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**MEETING OF
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS
October 5, 2021**

CFO/SECRETARY-TREASURER
VACANT

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 September 21, 2021

IV. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

- A. Docket of Claims for October 5, 2021

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- F. Shelton** A. Approve permit request submitted by Debbie Criddle, on behalf of First United Methodist Church, Annunciation Catholic Church, St. Paul's Episcopal Church and First Presbyterian Church, to host a "Fall Festival" to be held on October 31, 2021 from 4:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. beginning at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on College Street and ending at Annunciation Catholic Church. See attached map.
- F. Shelton** B. Approve permit request submitted by Chief Fred Shelton, on behalf of the Columbus Police Department, to host a "Peace, Justice and Unity March/Prayer Walk" to be held on October 9, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. beginning at the Farmers Market, to Main Street, to the parking lot of the Columbus Police Department.
- F. Shelton** C. Approve permit request submitted by Mattie Quick, on behalf of the Veterans' Day Parade Committee, to host a "Lowndes County Veterans' Day Parade" to be held on November 6, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. beginning at the Municipal Complex, 1501 Main Street to 6th Street North to 2nd Avenue North to the Lowndes County Courthouse.
- G. Lewis** D. Accept letter of resignation for Sports Coordinator position in Recreation Department, effective October 8, 2021, approve compensation for any unused vacation time and authorize the HR director to begin normal recruitment process.
- K. Gaskin** E. Approve request for Mayor Gaskin to attend Mississippi Municipal League's 2021 Small Town Conference on Oct. 26-27 in Hattiesburg, MS and approve payment for travel and meals expenses not to exceed \$475.00

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

K. Gaskin A. General Comments from the Mayor and Council

- Forensic Audit Presentation 1 of 2
- Forensic Audit Presentation 2 of 2
- ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) RFQ submissions/committee

F. Shelton B. Swearing In of three (3) CPD Reserve Officers

- * Vincent McAlister
- * Victor Salter
- * Denise Staples

F. Shelton C. Presentation of Commendations to six (6) CPD Officers

- * Sherman Mosely
- * Joshua Birchfield
- * Joey Winford
- * Rodreiuz Porter
- * Amanda Burrell
- * Alexis Sanders

M. Alexander D. Board Vacancies

COLUMBUS-LOWNDES LIBRARY BOARD

1 Vacancy, 5-Year Term, Jennifer Box's Term expired 09/30/2021.
Appointment will be made October 5, 2021.

- Melissa Smith
- Randi Robison
- Demetrius Bennett

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

F. Shelton A. Discuss/Approve hiring three (3) CPD Reserve Officers, contingent upon a successful drug screen and pre-employment physical.

F. Shelton B. Discuss/Approve re-hiring one (1) CPD Officer, contingent upon a successful pre-employment physical and drug screen.

J. Turnage C. Discuss/Approve Resolution appointing Acting Secretary-Treasurer, Patricia Mitchell, for sole Purpose of the Execution of paperwork necessary for Closing the Transaction.

- M. Alexander** D. Discuss/Approve accepting the lowest estimate to repair Fire Station 5, submitted by Bostick Construction in the amount of \$43,103.56. Estimated construction to begin October 11.
- K. Gaskin** E. Discuss/Approve Mike Bernsen to perform Chief Financial Officer duties for city of Columbus as time permits from his full-time job with Columbus Light & Water.
- S. James** F. Discuss/Approve Derelict Property Docket

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION: