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**MEETING OF
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS
October 19, 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 October 5, 2021
- B. Approve Minutes for Special Meeting of October 13, 2021

IV. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

- A. Docket of Claims for October 19, 2021

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- M. Alexander** A. Accept letter of resignation for one (1) Assistant Information Technology Director, effective October 20, 2021, and approve compensation for any unused vacation time and authorize HR director to begin normal recruitment process.
- M. Alexander** B. Accept letter of resignation for Director of Information Technology, effective October 22, 2021, and approve compensation for any unused vacation time and authorize HR director to begin normal recruitment process.
- F. Shelton** C. Accept letter of resignation from one (1) CPD Officer, effective October 7, 2021.
- F. Shelton** D. Accept letter of resignation from one (1) CPD/CID Administrative Assistant, effective October 29, 2021 and authorize the HR Director to begin the normal recruitment process.
- F. Shelton** E. Approve request for three (3) CPD Investigators to attend "Crime Scene Management Training" to be held in Starkville, MS, and approve payment for meal expenses in the amount of \$375.00.
- C. Bush** F. Accept resignation without letter for one (1) Laborer in Public Works, effective October 18, 2021, and authorize HR director to begin normal recruitment process.
- M. Andrews** G. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue Firefighter to attend the "Smoke Diver" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment for travel and meal expenses in the amount of \$700.00.

- M. Andrews** H. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue Engineer to attend the “Homeland Security Communications Exercise” to be held in Philadelphia, MS, and approve payment for travel and meal expenses in the amount of \$192.00.
- M. Andrews** I. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue Chief of Training to attend the “Accreditation Site Visit” to be held in Grand Junction, CO, at no cost to the city.
- M. Andrews** J. 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 in the amount of \$100.00.
- M. Andrews** K. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue Firefighter to attend “NFPA 1001” to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, travel, and meal expenses in the amount of \$1,100.00.
- W. Blunt** L. Approve request for Municipal Court Clerk to attend the Municipal Court Clerk Association Fall Leadership Meeting November 4-5, 2021 at no cost to the city.
- G. Lewis** M. Approve field trip request for the Recreation Department Sim Scott Senior Citizens to travel to Tuscaloosa, Ala. to visit the African American Museum on October 26, 2021 at an estimated cost of \$100.00 for gas.

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

- K. Gaskin** A. General Comments from Mayor and Council
- Extra Mile Proclamation
 - Possibility of Four-Day Work Week for City Employees (Jan. 2022)
 - Columbus Lowndes Airport Board Update
- M. Andrews** B. Recognition of two (2) Fire and Rescue Firefighters for graduation from the Mississippi State Fire Academy
- J. Turnage** C. Discuss Noise Ordinance/Decibel Reader
- K. Wiegel** D. Monthly Report from the Building Inspection Department for September 2021
- S. James** E. Monthly Report from the Code Enforcement Department for September 2021
- M. Andrews** F. Monthly Report from the Columbus Fire & Rescue Department for September 2021
- G. Irby** G. Monthly Report from the City Planning & Community Development Department for September 2021
- F. Shelton** H. Monthly Report from the Columbus Police Department for September 2021
- W. Blunt** I. Monthly Report from the Municipal Court Department for September 2021
- C. Bush** J. Monthly Report from the Public Works Department for September 2021
- G. Lewis** K. Monthly Report from the Columbus Recreation Department September 2021
- M. Alexander** L. Financial Report

M. Alexander M. Board Vacancies

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS & APPEALS

1 Vacancy, 3-Year Term, Quinn Brislin's Term Expires 12/04/2021.

Appointment will be made December 7, 2021.

No applicants at this time.

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

3 Vacancies, 3-Year Term, Annette Savors' Term Expires 12/01/2021.

Sheri Lipseys' Term Expires 12/01/2021.

Melissa Smith's Term Expires 12/04/2021.

Appointments will be made December 7, 2021.

- Stephanie Woodard
- Evelyn Vidrine

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

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| K. Stafford | A. Discuss/Approve additive Change Order No. 1 for the CLCA Open Hangar Rehabilitation project in the amount of \$32,000.00 to remove and replace the existing roof sheeting on the hangar. |
| P. Mitchell | B. Discuss/Approve Advertising City Resources in the Fall edition of The Commercial Dispatch Magazine in the amount of \$940.00. |
| M. Andrews | C. Discuss/Approve request to sign contract to help purchase Engine 25 for \$879,993.00. Funds in the amount of \$759,000 have been awarded through Assisted Firefighter Grant Funds. The city's cost is roughly \$121,000. |
| S. Jones | D. Discuss plans for Propst Park |
| S. Jones | E. Discuss/Approve Mayor and Council to travel to Vicksburg (overnight) to look at the park there to help with Propst Park plans. Date and Cost to be determined. |
| S. James | F. Discuss/Approve Derelict Property Docket |

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. Personnel Matters (2)