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**MEETING OF
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS
February 15, 2022**

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 February 1, 2022
- B. Approve Minutes for Special Meeting of February 4, 2022

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- K. Gaskin** A. Approve request for Mayor, Council Members, Director of City Planning & Development, Court Administrator, COO and CFO to attend the 91st Summer Session of MML to be held in Biloxi, MS at an estimated cost of \$14,405.64 (hotels, registration fees, mileage and meals).
- F. Shelton** B. Accept letter of resignation from one (1) CPD Officer effective February 6, 2022 with the last day of employment being February 20, 2022, and approve compensation for any unused vacation leave.
- M. Andrews** C. Approve request for two Columbus Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "Smoke Diver Training" to be held in Pearl, MS, and approve payment of registration, travel, and meal expenses in the amount of \$1,240.00.
- M. Andrews** D. Approve request for one (1) Columbus Fire & Rescue personnel to attend the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA 1001 I-II to be held in Pearl, MS, and approve payment of registration, travel, and meal expenses in the amount of \$2,050.
- K. Gaskin** E. Approve request for Columbus Light & Water to install lights in three locations around the City. Lights are already in the City's stock and the only cost will be the monthly charge for services, which is negligible.
- F. Shelton** F. Approve permit request submitted by Barbara Bigelow, on behalf of Main Street Columbus Inc., to host the "Market Street Festival" to be held on May 6 - 7, 2022 from 6:00 a.m. May 6, 2022 until 12:00 Noon May 8, 2022 in Downtown Columbus, Soccer Complex and Riverwalk.
- F. Shelton** G. Approve permit request submitted by Lisa Ricks to host a "Music Benefit for 'Shawty' " to be held on February 27, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. blocking Third Street North and Second Avenue North in front of Munson and Brothers.

- F. Shelton** H. Approve permit request submitted by Leroy Brooks, on behalf of Juneteenth Columbus, Inc., to host the "Juneteenth Festival" to be held on June 17, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. and June 18, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 p.m. at 902 - 20th Street North.
- F. Shelton** I. Approve permit request submitted by Leroy Brooks, on behalf of Juneteenth Columbus, Inc., to host the "Juneteenth Parade" to be held on June 18, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m from the Farmers' Market to the Municipal Complex.
- P. Mitchell** J. Approve the 2% Tourism Tax payment to Lowndes County, Golden Triangle Development LINK and Columbus Visitors Bureau in the total amount of \$147,355.63.

V. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

- A. Approve Docket of Claims for February 15, 2022

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

- K. Gaskin** A. General Comments from Mayor & Council
- K. Wiegel** B. Monthly Report from the Building Inspection Department for January 2022
- S. James** C. Monthly Report from the Code Enforcement Department for January 2022
- M. Andrews** D. Monthly Report for Columbus Fire & Rescue Department for January 2022
- M. Andrews** E. Annual Report for Columbus Fire & Rescue Department for 2021
- C. Gilman** F. Monthly Report from Crime Lab for January 2022
- G. Irby** G. Monthly Report from the Planning & Community Development Department for January 2022
- C. Bush** H. Monthly Report from the Public Works Department for January 2022
- F. Shelton** I. Monthly Report from the Columbus Police Department for January 2022
- G. Lewis** J. Monthly Report from the Columbus Recreation Department for January 2022
- W. Blunt** K. Monthly Report from the Municipal Court Division for January 2022
- L. **BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT & APPEALS OF DEVELOPMENT CODES**
2 Vacancies, 1-Year Term, Alan Lewis' Term Expired 01/07/2022
Kevin Stafford's Term Expires 03/03/2022
One applicant must be Fire Protection Engineer or Contractor.
Appointments will be made March 1, 2022.
- Kevin Stafford
- M. **CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU**
1 Vacancy, 3-Year Term, Dewitt Hicks Jr.'s Term Expires 03/05/2022
Appointment will be made March 15, 2022.

- Jay Patel

N. **COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL SCHOOL BOARD**

1 Vacancy, 5-Year Term, Jason Spears' Term Expires 03/20/2022
Appointment will be made March 15, 2022.

- Jason Spears
- Cynthia Brown

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

- A. Mr. Leroy Brooks

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

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| S. James | A. | Discuss/Approve Derelict Property Docket for February 15, 2022 |
| K. Gaskin | B. | Discuss/Approve Advertising City Resources in the Spring Edition of The Commercial Dispatch Magazine (Progress) in the amount of \$940.00. |
| J. Turnage | C. | Discuss/Approve Offer to Purchase a Ten-Foot Strip of Land Running the Length of Stone Hotel Property in the amount of \$1,000 with City to Net \$500.00 After Negotiating Fees |
| C. Bush | D. | Discuss/Approve request to use funds from the Internet Sales Tax in the amount of \$20,000 to replace old City signs that are damaged, faded, and no longer useable. |
| F. Shelton | E. | Discuss/Approve Contract for the Provision of Supplemental Police Services Between the Columbus Housing Authority and the Columbus Police Department |
| K. Stafford | F. | Discuss/Approve Approval of Payment Application No. 11 to Walters Construction in the amount of \$286,881.84 for City Street Paving Project |
| K. Stafford | G. | Discuss/Approve Final Pay Application to Burns Dirt Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$36,990.00 for N 20th Ave Drainage Improvements |
| K. Stafford | H. | Discuss/Approve Acceptance of Stokes Road Permanent Roadway Easements |
| K. Stafford | I. | Discuss/Approve Right-of-Way Acquisition Process for the Installation of Bluecutt Road and Leigh Drive Signal |
| P. Mitchell | J. | Discuss/Approve Cost of Property Clean-Up on Dilapidated Properties (16) in the amount of \$8,359.00. |
| K. Gaskin | K. | Discuss/Approve Proposed Lobbyist Contract with W.T. Consultants, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$60,500.00 |
| J. Turnage | L. | Discuss/Approve Application for Ad Valorem Tax Exemption for 304 5th Street South, U-Stor Inside |
| K. Gaskin | M. | Discuss/Approve ARPA Plan & Assessment Project Option |
| G. Irby | N. | Discuss/Approve Request for ARPA Funds for Blight Remediation |
| R. Greene | O. | Discuss/Approve Mask Mandate for City Facilities |
| R. Greene | P. | Discuss/Approve Whether to Open Council/City Meetings Back Up to the Public |

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A. Personnel Matters (2)