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**MEETING OF
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS
September 6, 2022**

CFO/SECRETARY-TREASURER
JAMES BRIGHAM

INTERIM POLICE CHIEF
DORAN JOHNSON

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 of August 16, 2022

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- K. Gaskin/W. Blunt** A. Approve a request for Mayor Gaskin and Wendy Blunt, Court Administrator, to attend the Mississippi Municipal League Fall Board of Director's Meeting in Greenwood, MS on Sept. 30 and approve payment of registration, travel, and meal expenses in the estimated amount of \$696.00.
- D. Johnson** B. Approve permit request submitted by Jerry Fortenberry, on behalf of Tennessee Williams Tribute, to host the "*Stella Shouting Contest*" to be held on September 9, 2022 from 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at 204 Fifth Street South blocking one-half (1/2) block of Fifth Street South, South of College Street in front of Hollyhocks and WCBI-TV.
- D. Johnson** C. Approve permit request submitted by L. C. Cockrell, on behalf of St. James United Methodist Church, to host a "*Community Health Fair*" to be held on September 10, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at 722 Military Road, blocking 8th Avenue North at Military Road and 12th Street North. See attached map.
- D. Johnson** D. Approve request for the CPD Interim Chief to attend the "*Meeting the Leadership Challenges of Law Enforcement Seminar*" to be held in Hattiesburg, MS, and approve payment for registration, lodging, travel and meal expenses in the approximate amount of \$765.00.
- D. Johnson** E. Approve request for three (3) CPD Officers to attend a "*Surveillance for Drug Enforcement Training*" to be held in Meridian, MS at no cost to the city.
- D. Johnson** F. Approve permit request submitted by Jennette Gholar, on behalf of Gholars Academy, to host a "*Harvest Festival*" to be held on October 29, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. blocking Second Avenue North at 14th Street North and 15th Street North.
- C. Gilman** G. Approve request for four (4) Forensic Scientists to attend an online webinar entitled "*Collecting and Preserving Entomological Evidence at a Death Scene*" with registration fees of \$316.

- C. Gilman** H. Approve request for two (2) Forensic Scientists to attend an online webinar entitled "*Introduction to Pettler's Staging Taxonomy for Staged Murders*" with registration fees of \$158.
- D. Hughes** I. Approve acceptance letter of retirement from one (1) Columbus Fire and Rescue personnel, effective October 1, 2022, and approve compensation for any unused vacation and sick leave, and allowed to purchase their fire arm for \$10.00.
- D. Hughes** J. Approve request for Howard Cross per diem in the amount of \$45.50
- D. Hughes** K. Approve request for one (1) Columbus Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "*Confined Space*" to be held at Alabama Fire College, AL, and approve payment of registration, travel, and meal expenses in the amount of \$0.00.
- D. Hughes** L. Approve request for one (1) Columbus Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "*Fire Service Financial Management (R0333)*" to be held at National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, MD and approve payment of registration, travel, and meal expenses in the amount of \$300.00.
- D. Hughes** M. Approve request for four (4) Columbus Fire & Rescue personnel to attend "*Graduation*" at State Fire Academy to be held in Pearl, MS., and request use of city vehicle.
- D. Hughes** N. Approve request for one (1) Columbus Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "*NREMT Registry Exam*" to be held in Tuscaloosa, AL, and approve payment of registration, travel, and meal expenses in the amount of \$25.00.
- D. Johnson** O. Approve permit request submitted by Kabir Karriem, on behalf of the 7th Avenue Heritage Festival Committee, to host the "*7th Avenue Heritage Festival*" to be held on September 30 - October 1, 2022, from 12:00 Noon on September 30th until 10:00 p.m. on October 1st.
- D. Johnson** P. Approve permit request submitted by Salem Gibson, on behalf of the Columbus Arts Council, Inc. and Munson and Brothers, to host an "*Oktoberfest/Burns Bottom Arts Festival*" to be held on October 1, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. blocking the corner of Second Avenue North and Third Street North to Fifth Avenue North. This event includes a 5K Fun Run. See attached map.
- D. Johnson** Q. Approve permit request submitted by Barbara Bigelow and Salem Gibson, on behalf of Main Street Columbus, Inc. and Columbus Arts Council, to host a "*Downtown Art Walk*" to be held on September 23, 2022 from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. on Main Street and Fifth Street of Downtown Columbus.
- C. Bush** R. Accept letter of resignation from one (1) Public Works employee, effective September 8, 2022, and authorize the HR Director to begin the normal recruitment process.
- C. Bush** S. Approve a request for Public Works Director Casey Bush and Roger Lewis, Landfill Supervisor, to attend the *Solid Waste Fall Conference* in Natchez, MS on Oct. 11-13 and approve payment for registration, travel and meal expenses in the estimated amount of \$2,236.29.

