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GEORGE IRBY

**MEETING OF
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS
July 18, 2023**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

II. CONFIRMATION OF/OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

III. APPROVE MINUTES FOR PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

A. Approve Minute from Meeting of July 5, 2023

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- G. Irby** A. Approve the request for the Interim Director and Secretary to attend the Mississippi Homeland Security Grant Orientation to be held in Tupelo, Mississippi on August 16, 2023, and the usage of the City vehicle.
- G. Irby** B. Discuss/Approve to pay for repairs at 1103 19th Street North in the amount of \$225.00
- J. Daughtry** C. Approve permit request submitted by Kristina Patel to block off Second Avenue North and Main Street on August 18, 2023 from 3:45 p.m. until 4:45 p.m. and Second Avenue North, Main Street and Third Avenue August 19, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. See attached map.
- J. Garrett** D. Approve request for the *Seventh Avenue Heritage Fest* funding in the amount of \$15,000.00 per the 2% Restaurant Tax Agreement to fund festivals in the City of Columbus.
- P. Mitchell** E. Discuss/Approve request for H R Director to attend 45th Annual Employment Law Seminar, to be held in Ocean Springs, MS at the approximate cost of \$743.42.

V. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

J. Brigham A. Approve Docket of Claims for July 18, 2023

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

- K. Gaskin** A. Comments from Mayor & Council
- D. Hughes** B. Atmos Energy presentation of donation check to Columbus Fire and Rescue
- K. Wiegel** C. Building Inspection - June 2023 Monthly Report
- D. Hughes** D. Columbus Fire and Rescue Department – June 2023 Monthly Report
- P. Mitchell** E. Human Resources - June 2023 Monthly Report
- R. Bonner** F. Trotter/Care & Maintenance/Friendship Cemetery - June 2023 Monthly Report
- S. James** G. Code Enforcement - June 2023 Monthly Report

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| G. Irby | H. | Planning & Community Development - June 2023 Monthly Report |
| C. Bush | I. | Public Works - June 2023 Monthly Report |
| J. Daughtry | J. | Columbus Police Department - June 2023 Monthly Report |
| G. Lewis | K. | Parks & Recreation - June 2023 Monthly Report |
| W. Blunt | L. | Municipal Court - June 2023 Monthly Report |
| M. Thompson | M. | Information Technology - June 2023 Monthly Report |
| J. Garrett | N. | Community Outreach - June 2023 Monthly Report |
| W. Langford | O. | Garage - June 2023 Monthly Report |
| J. Brigham | P. | Finance - June 2023 Monthly Report |
| J. Garrett | Q. | Board Vacancies |

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

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT & APPEALS

1 Vacancy, 3 Year Term, Rob Graham's Term Expired 03/03/2023.
Appointment will be made July 18, 2023.

Emily Johnson

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

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| K. Wiegel | A. | Discuss/Approve recommendations from the Planning Commission meeting on July 10, 2023 |
| Z. Foster | B. | Discuss/Approve accepting the FAA's FY 2023 AIP Grant Offer in the amount of \$150,000.00 for the CLCA Taxiway Pavement Rehabilitation project. |
| G. Lewis | C. | Discuss/Approve request to purchase of 60 inch Mower in the amount \$13,025.00 for Columbus Parks & Recreation. |
| J. Daughtry | D. | Discuss/Approve hiring three (3) CPD Officers contingent upon a successful pre-employment physical exam and drug screen. |
| C. Bush | E. | Discuss/Approve request to hire five (5) Laborers, pending successful completion of preliminary testing. |
| J. Brigham | F. | Discuss/Approve request to hire a Staff Accountant, pending successful completion of preliminary testing. |
| J. Turnage | G. | Discuss/Approve resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus, Mississippi finding and determining that a Notice of Resolution of Intent to issue either General Obligation Bonds of the City or a General Obligation Bond of the City for sale to the Mississippi Development Bank was duly published as required by law pursuant to Miss Code Ann. § 21-33-301 et seq. |
| G. Irby | H. | Discuss/Approve the selection of engineering services to complete an <i>Environmental</i> for the Blight Elimination Program. |
| K. Stafford | I. | Discuss bid results for 15 th Street North Drainage Improvements project (Re-Bid) for consideration of award of contract. |

J. Garrett, J. J. Brigham Discuss/Approve selection of trash collection services and rates.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A. Personnel Matters (2)