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

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

II. CONFIRMATION OF/OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

III. APPROVE MINUTES FOR PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

- A. Approve Meeting Minutes of March 7, 2023
- B. Approve Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2023

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- D. Hughes** A. Approve request for fifty-six (56) Fire and Rescue personnel for CPR Re-Certification and approve payment of CPR Recertification expenses in the amount of \$150.00.
- D. Hughes** B. Approve request for two (2) Fire and Rescue personnel for inspection on Apparatus Acceptance Inspection in Lyons, South Dakota, and approve payment of travel, and meal expenses in the amount of 75.00.
- D. Hughes** C. Approve request for two (2) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "CFAI Peer Assessor Training Program" Web Based Training, and approve payment of registration expenses in the amount of \$800.00.
- C. Bush** D. Accept letter of resignation from one (1) Public Works employee, effective March 23, 2023, and authorize the HR Director to begin the normal recruitment process.
- J. Daughtry** E. Accept letter of resignation from one (1) CPD Records Clerk, effective March 9, 2023, approve compensation for any unused vacation leave per state policy and authorize the HR Director to begin the normal recruitment process.
- J. Daughtry** F. Accept letter of resignation from one (1) Forensic Scientist Trainee, effective March 16, 2023, approve compensation for any unused vacation leave per state policy and authorize HR Director to begin the normal recruitment process.
- J. Daughtry** G. Accept letter of resignation from one (1) Forensic Criminalist, effective March 22, 2023, approve compensation for any unused vacation leave and authorize the HR Director to begin the normal recruitment process.
- J. Daughtry** H. Approve permit request submitted by Nancy Carpenter, on behalf of the Columbus Cultural Heritage Foundation, to host "Catfish in the Alley" to be held on April 22, 2023

from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. with streets being blocked on Friday, April 21, 2023 from 12:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 22, 2023. See attached map.

- J. Daughtry** I. Approve permit request submitted by Glenn Lautzenhiser, on behalf of Christian Community in Prayer, to host the "National Day of Prayer" to be held on May 4, 2023 from 12:00 p.m. until 1:00 p.m. in front of the Lowndes County Courthouse, blocking Second Avenue North in front of the Courthouse from 8:00 a.m. until 1:15 p.m.
- J. Daughtry** J. Approve permit request submitted by Salem Gibson, on behalf of Tennessee Williams Tribute/Columbus Art Council, to host "Stella Yell" to be held on March 31, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. See attached map.
- J. Daughtry** K. Approve permit request submitted by Sara Batot, on behalf of the Columbus AFB, to host a "Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Parade" to be held on April 13, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. starting at Stokes Beard Elementary School, 311 South MLK, Jr. Drive, blocking Highway 82, MLK, Fifth Avenue North and 23rd Street North around Stokes Beard Elementary.

V. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

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

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

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

TREE BOARD

2 Vacancies, 3 Year Terms, Michael Foster and Mildred Monroe Terms Expired 12/03/2022. Appointment will be made April 4, 2023.

Jill Drouillard

TREE BOARD

2 Vacancies, 3 Year Terms, Bruce Sansing's Term Expires 04/07/2023 & Reid Nevin's Term Expires 04/19/2023.

Appointments will be made April 18, 2023.

No applicants at this time.

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

- A. Carl A. Lee - City Government
- B. Lavonne Latham Harris - CPD Overview Committee

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

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| S. James | A. Discuss/Approve Derelict Property Docket |
| C. Bush | B. Discuss/Approve promotion of one (1) Public Works Laborer to Crew Leader. |
| C. Bush | C. Discuss/Approve request to hire three (3) Laborers at \$12.50 per hour pending successful completion of a pre-employment drug screen and medical exam. |
| D. Hughes | D. Discuss/Approve hiring two (2) Entry Level Firefighters pending successful completion of a pre-employment physical exam and drug screen. |
| D. Hughes | E. Discuss/Approve promotion of one (1) Columbus Fire and Rescue employee from Firefighter to Engineer with the appropriate salary adjustment effective March 21, 2023. |
| D. Hughes | F. Discuss/Approve promotion of one (1) Columbus Fire and Rescue employee from Engineer to Captain with the appropriate salary adjustment effective March 21, 2023. |
| P. Mitchell | G. Discuss/Approve request to transfer an employee in Public Works to the Trotter Convention Center with a salary adjustment. |
| J. Turnage | H. Discuss/Approve employee use of city-owned vehicles policy. |

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION: