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**MEETING OF
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS
February 21, 2023**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

II. CONFIRMATION OF/OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

III. APPROVE MINUTES FOR PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

A. Approve Minutes of February 7, 2023

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- D. Hughes** A. Approve request for two (2) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "Smoke Diver" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, travel, and meal expenses in the amount of \$1,140.00.
- D. Hughes** B. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "Live Fire Instructure" to be held in Alabama Fire College, AL, and approve payment of registration, travel, and meal expenses in the amount of \$125.00.
- D. Hughes** C. Approve request for four (4) Command Staff Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "Graduation for Sally Kerstetter (for NFPA I-II)" to be held at Mississippi Fire Academy in Jackson, MS at no cost.
- D. Hughes** D. Accept letter of retirement from one (1) Fire and Rescue Firefighter, effective March 1, 2023, and approve compensation for any unused sick and vacation leave up to 240 hours.
- J. Daughtry** E. Accept letter of resignation from one (1) CPD Officer, effective February 19, 2023.
- J. Daughtry** F. Approve request for one (1) CPD Officer to attend the "2023 Spring MELOA Motor Officer Class" to be held in Flowood, MS, and approve payment for lodging, travel and meal expenses in the approximate amount of \$1,400.00.
- J. Daughtry** G. Approve request for one (1) CPD Officer and one (1) K9 Officer to attend the "MELOA 2023 Lawdog K9 Seminar" to be held in Tupelo, MS and approve payment for meals and travel expenses in the approximate amount of 250.00.
- J. Daughtry** H. Approve permit request submitted by Barbara Bigelow, on behalf of Main Street Columbus, Inc., to host the "27th Annual Market Street Festival" to be held on May 5 - 6, 2023 from 5:00 a.m. May 5, 2023 until 12:00 noon May 7, 2023 at the Soccer Complex (Friday evening concert and Saturday morning 5K; the remainder of the festival is in downtown Columbus.

- R. Bonner** I. Accept letter of retirement from one (1) Maintenance Technician at the Trotter Convention Center, effective March 1, 2023 and approve payment of unused vacation leave according to State policy, plus authorize the Human Resources Director to begin the normal recruitment process to fill this position.
- J. Mickens** J. Approve request for two (2) City Council Members to visit The Village at Glenclyff located in Nashville, Tennessee and approve payment for lodging, travel and meal expenses in the estimated amount of \$1,152.08.
- J. Daughtry** K. Approve request for Chief of Police to attend MS Wireless Commission in Jackson, MS on March 2, 2023 at no cost.

V. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

- A. Approve Docket of Claims for February 21, 2023

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

- A. Comments from Mayor & Council
- C. Gilman** B. Forensic Lab - January 2023
- P. Mitchell** C. Human Resources Monthly Report for January 2023.
- Y. Jamison** D. Community Outreach - January 2023
- G. Lewis** E. Parks & Recreation - January 2023
- W. Blunt** F. Municipal Court - January 2023
- R. Bonner** G. Trotter Convention Center/Friendship Cemetery/Care & Maintenance - January 2023
- W. Langford** H. Garage - January 2023
- K. Wiegel** I. Building Inspection - January 2023
- D. Hughes** J. Columbus Fire and Rescue Department - January 2023
- C. Bush** K. Public Works - January 2023
- J. Daughtry** L. Columbus Police Department - January 2023
- G. Irby** M. Office of Planning and Community Development - January 2023
- S. James** N. Code Enforcement - January 2023
- J. Brigham** O. Financial Report
- W. Holley** P. 2020 Audit Report
- J. Garrett** Q. Board Vacancies

COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

1 Vacancy, 5 Year Term, Yvonne Cox's Term Expires 03/02/2023.
Appointment will be made February 21, 2023.

Yvonne Cox

Robert E. Smith Sr.

Qua Mattix Austin

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT & APPEALS OF DEVELOPMENT CODES

1 Vacancy, 1 Year Term, Kevin Stafford's Term Expires 03/01/2023
Appointment will be made March 7, 2023.

Kevin Stafford

CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

2 Vacancies, 3 Year Terms, Whirlie Byrd's and Melodie Cunningham's Terms Expire 03/03/2023
Appointment will be made March 7, 2023.

Whirlie Byrd

Melodie Cunningham

Blaine Walters

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS & APPEALS

2 Vacancies, 3 Year Terms, Chris Chain's & Rob Graham's Terms Expire 03/03/2023
Appointment will be made March 7, 2023.

Chris Chain

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

A. Public Hearing on Tianeptine

- Tracy Harper Morrison
- William J. Morrison
- Karol Harper
- Matt Bouge
- Dr. Robin Ballard
- Ashley Amos

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

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| J. Turnage | A. | Discuss/Approve an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances to include prohibiting the use, purchase, possession, distribution, sale or offering for sale of Tianeptine and related products. |
| S. James | B. | Discuss/Approve Derelict Property Docket |
| K. Wiegel | C. | Discuss/Approve recommendations from the February 13, 2023 Planning Commission meeting. |
| C. Bush, P. Mitchell | D. | Discuss/Approve request to hire one (1) Laborer at \$12.50 per hour, pending successful completion of pre-employment drug screen and medical exam. |
| C. Bush, P. Mitchell | E. | Discuss/Approve request to hire two (2) Crew Leaders at \$13.00 per hour, pending successful completion of a pre-employment drug screen and medical exam. |
| R. Bonner, K. Stafford | F. | Discuss/Approve Farmer's Market repair quote. |

S. Jones, G. Discuss/Approve 15th Street drainage improvements.
Kevin Stafford

J. Mickens H. Discuss/Approve hiring Golden Triangle Planning and Development District, Inc. to provide an annexation and redistricting study to determine viability for the City of Columbus.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A. (1) Personnel Matter