- D. Johnson** T. Approve permit request submitted by Katrina Sunivelle, on behalf of Contact Helpline, to host a *"SAVE JUST ONE Suicide Awareness 5K Run/Kids Fun Run/Memory Walk"* to be held on September 10, 2022 from 6:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.. See attached map.
- G. Lewis** U. Approve request for Parks & Recreation Director and Director of Programs to attend the *Mississippi Recreation & Park Association Annual Conference* and approve payment of registration, travel, lodging and meal expenses in the estimated amount of \$1,589.76.
- A. Verdell** V. Approve request by Columbus Light & Water to host its *Holiday Celebration* at the James M Trotter Convention Center on December 16, 2022.
- P. Beard** W. Approve request for Ward IV Councilman to attend the *29th Annual True South Basic Development Course*, September 19-22, and approve payment of registration, travel, lodging and meal expenses in the amount of \$1,797.50.
- J. Garrett** X. Approve request for Chief Operating Officer to attend MML & BCI Webinar: *Why Implementing Managed Cybersecurity Services from an Established, Proven, and Trusted IT Partner like BCI is Vital To All MML Members*, September 13th and approve payment of registration in the amount of \$25.00.
- G. Lewis** Y. Approve acceptance of a letter of resignation from one (1) Parks & Recreation Maintenance Tech personnel, effective September 8, 2022, and authorize the Human Resource Director to begin the normal recruitment process.
- R. Bonner** Z. Approve acceptance of a letter of resignation from one (1) Trotter Convention Center Maintenance Tech personnel and authorize the Human Resource Director to begin the normal recruitment process.
- G. Irby** AA. Approve a request for the Planning and Community Development Director to attend the *Congressional Black Caucus Foundation 51st Annual Legislative Conference* in Washington, DC from September 28, 2022 until October 1, 2022, and approve payment of registration, travel and meal expenses in the estimated amount of \$2,209.00.

V. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

- A. Approve Docket of Claims for September 6, 2022

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

- K. Gaskin** A. Comments from Mayor & Council
- J. Garrett** B. Board Vacancies

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD

1 Vacancy, 5-Year Term, Mark G. Alexander Sr.'s Term Expires 09/05/2022.
Appointment will be made September 6, 2022.

- Joey Bragg
- Jerry Fortenberry
- Jason Spears

- Matt Bogue
- Eric Thomas

COLUMBUS-LOWNDES LIBRARY BOARD

1 Vacancy, 5-Year Term, Clyde Hollis' Term Expires 09/30/2022.

Appointment will be made October 4, 2022.

No applicants at this time

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

2 Vacancies, 3-Year Terms, Chuck Bigelow's & MacArthur Inge's Terms Expire on 10/04/2022.

Appointments will be made on October 4, 2022.

No applicants at this time

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

- A. Angella Baker, Team Starkville, Preliminary Competition for Miss Mississippi

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

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| S. James | A. | Discuss/Approve Derelict Property Docket |
| J. Turnage | B. | Discuss/Approve designating the Code Enforcement Officer and Assistant Code Enforcement Officer to enforce clean up when the cost to remediate is less than \$250.00. |
| J. Turnage | C. | Discuss/Approve Amendment to Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Regarding the City of Columbus Use of Lowndes County Adult Detention Center |
| Z. Foster | D. | Discuss/Approve acceptance of MDOT Matching Grant in the amount of \$22,186.00 for the CLCA Parallel Taxiway Project |
| Z. Foster | E. | Discuss/Approve Speed Hump for Tuckaho Drive |
| Z. Foster | F. | Discuss/Approve Speed Hump for Williamsburg Road |
| Z. Foster | G. | Discuss/Approve Speed Hump for 21st Avenue North |
| Z. Foster | H. | Discuss/Approve Lowest Quote for CPD and Strip Mall Roof Patch Repairs |
| P. Mitchell | I. | Discuss/Approve Medical, Dental, and Life Insurance Renewal for FY2022-2023 |
| K. Gaskin | J. | Discuss/Approve acceptance of Children's Foundation of Mississippi Early Childhood Planning grant in the amount of \$2,000.00 to support the Mayor's coalition for Early Childhood Education. |
| R. Bonner | K. | Discuss/Approve filling two (2) part-time Maintenance Tech positions with the Trotter Convention Center/Regal Hall and allow the Human Resources Director to begin the normal recruitment process. |
| J. Brigham, J. Garrett | L. | Discuss/Approve Public Hearing and Special Meeting to adopt <i>Proposed Budget & Tax Levies</i> to be held on September 15, 2022 at City Hall in the Public Reception Room at 10:30am. |

J. Mickens M. Discuss/Approve pay raises for Mayor and City Council and amendment to City Ordinance Sec. 2-47 related to same.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION: