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**MEETING OF
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS
September 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 from Meeting of August 15, 2023
- B. Approve Minutes from Special Meeting of August 22, 2023; August 29, 2023 and August 31, 2023

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

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| S. Jones | A. | Approve request for Mayor and City Council to attend the National League of Cities City Summit (NLC) in Atlanta, GA, November 16-18, 2023 and approve payment of registration, travel, lodging and meal expenses in the estimated amount of \$1,983.22 per person. |
| K. Gaskin, J. DiCicco | B. | Approve request for Mayor Keith Gaskin and Councilwoman Jacqueline DiCicco to attend the MML Small Town Conference in Meridian, MS, October 25-26, 2023 and approve payment of registration, travel, lodging and meal expenses in the estimated amount of \$1,055.52 for both. |
| J. Daughtry | C. | Approve permit request submitted by Stephanie Jones to host a "Zumba In Pink" to be held on October 7, 2023 from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the Riverwalk. |
| J. Daughtry | D. | Approve request for two (2) CPD personnel to apply for a notary commission and to purchase necessary supplies in the estimated amount of \$400.00. |
| J. Daughtry | E. | Approve permit request submitted by Tiffany Jefferson, on behalf of Columbus High School, to host the "Columbus High Homecoming Parade" to be held on September 21, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. leaving Fairview Baptist Church, left on Browder Street, right on Alabama Street, left on McCrary, right on Warpath Road and right into the stadium. |
| J. Daughtry | F. | Approve permit request submitted by Katrina Sunivelle, on behalf of Contact Helpline, to host a "SAVE JUST ONE Suicide Awareness 5K Run/Walk" to be held on September 9, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.. See attached map. |
| D. Hughes | G. | Accept letter of resignation from one (1) Fire and Rescue Engineer, effective September 14, 2023, and approve compensated for any unused vacation leave. |
| S. James | H. | Approve request for Code Enforcement Director to attend the "Keep America Beautiful Affiliate Meeting" to be held on October 12, 2023 in Ridgeland, Mississippi and approve travel expense in the amount of \$63.45. |
| G. Lewis | I. | Approve request for Parks & Recreation Director and Director of Programs to attend the Mississippi Recreation & Parks Annual Conference, September 18-20, 2023 and approve |

payment of registration, travel and meal expenses in the estimated amount of \$722.00 per person.

- G. Lewis** J. Approve request for Parks & Recreation Director and Director of Programs to supervise the Sim Scott Senior Citizens for their trip to the Tina Turner Museum, September 14, 2023 at no cost to the City of Columbus.
- J. Daughtry** K. Approve permit request submitted by Salem Gibson, on behalf of the Columbus Arts Council, to host the "Burns Bottom - Octoberfest" to be held on October 7, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. starting at the intersection of 2nd Avenue North and 3rd Street North through 7th Avenue.
- K. Gaskin** L. Approve request for the Mayor's Coalition for Early Childhood Policy and Education and the MUW Excel by 5 program to hold a children's wellness clinic at the Farmer's Market Annex building and parking lot on Saturday, October 14th from 9 am -12 pm.
- C. Bush** M. Approve resignation of Public Works Crew Leader and authorize HR director to begin the normal recruitment process.
- J. Daughtry** N. Approve request for a CPD Assistant Chief to be reimbursed for travel and meal expenses incurred in a City Council approved training in the amount of \$194.32.

V. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

- J. Brigham** A. Approve Docket of Claims for September 5, 2023

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

- A. Comments from Mayor & Council
- J. Garrett** B. 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.

William (Bill) Strauss

Brenda Lathan

Jay Patel

COLUMBUS LOWNDES LIBRARY BOARD

1 Vacancy, 5 Year Term, Christian Heinkel's Term Expires 09/30/2023.
Appointment will be made October 3, 2023.

Christian Heinkel

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

- A. John Longmire - Noise Ordinance
- B. Edmond Green, Rod Dismukes - Oak Manor Update
- C. Carl Lee - City Economic Development

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

- S. James** A. Discuss/Approve Derelict Property Docket
- D. Hughes** B. Discuss/Approve the promotion of one (1) Columbus Fire and Rescue personnel from Fire/Life Safety Educator to Fire Marshal, effective date September 11, 2023.
- G. Irby** C. Discuss/ Approve request to apply for a 2023 HOME Investment Partnership Grant.

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| G. Irby | D. | Discuss/Approve Section 3 Action Plan in reference to 2023 HOME Investment Partnership Grant. |
| G. Irby | E. | Discuss/Approve Affirmative Marketing Plan in reference to 2023 HOME Investment Partnership Grant. |
| Z. Foster | F. | Discuss/Approve acceptance of the FY2024 MDOT Multimodal Grant offer in the amount of \$600,000.00 for a new hangar at CLCA. |
| Z. Foster | G. | Discuss/Approve applying for BIL funds from FAA to match the MDOT Multimodal Grant for a new hangar at CLCA. |
| Z. Foster | H. | Discuss/Approve submitting preapplication to FAA for the CLCA Runway Pavement Rehabilitation project. |
| C. Bush, P. Mitchell | I. | Discuss/Approve request to hire two (2) Laborers in the Public Works Department, pending completion of all preliminary testing. |
| P. Mitchell | J. | Discuss/Approve request to accept the Blue Cross Blue Shield Proposal for Self-Funded Plan Administration and Reinsurance coverage, with the proposed October 1, 2023 renewal with a rate hold on medical, dental and life coverage and approve Agents of Record for the new plan year. |
| J. Dillon | K. | Discuss adding a sound system to the upstairs courtroom at City Hall. |
| R. Bonner, K. Stafford | L. | Discuss/Approve Award of lowest bid and all alternates for the Trotter Conv. Center Administrative Office ADA Ramp and 2 nd Avenue Street Improvements to Weathers Construction at \$203,700.00. |
| R. Bonner, K. Stafford | M. | Discuss/Approve Award of lowest quote for the Trotter Conv. Center Lower Courtyard concrete replacement to Hannon, LLC at \$31,985.00. |
| K. Stafford | N. | Discuss/Approve Columbus Main Street Capital Improvement Matching Funds of \$95,000 (max) coming from FY 2024-25 Modernization Act Tax collections, contingent upon MMSA and MDOT TAP Grant awards. |
| K. Stafford | O. | Discuss/Approve 2024 City-Wide Paving Funding. |
| J. Garrett | P. | Discuss/Approve the acceptance of the Emergency Road and Bridge Repair Grant (ERBR-43(05)) for the replacement of the Waterworks Road Bridge over the Lux Creek and authorize Mayor to sign all necessary documents for the execution of the grant and contract/construction provisions. |
| J. Garrett, J. Brigham | Q. | Discuss/Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration and the City of Columbus directing the funds on deposit in the 2023 Local Improvements Projects Fund for Columbus Redevelopment Authority with Park View-Burns Bottom Project to be disbursed to the City of Columbus to administer the expenditure of such funds for the Project. |
| J. Brigham | R. | Discuss/Approve 2023 Budget Amendments |
| J. Turnage | S. | Declare Fire Station No. 4 (Airline Road) as surplus and approve an appraisal to prepare for sell. |

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION: