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**MEETING OF
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS
May 3, 2022**

CFO/SECRETARY-TREASURER
JAMES BRIGHAM

POLICE CHIEF
FREDERICK C. SHELTON

INTERIM FIRE CHIEF
DUANE HUGHES

**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 April 19, 2022

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- D. Hughes** A. Approve request for two (2) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "MS Trainee Agility Test" on June 1, 2022 and to be held in Tupelo, MS, and approve payment of registration, travel, and meal expenses in the amount of \$110.
- D. Hughes** B. Approve request for two (2) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "Rope Awareness / Operations" on May 21 - 27, 2022 and to be held in Pearl, MS, and approve payment of registration, travel, and meal expenses in the amount of \$1,180.
- D. Hughes** C. Approve request for two (2) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1021 Officer II re-test" on May 6, 2022 and to be held in Pearl, MS, and approve payment of registration, travel, and meal expenses in the amount of \$200.
- D. Hughes** D. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "CPR Instructor Training" on May 5, 2022 and to be held in Columbus, MS, and approve payment of registration, travel, and meal expenses in the amount of \$360.00.
- D. Hughes** E. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "Accreditation Site Visit" on May 15, 2022 for one week and to be held in Greensboro, NC, and approve payment of registration, travel, and meal expenses in the amount of \$ No cost to city.
- D. Hughes** F. Request ratification for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "Intermediate Excel Financial Reporting online course" on April 26, 2022 and to be held in Columbus, MS, and approve payment of registration and OnDemand Webinar in the amount of \$218.00.
- F. Shelton** G. Ratify permit request submitted by Sammie Williams on behalf of Northside M.B. Church, to host "Northside M.B. Church Fun Day" held on April 23, 2022 from 7:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. blocking 15th Street North at 9th and 10th Avenue North.

- F. Shelton** H. Ratify permit request submitted by Alex Romans, on behalf of Sweet Paws Rescue/Oktibbeha Humane Society to host "Free Pet Vaccines" held on April 26, 2022 from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. and approve for "Free Pet Vaccines" to be held on May 12, 2022 from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. in the parking lot of the Columbus Police Department, 1501 Main Street.
- F. Shelton** I. Accept letter of resignation from one (1) CPD Reserve Officer, effective April 21, 2022. Reserve Officer's request to purchase service weapon can not be approved per State Law.
- F. Shelton** J. Accept letter of resignation from one (1) CPD Officer, effective May 11, 2022.
- F. Shelton** K. Approve permit request submitted by Janie Shields, on behalf of Snap House, to host a "Birthday Celebration" to be held on May 13, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. at 411 Main Street, blocking the sidewalk and three (3) parking spaces in front of the building.
- C. Bush** L. Accept letter of retirement from one (1) Public Works employee, effective April 28, 2022, and authorize the HR Director to begin the normal recruitment process.
- G. Lewis** M. Approve the Townsend Center Seniors Field Trip to the Black Prairie Museum in West Point, MS and Mississippi State University Campus on May 10, 2022.

V. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

- A. Approve Docket of Claims for May 3, 2022

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

- K. Gaskin** A. General Comments from Mayor & Council
B. Financial Update, CFO

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

- A. Ms. Cequeila Bigbee, Adopt-A-Block Outreach Program (Request for East Columbus Gym)
- B. Mr. Jim Mauldin, Application for Ad Valorem Tax Exemption for 304 – 5th Street South, U-Stor Inside
- C. Worth Thomas, Lobbyist update on work being done on behalf of the city

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

- P. Mitchell** A. Discuss/Approve Authorized Bank Signers.
- P. Mitchell** B. Discuss/Approve Cost of Property Clean-Up on Dilapidated Properties that have been previously heard by Council, totaling \$9,567.50.
- F. Shelton, C. Gilman** C. Discuss/Approve request to hire one (1) Property & Evidence Custodian contingent on successful completion of pre-employment medical exam and drug screening.

- K. Stafford** D. Discuss/Approve Design and Bidding Contract for Propst Park Youth Baseball Field Improvements.
- K. Stafford** E. Discuss/Approve Submission of 2022 Emergency Road and Bridge Repair Fund Grant for Replacement of HWY 50 Bridge Over Luxapallila Creek.
- K. Stafford** F. Discuss/Approve Supplemental Agreement #2 for Additional Construction Admin During Liquidated Damage Period.
- K. Stafford** G. Discuss/Approve Update for Beech Street Drainage Improvements (Use Tax Funds).
- K. Stafford** H. Discuss/Approve East Columbus Gym Parking Lot Paving (Use Tax Funds).
- J. Mickens** I. Discuss/Approve Imposing City-Wide Nighttime Curfew (Ord. of 7-20-99, Sec. 20-161, 20-162, 20-163, 20-164, 20-165, 20-166 and 20-167).

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. Personnel Matters (2)