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**MEETING OF
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS
June 7, 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 from Meeting of May 17, 2022
- B. Approve Minutes from Special Meeting of May 16, 2022
- C. Approve Minutes from Special Meeting of May 18, 2022

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- G. Irby/P. Beard** A. Approve request for Planning & Community Development Director and Councilmember to attend the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Conference held in Point Clear, Alabama August 10-12, 2022 at an estimated cost of \$2,470 (hotels, registration fees, mileage and meals).
- L. Dismukes** B. Approve request for Drug Court Administrator and Judge to attend the 2022 Mississippi Association of Drug Court Professionals Training Conference August 24-26, 2022 in Biloxi, Ms at an estimated cost of \$1,593.34 (registration fees, hotels, mileage and meals).
- F. Shelton** C. Ratify permit request submitted by Cherie Labat, on behalf of the Columbus Municipal School District, to host an "End of School Year Block Party" held on May 27, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. blocking McCrary at Forrest Boulevard up to Maple Street.
- F. Shelton** D. Accept letter of resignation from one (1) CPD Investigator, effective June 9, 2022.
- F. Shelton** E. Approve permit request submitted by Tommy L. Williams and Debra Williams, on behalf of Bible Way Progressive COGIC, to host a "Youth Outreach Fun Day" to be held on July 16, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at 426 Military Road blocking 5th Avenue North and Military Road to the next block and the intersection of 4th Avenue North.
- F. Shelton** F. Approve permit request submitted by Julie Parker, on behalf of the Community Benefit Committee, to host a "Southside Clean Up Day for Neighbor" to be held on June 11, 2022 from 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. blocking 6th Street South between 5th Avenue South and 6th Avenue South.
- D. Hughes** G. Approve request for two (2) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "HSART Training" to be held in Grenada, MS (Camp McCain), and approve payment of registration, travel, and meal expenses in the amount of \$200.00.

- D. Hughes** H. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend “MS Fire Burn Camp” to be held in Pearl, MS, and approve payment of registration, travel, and meal expenses in the amount of \$50.00.

V. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

- A. Approve Docket of Claims for June 7, 2022

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

- K. Gaskin** A. General Comments from Mayor and Council

- J. Garrett** B. Board Vacancies

COLUMBUS HOUSING AUTHORITY

1 Vacancy, 5 Year-Term, Willie Byrd's Term Expires 06/20/2022.
Appointment will be made June 21, 2022.

Willie Byrd

Brenda J Smith Wilson

Victor Salter

Martin Andrews

GOLDEN TRIANGLE AIRPORT BOARD

1 Vacancy, 5 Year-Term, Gawyn Mitchell's Term Expires 06/20/2022.
Appointment will be made June 21, 2022.

Gawyn Mitchell

CITY UTILITIES COMMISSION

1 Vacancy, 5 Year-Term, Jimmy Graham's Term Expires 06/30/2022.
Appointment will be made July 5, 2022.

Brenda Lathan

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT & APPEALS OF DEVELOPMENT CODES

1 Vacancy, 3 Year-Term, Quinn Brislin's Term Expires 07/02/2022.
Appointment will be made July 5, 2022.

Quinn Brislin

- C. Jim Bringham, CFO, Financial/ Audit Update

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

- A. Ms. Kenosha Shaw, G-Blu Consulting (Stage Play)
B. Ms. Geraldine Petty, Morningside Ditch
C. Mr. George Irby, Wrecker Service Policy

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

- S. James** A. Discuss/Approve Derelict Property Docket

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| J. Garrett | B. | Discuss/Approve Reclaiming Our Youth Initiative budget and the use of Propst Park Activity Center as a permanent location. |
| J. Turnage | C. | Discuss/Approve ARPA Premium Pay |
| P. Mitchell | D. | Discuss/Approve Juneteenth Holiday |
| G. Lewis | E. | Discuss/Approve Acceptance of TVA Community Care Fund Grant, Sponsored by Columbus Light & Water and TVA, in the amount of \$15,000.00 to enhance Hank Aaron Park |
| F. Shelton | F. | Discuss/Approve hiring one (1) CPD Reserve Officer, contingent upon a successful drug screen and pre-employment physical exam. |
| K. Stafford | G. | Discuss/Approve Taylor Street Speed Hump Request |
| K. Stafford/F. Shelton | H. | Discuss/Approve Temporary Roof Repairs for Columbus Police Department and Municipal Complex Strip Center |
| R. Bonner | I. | Discuss/Approve Use of Perpetual Upkeep Funds to Repair Roads in Friendship Cemetery |
| C. Bush | J. | Discuss/Approve Critical Equipment/Personnel Needs for Public Works |
| J. Brigham | K. | Discuss/Approve Audit Engagement Letter from Watkins, Ward and Stafford, PLLC |

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. Litigation Matter
- B. (1) Personnel Matter