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**MEETING OF
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS
July 5, 2023**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

II. CONFIRMATION OF/OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

III. APPROVE MINUTES FOR PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

- A. Approve Minutes for Meeting of June 20, 2023
- B. Approve Minutes for Special Meeting of June 22, 2023

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- D. Hughes** A. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "NFPA 1041: Fire Service Instructor" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, travel, and meal expenses in the amount of \$1,125.00.
- D. Hughes** B. Approve request for one (1) 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 \$720.00.
- D. Hughes** C. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "Rope Rescue Awareness & Operations" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, travel, and meal expenses in the amount of \$665.00.
- J. Daughtry** D. Approve permit request submitted by Sammie Williams, on behalf of Northside M.B. Church to host a "Back to School Event" to be held on July 22, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. at Northside M.B. Church, 1501 - 9th Avenue North and 15th Street North.
- J. Daughtry** E. Approve permit request submitted by LaNise Frison and Lucretia Jackson to host a "Burns Bottom Reunion" to be held on September 30, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. blocking 3rd Street North and 2nd Avenue North at Munson and Brothers.
- C. Bush** F. Accept letter of resignation from one (1) Public Works laborer, effective July 3, 2023, and approve compensation for any unused vacation leave.
- C. Bush** G. Accept letter of retirement from one (1) Public Works laborer, effective June 29, 2023, and authorize the HR Director to begin the normal recruitment process.
- C. Bush** H. Accept letter of retirement from one (1) Public Works Heavy Equipment Operator, and authorize the HR Director to begin the normal recruitment process.
- J. Brigham** I. Approve Columbus-Lowndes County Airport Fuel Farm Jet-A Tank Replacement payment request in the amount of \$10,099.24.
- J. Daughtry** J. Accept letter of resignation from one (1) Corporal of the Columbus Police Department, effective immediately, and approve compensation for any unused vacation leave.

V. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

J. Brigham A. Approve Docket of Claims for July 5, 2023.

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

A. Comments from Mayor & Council
J. Daughtry B. Swearing In of five (5) CPD Officers

- * Benjamin Perryman
- * Noah Thompson
- * Ian Halbert
- * Latessa Moore
- * Jeremy Fortney

J. Garrett C. Board Vacancies

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

1 Vacancy, 4 Year Term, Julie Parker's Term Expired 07/02/2023.
Appointment will be made July 5, 2023.

Amber Brislin

Shannon Bowen

Bennett Windham

COLUMBUS HOUSING AUTHORITY

1 Vacancy, 5 Year Term, Greg Lewis' Term Expired 07/03/2023.
Appointment will be made July 5, 2023.

Greg Lewis

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

1 Vacancy, 4 Year Term, Maxine Hall's Term Expires 08/04/2023.
Appointment will be made August 1, 2023.

Maxine Hall

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

J. Garrett A. National Night Out on Crime (Northaven Woods) - Whirlie Byrd & John Ballard

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

S. James A. Discuss/Approve Derelict Property Docket

D. Hughes B. Discuss/Approve the promotion of three (3) Columbus Fire and Rescue personnel from Firefighters to Engineers, effective date July 10, 2023.

D. Hughes C. Discuss/Approve the promotion of one (1) Columbus Fire and Rescue personnel from Fire Marshal to Chief of Training, effective date July 10, 2023.

K. Wiegel D. Discuss/Approve Amendment to Flexibility of Sale/Purchase Agreement of Gilmer Inn Property.

K. Stafford E. Discuss/Approve submitting the *Safe Streets and Roads For All* Grant Application.

J. Daughtry,
D. Hughes, C.
Bush F. Discuss/Approve the deletion of the Nepotism Policy from the City of Columbus' personnel handbook and adopting the State of Mississippi's Nepotism Policy.

J. Turnage G. Discuss/Approve ratifying and affirming the Interlocal Agreement for collection of ad valorem taxes.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

 A. (1) Personnel Matter