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**MEETING OF
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS
October 17, 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 October 3, 2023
- B. Approve Minutes from Special Meetings of October 6, 2023
- C. Approve Minutes from Special Meetings of October 12, 2023

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- D. Hughes** A. Approve request for three (3) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "Firefighter Intervention Rescue Survival Techniques (FIRST)" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, travel, meals, and other expenses in the amount of \$1,720.00.
- J. Daughtry** B. Ratify permit request submitted by JoAnn Richardson, on behalf of Sim Scott Seniors, to host "Pinktober 'Walk for a Cure' Breast Cancer" held on October 17, 2023 from 10:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. starting at 909 - 20th Street North to 7th Avenue North back to 909 - 20th Street North.
- J. Daughtry** C. Approve permit request submitted by Shane Cruse, on behalf of Victory Tabernacle Church, to host a "Fall Fest" to be held on October 29, 2023 from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at 324 Fifth Street South. See attached map.
- J. Daughtry** D. Approve permit request submitted by Shanaya Roberts Phinizee to host a "2nd Annual Fall Carnival" to be held on October 29, 2023 from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at 810 Fir Street blocking Fir Street at Redwood Street and Gaylane Drive.
- J. Daughtry** E. Approve permit request submitted by Rosalyn Merchant, on behalf of First Methodist Church Early Learning Center, to host a "Boo Parade" to be held on October 31, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. until 11:15 a.m. in Downtown Columbus. See attached map.
- J. Daughtry** F. Approve request for four (4) CPD Officers to attend "Crisis Intervention Team Training" to be held in Meridian, MS and approve payment for travel and meal expenses in the approximate amount of \$379.00.

- J. Daughtry** G. Approve request for four (4) CPD Officers to attend "Glock Armorer Course" in Pearl, MS and approve payment for registration, travel and meal expenses in the estimated amount of \$1,192.00.
- J. Daughtry** H. Approve request to accept an Anonymous Donation in the amount of \$3,250 for the purchase of SWAT uniforms/equipment for the Columbus Police Department.
- C. Bush** I. Approve request for the Assistant Director of Public Works to attend "Chemical Spill Response Training for State of MS - City and County Government Employees" to be held on November 8th, 2023, Hilton Garden Inn and approve payment of registration, travel, meals, and other expenses in the amount of \$705.52.
- G. Lewis** J. Approve request for the Maintenance Supervisor for Parks & Recreation to attend "Chemical Spill Response Training for State of MS - City and County Government Employees" to be held on November 8th, 2023 at Hilton Garden Inn and approve payment of registration, travel, meals, and other expenses in the amount of \$782.49.
- J. Brigham** K. Approve the 2% Tourism Tax payment of \$25,000 to Lowndes County, \$20,833.33 to Golden Triangle Development LINK, \$33,333.33 to City of Columbus and \$128,523.12 to Columbus Visitors Bureau in the total amount of \$207,689.78.

V. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

- J. Brigham** A. Approve Docket of Claims for October 17, 2023

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

- A. Comments from Mayor & Council
- K. Gaskin** B. Special Recognition - Nancy Vaughn - 90th Birthday Celebration
- J. Daughtry** C. Recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month - Columbus Police Department
- K. Wiegel** D. Building Inspection - September 2023 Monthly Report
- R. Bonner** E. Trotter Convention Center/Friendship Cemetery/Farmers' Market - September 2023 Monthly Report
- D. Hughes** F. Columbus Fire & Rescue - September 2023 Monthly Report
- S. James** G. Code Enforcement - September 2023 Monthly Report
- J. Daughtry** H. Columbus Police Department - September 2023 Monthly Report
- G. Irby** I. Planning and Community Development - September 2023 Monthly Report
- C. Bush** J. Public Works - September 2023 Monthly Report
- P. Mitchell** K. Human Resources - September 2023 Monthly Report
- J. Garrett** L. Community Outreach - September 2023 Monthly Report
- M. Thompson** M. Information Technology - September 2023 Monthly Report
- W. Blunt** N. Municipal Court - September 2023 Monthly Report
- G. Lewis** O. Parks & Recreation - September 2023 Monthly Report
- W. Langford** P. Garage - September 2023 Monthly Report
- J. Brigham** Q. Finance - September 2023 Monthly Report

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

- A. Keep Columbus Beautiful - Tired of Tires
- B. Jack Speed - 5th Street North

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

- S. James** A. Discuss/Approve Derelict Property Docket
- K. Wiegel** B. Discuss/Approve recommendations from the Planning Commission meeting on October 9, 2023.
- W. Langford** C. Discuss/Approve request to fill Garage Clerk position pending successful completion of all preliminary testing.
- R. Bonner** D. Discuss/Approve request to fill the Associate Convention Center Director pending all preliminary testing.
- R. Bonner** E. Discuss/Approve request to fill part-time Maintenance Technician for the Trotter Convention Center, pending successful completion of all preliminary testing.
- K. Stafford** F. Discuss/Approve Speed Hump Installation on 4th Street South.
- K. Stafford** G. Discuss/Approve Speed Hump Installation on 12th Avenue North.
- C. Bush** H. Discuss/Approve the promotion of one (1) Laborer to Truck Driver, effective October 17, 2023.
- J. Brigham** I. Discuss/Approve the expenditure of a reimbursable 22 ft. Christmas Tree in the amount of \$21,948.59 to advertise and bring favorable notice of the opportunities, possibilities and resources of the City of Columbus.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION: