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**MEETING OF
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS
October 18, 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 October 4, 2022

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

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| C. Bush | A. | Accept letter of resignation from one (1) Public Works employee, effective October 20, 2022, and authorize the HR Director to begin the normal recruitment process. |
| D. Johnson | B. | Approve permit request for a CPD Officer to attend the "9th Annual One Loud Voice Conference" to be held in Biloxi, Mississippi and approve payment for travel and meal expenses in the approximate amount of \$250.00. |
| D. Johnson | C. | Approve permit request submitted by Debbie Criddle, on behalf of First United Methodist Church, Annunciation Catholic Church and St. Paul's Episcopal Church, to host a "Fall Festival" to be held on October 30, 2022 from 4:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.. See attached map. |
| D. Johnson | D. | Approve permit request submitted by Barbara Bigelow, on behalf of Man Street Columbus, Inc., to host the "Christmas Tree Lighting" to be held on November 28, 2022 from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. in the grassy area by Pedestrian Bridge. |
| D. Johnson | E. | Approve permit request from Barbara Bigelow, on behalf of Main Street Columbus, Inc., to host "Wassail Fest" to be held on December 2, 2022 from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in Downtown Columbus. Please see attached. |
| D. Hughes | F. | Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "MS Training Officer" to be held in Gulfport, MS, and approve payment of registration, travel, and meal expenses in the amount of \$670.00. |
| D. Hughes | G. | Approve request for two (2) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "MSTAT-MS Trainee Agility Test" to be held in Starkville, MS, and approve payment of registration, travel, and meal expenses in the amount of \$40.00. |
| D. Hughes | H. | Approve request for two (2) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "Haz-Mat Awareness & Operations On-line" to be held in Gulfport, MS, and approve payment of registration, travel, and meal expenses in the amount of \$100.00. |

- D. Johnson** I. Approve use of The Hitching Lot (Farmers Market) and permit request submitted by Diamonz Brown, on behalf of 50 Shades of Fall, to host a "Fall Festival" to be held on November 26, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.
- C. Bush** J. Accept letter of resignation from PW Laborer, effective October 13, 2022 and authorize the HR Director to begin the normal recruitment process.
- W. Blunt** K. Approve request for the Municipal Court Administrator to attend the Court Administrators Fall 2022 Conference, to be held in Biloxi, MS, at no cost to the City.
- W. Blunt** L. Approve request for the Municipal Court Administrator to attend the Mississippi Municipal Court Clerk Association Class to be held in Meridian, MS at no cost to the City.

V. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

- A. Approve Docket of Claims for October 18, 2022

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

- A. Comments from Mayor & Council
- D. Johnson** B. Presentation of Commendation to Officer Justin Robinson
- C. Gilman** C. Forensic Lab Monthly Report - September 2022
- K. Wiegel** D. Building Inspection Monthly Report - September 2022
- W. Langford** E. Garage Monthly Report - September 2022
- S. James** F. Code Enforcement Monthly Report-September 2022
- C. Bush** G. Public Works Monthly Report - September 2022
- D. Hughes** H. Columbus Fire and Rescue Monthly Report - September 2022
- D. Johnson** I. Columbus Police Department Monthly Report - September 2022
- G. Irby** J. Office of Planning & Community Development Monthly Report - September 2022
- P. Mitchell** K. Human Resources Monthly Report - September 2022
- R. Bonner** L. Trotter Convention Center Monthly Report - September 2022
- G. Lewis** M. Parks & Recreation Monthly Report - September 2022
- W. Blunt** N. Municipal Court Monthly Report for September 2022.
- J. Brigham** O. Financial Report
- P. Board Vacancies

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS &
APPEALS OF DEVELOPMENT CODES**

1 Vacancy, 2-Year Term, Ralph McClain's Term Expires November 3, 2022
Appointment will be made November 1, 2022.
Applicant must be Electrical Engineer or Contractor

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

1 Vacancy, 3 Year Term, Jarvin Fenster's Term Expires 11/19/2022.
Appointment will be made November 15, 2022.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

1 Vacancy, Remainder of Kenny Frye's 4 Year Term, Expires 9/20/2024.
Kenny Frye resigned Sept. 29, 2022 due to moving outside of the city limits.
Appointment will be made November 15, 2022.

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

- A. Penny Bowen, Revitalization of Leadership Plaza
- B. Carl Smith, MDA, Request for use of Trotter

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

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| S. James | A. Discuss/Approve Derelict Property Docket |
| J. Garrett | B. Discuss/Approve the revision of the Community Outreach Director job description and allow the Human Resources Director to begin the normal recruitment process. |
| K. Wiegel | C. Discuss/Approve recommendations from the October 3, 2022 Columbus Historic Preservation Commission meeting. |
| K. Wiegel | D. Discuss/Approve recommendations from the October 10, 2022 Planning Commission meeting. |
| G. Irby | E. Discuss/Approve a request to apply for a Certified Local Government Grant in the amount of \$10,000. |
| C. Bush | F. Discuss/Approve request to hire one (1) Laborer in the Public Works Department at \$12.50 per hour. |
| J. Turnage | G. Discuss/Approve grant of nonexclusive easement to buyer of hotel site. |
| S. Jones | H. Approve request for Mayor, select Councilmembers, select employees to attend the National League of Cities Conference Nov. 17 - 19, 2022 in Kansas City, Missouri and approve payment of registration, travel and meal expenses in the estimated amount of \$18,797.50. This estimate is based on 7 people. |

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. (4) Personnel Matters
- B. (1) Prospective Litigation