Approve permit request submitted by Tiffany Jefferson, on behalf of Columbus High School, to host the "Columbus High Homecoming Parade" to be held on October 15, 2021 from 4:45 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. See attached map.
- M. Andrews** H. Accept letter of resignation from one (1) Fire and Rescue Firefighter, effective September 9, 2021 and approve compensation for any unused sick and vacation leave.
- M. Andrews** I. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue Firefighter to attend the "1002 Final Exam" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment for travel and meal expenses, \$75.00
- K. Gaskin** J. Approve request for Mayor Gaskin to attend the first Mississippi Municipal League (MML) Board of Directors meeting on September 24, 2021, in Tunica, MS and approve payment for travel and meals not to exceed \$250.00.
- G. Drake** K. Approve credit card purchasing gateway application for the City of Columbus departments at no cost to the city.
- W. Blunt** L. Approve request to pay registration fee for the Intervention Court Coordinator and Drug Court Judge to virtual attend the Mississippi Associations of Drug Court Professional Training Conference Sept 17-19. Registration fee \$350.00
- C. Bush** M. Approve request for Public Works Director and Office Manager to attend MS 811 Damage Prevention Summit to be held in Biloxi, MS, and approve payment for travel, meal expenses, and registration fees, a total of \$1,192.00
- R. Bonner** N. Accept letter of resignation from one (1) Custodial Position, effective September 7, 2021.

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA

- K. Gaskin** A. General Comments from the Mayor and Council
- Proclamation for Constitution Week (September 17-23, 2021)
 - Announce Rental/Utilities Assistance Fairs for City of Columbus
 - Presentation on American Rescue Plan Funds for City of Columbus
- M. Alexander** B. Board Vacancies

GOLDEN TRIANGLE REGIONAL AIRPORT BOARD

1 Vacancy, 5-Year Term, to fill the remainder of Stephen James' five year term that expires on 06/20/2022. Dr. James resigned on 07/19/2021.
Appointment will be made September 7, 2021.

APPLICANTS:

- Dennis Erby
- Gawyn Mitchell
- Douglas Kilarski

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD

1 Vacancy, 5-Year Term, Marthalia Porter's term expired 09/06/2021.
Appointment will be made September 7, 2021.

APPLICANTS:

- Marthalia Porter
- Lavonne Latham Harris

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

1 Vacancy, 4-Year Term, Bart Lawrence's Term expired 09/05/2021.
Appointment will be made September 21, 2021.

APPLICANTS:

- Demetrius Bennett
- William Lawrence
- Robert Raymond

COLUMBUS-LOWNDES LIBRARY BOARD

1 Vacancy, 5-Year Term, Jennifer Box's Term expires 9/30/2021
Appointment will be made October 5, 2021.

No applicants at this time.

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

VIII. POLICY AGENDA

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| F. Shelton | A. | Discuss/Approve hiring one (1) Work Program Supervisor and approve the HR Director to begin the normal hiring process. |
| F. Shelton | B. | Discuss/Approve hiring one (1) Animal Controller contingent upon a successful pre-employment physical and drug screen. |
| M. Andrews | C. | Discuss/Approve hiring three (3) Entry Level Firefighters pending successful completion of a pre-employment physical exam and drug screen, pending approval by the Civil Service Commission. |
| K. Stafford | D. | Discuss/approve submitting the FY2022 CLCA's FAA AIP Grant Pre-application for the Taxiway Pavement Rehabilitation project contingent upon the CLCA Board's approval. |
| K. Stafford | E. | Discuss/approve acceptance of the MDOT Multi-Modal Grant offer of \$194,535.00 for the CLCA Jet-A Fuel Tank Replacement project. |
| J. Turnage | F. | Discuss/Approve Redistricting Letter of Agreement with Bridge & Watson, Inc. Consulting Services. |

M. Alexander G. Discuss/Approve authorization to advertise for consultant firm for planning, engineering and compliance for American Rescue Plan Act and other related state federal funding.

S. James H. Discuss/Approve Derelict Property Docket

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Personnel Matters (3)