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**MEETING OF
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS
March 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 March 1, 2022

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- M. Andrews** A. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "Firefighter Intervention Rescue Survival Techniques (FIRST)" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, travel, and meal expenses in the amount of \$565.00.
- M. Andrews** B. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to become a Notary Public for the amount of \$300.00.
- M. Andrews** C. Accept letter of resignation for the Fire Chief position, effective April 18, 2022, approve compensation for any unused vacation time and authorize HR Director to begin the normal recruitment process.
- M. Andrews** D. Approved amended letter of resignation for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel, that was approved on March 1, 2022 Council Meeting and approved any compensation for any unused vacation leave.
- F. Shelton** E. Approve permit request submitted by Glenn Lautzenhiser, on behalf of Christian Community in Prayer, to host the "National Day of Prayer" to be held on May 5, 2022 from 12:00 noon until 1:00 p.m. in front of the Lowndes County Courthouse, blocking Second Avenue North in front of the Courthouse from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.
- F. Shelton** F. Approve request from Columbus Arts Council for use of food trucks at Burns Bottom Art Festival on March 19, April 16, May 21 and June 18, 2022.
- F. Shelton** G. Approve request for a CPD Investigator to attend the "Officer Involved Shootings Course" on April 6, 2022, in Meridian, Mississippi at no cost to the City.
- F. Shelton** H. Accept letter of resignation from one (1) CPD Officer, effective March 17, 2022 and approve compensation for any unused vacation leave.
- K. Wiegel** I. Approve request for refund of permit fee

- G. Lewis** J. Approve request for two Columbus Recreation employees to accompany Sim Scott Senior Citizens on a bus trip to Washington, DC, from April 7 to April 13, 2022 at no cost to the City.
- G. Irby** K. Approve request for the Director of Planning to attend U.S. Civil Rights Movement Sites Symposium in Atlanta, GA; and approve payment of travel, lodging and meals expenses in the amount of \$594.50.
- P. Mitchell** L. Approve the 2% Tourism Tax payment to Lowndes County, Golden Triangle Development LINK and Columbus Visitors Bureau in the total amount of \$166,719.13
- J. Garrett** M. Approve request for COO to attend the 2022 Annual MAPDD Conference April 19-22, 2022 in Biloxi, MS in the estimated amount of \$1,512.00 for registration fee, hotel, mileage and meals.

V. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

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

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

- A. General Comments from Mayor and Council
- K. Wiegel** B. Monthly Report from the Building Inspection Dept for February 2022
- M. Andrews** C. Monthly Report from the Columbus Fire and Rescue Department for February 2022.
- S. James** D. Monthly Report from the Code Enforcement Department for February 2022
- F. Shelton** E. Monthly Report from the Columbus Police Department for February 2022
- G. Irby** F. Monthly Report from the Office of Planning & Community Development for February 2022
- C. Gilman** G. Monthly Report from the Crime Lab for February 2022
- C. Bush** H. Monthly Report from the Public Works Department for February 2022
- G. Lewis** I. Monthly Report from Columbus Recreation Department for February 2022
- W. Blunt** J. Monthly Report for Municipal Court for February 2022
- K. **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

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
- J'Marcus Brooks

- Victor Salter

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

- A. Melissa Parsons, Chair of Pick It Up Possum Town Initiative
- B. Jeremy Clay, Columbus Preservation Society

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

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| S. James | A. | Discuss/Approve Derelict Property Docket |
| P. Mitchell | B. | Discuss/Approve request to fill vacant position of Building Clerk/Permit Technician, contingent on successful completion of pre-employment medical exam and drug screen. |
| K. Stafford | C. | Discuss/Approve submitting the FY2022 FAA AIP Grant Application for the CLCA's Parallel Taxiway Pavement Rehabilitation project in the amount of \$487,993.00. |
| K. Stafford | D. | Discuss/Approve submitting the FY2023 MDOT Multimodal Grant Application for the CLCA's Terminal Building Rehabilitation project. |
| K. Stafford | E. | Discuss/Approve bids for striping, wheel stops, and ADA signage for Sims Scott Community Center parking lot and approve lowest bidder. |
| K. Stafford | F. | Discuss/Approve Engineering Contract for City-Wide Drainage Rehabilitation Services |
| K. Stafford | G. | Discuss/Approve lowest quote for Bluecut Extension road patch through use of remaining 2020 bond paving funds |
| K. Wiegel | H. | Discuss/Approve recommendations from the Planning Commission concerning AirBNBs. |
| R. Bonner/K. Stafford | I. | Discuss/Approve the use of usage tax to pave streets in Friendship Cemetery and advertise for project bids. |
| R. Bonner | J. | Discuss/Approve Proposed City Facilities Policy |
| J. Turnage | K. | Discuss "nunc pro tunc"(now for then) approval of IT Contracting Proposal |
| J. Turnage/P. Beard | L. | Discuss/Approve Resolution Approving Incentive Pay for City Employees |

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. Personnel Matter (1)