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**MEETING OF
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS
August 15, 2023**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

II. CONFIRMATION OF/OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

III. APPROVE MINUTES FOR PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

- A. Approve Minutes from Meeting of August 1, 2023
- B. Approve Minutes from Special Meeting of August 9, 2023.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- D. Hughes** A. Approve request for four (4) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "National Registry of Emergency Medical Technician-Basic (NREMT-B)" to be held at EMCC in Mayhew, MS, and approve payment of registration, travel, testing, lab work, and meal expenses in the amount of \$7,400.
- D. Hughes** B. Approve request for one (1) Columbus Fire and Rescue Engineer (CFR) to extend FMLA due to an ill child.
- J. Daughtry** C. Approve permit request submitted by Lonvojsier Cockrell, on behalf of St. James United Methodist Church, to host a "Community Health Fair" to be held on September 16, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at 722 Military Road, blocking 8th Avenue North at Military Road and 12th Street North.
- J. Daughtry** D. Approve permit request submitted by the Spoon Hub and Councilman Stephen Jones, Ward V, to host a "National Black Business Month Pop Up Shop" to be held on August 26, 2023 from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the Hitching Lot Farmers Market/Annex at 150 N 2nd St, Columbus, MS 39701.
- J. Daughtry** E. Accept letter of resignation from one (1) CPD Officer, effective August 6, 2023 and approve compensation for any unused vacation leave.
- J. Daughtry** F. Accept letter of resignation from one (1) CPD Officer, approve compensation for any unused vacation leave.
- J. Daughtry** G. Ratify approval request to send three (3) CPD Officers to the "Mississippi Delta Community College Law Enforcement Training Academy" in Moorhead, MS, and approve cost of tuition (\$12,000.00) and reimbursement of clothing allowance, not to exceed \$350.00 per Officer, upon completion of the academy.
- J. Mickens** H. Approve a request for Councilman Jones and Vice Mayor Joseph Mickens to attend the *52nd Annual Legislative Conference (ALC)* in Washington, DC from September 20-24th, and approve payment of registration, travel, lodging and meal expenses in the estimated amount of \$2,120.80 per person.

- R. Bonner** I. Approve request to compensate BAM in the amount of \$3,827.00 for grass cutting/landscaping of Friendship Cemetery.
- J. Garrett** J. Approve request to compensate BAM in the amount of \$1,350.00 for grass cutting/landscaping of Sandfield Cemetery.
- J. Garrett, J. Bringham** K. Approve the 2% Tourism Tax payment to Lowndes County, Golden Triangle Development LINK and Columbus Visitors Bureau in the total amount of \$201,698.55.
- K. Gaskin, J. Daughtry** L. Approve a request for Mayor Keith Gaskin and Police Chief Joseph Daughtry to attend the 2023 MML Fall BOD in Oxford, MS from September 21-22 and approve payment of registration, travel, lodging and meal expenses in the estimated amount of \$410 per person.

V. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

- J. Bringham** A. Approve Docket of Claims for August 15, 2023

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

- A. Comments from Mayor & Council
- G. Lewis** B. Recognition - Columbus Kings
2023 Dizzy Dean World Series Champions
- J. Daughtry** C. Recognition - SWAT Team
Columbus Police Department
- J. Daughtry** D. Swearing in of one (1) CPD Officer
* Kevin Smiley
- K. Wiegel** E. Building Inspection - July 2023 Monthly Report
- R. Bonner** F. Trotter Convention Center/Care & Maintenance/Friendship Cemetery
- D. Hughes** G. Columbus Fire and Rescue - July 2023 Monthly Report
- S. James** H. Code Enforcement - July 2023 Monthly Report
- G. Irby** I. Planning & Community Development - July 2023 Monthly Report
- C. Bush** J. Public Works - July 2023 Monthly Report
- J. Daughtry** K. Columbus Police Department - July 2023 Monthly Report
- P. Mitchell** L. Human Resources - July 2023 Monthly Report
- J. Garrett** M. Community Outreach - July 2023 Monthly Report
- M. Thompson** N. Information Technology - July 2023 Monthly Report
- W. Blunt** O. Municipal Court - July 2023 Monthly Report
- G. Lewis** P. Parks & Recreation - July 2023 Monthly Report
- W. Langford** Q. Garage - July 2023 Monthly Report
- J. Bringham** R. Finance - July 2023 Monthly Report
- J. Garrett** S. Board Vacancies

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD

1 Vacancy, 5 Year Term, Robert Rhett's Term Expires 09/01/2023.
Appointment will be made September 5, 2023.

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

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| S. James | A. | Discuss/Approve Derelict Property Docket |
| G. Lewis | B. | Discuss/Approve hiring of one (1) Maintenance Technician for Parks & Recreation, pending preliminary testing. |
| W. Langford,
P. Mitchell | C. | Discuss/Approve request to hire one (1) Diesel Mechanic, pending successful completion of all preliminary testing. |
| C. Bush | D. | Discuss/Approve request to hire two (2) Laborers in the Public Works Department, pending successful completion of all preliminary testing. |
| J. Turnage | E. | Discuss/Approve <i>Resolution</i> authorizing an increase in fees or charges for garbage and rubbish pickup and disposal services and ordering Secretary Treasurer to publish notices advertising the intent to increase such fees. |
| T. Hairston | F. | Discuss/Approve <i>Resolution</i> authorizing the execution and delivery of a promissory note in the principal amount of \$3,000,000, loan agreement and a private placement agreement to secure a loan from the Mississippi Development Bank for recreation and entertainment. |
| J. Garrett. J.
Turnage | G. | Discuss/Approve an <i>Ordinance</i> amending the city's Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance for possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages, beer or light wine in Downtown and Queen City Districts and creating exceptions for special events and related purposes. |
| J. Garrett, J.
Brigham | H. | Discuss/Approve revised FY24 Budget Calendar. |
| J. Garrett. J.
Brigham | I. | Discuss/Approve payment in the amount of \$548,098.33 for APAC Mississippi, Inc.'s Pay Request No. 1 (Final) for the Columbus-Lowndes County Airport Taxiway Project. |
| J. Mickens | J. | Discuss/Approve signage for new fire apparatus. |

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION: