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GEORGE IRBY

**MEETING OF
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS
January 16, 2024**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

II. CONFIRMATION OF/OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

III. APPROVE MINUTES FOR PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

A. Approve Minutes of January 2, 2024

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- D. Hughes** A. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "Engine Company Operations" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, travel, books, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the amount of \$590.00.
- D. Hughes** B. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "Truck Company Operations" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, travel, books, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the amount of \$590.00.
- D. Hughes** C. Accept letter of resignation from one (1) Fire and Rescue Engineer, effective February 23, 2024, and approve compensation for any unused vacation leave.
- J. Daughtry** D. Approve permit request submitted by Nancy Carpenter, on behalf of Columbus - Lowndes Convention & Visitors Bureau, to host "Catfish in the Alley" to be held on April 6, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. with streets being blocked on Friday, April 5, 2024, from 12:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 6, 2024. See attached map.
- J. Daughtry** E. Approve request for the Victims' Advocate to attend the "OAIV Mandatory Orientation for Grant Awardees" to be held in Jackson, Mississippi and approval of payment for travel and meal expenses in the approximate amount of \$252.36.
- J. Daughtry** F. Approve request for the Property/Evidence Clerk to attend a "General Police Photography Course" to be held in Chattanooga, Tennessee and approve payment for registration, lodging, travel and meal expenses in the estimated amount of \$1,168.00.
- J. Garrett** G. Approve request for Townsend Park Blues-Southside Festival Funding in the amount of \$15,000.00 per the 2% Restaurant Tax Agreement to fund festivals in the City of Columbus.
- J. Garrett** H. Approve request for Mayor, City Council, COO, CFO, Interim City Planner, Police Chief and Court Administrator to attend the Mississippi Municipal League 93rd Annual Summer Conference to be held in Biloxi, MS and approve payment for registration, lodging, travel and meal expenses.
- J. Brigham** I. Approve the 2% Tourism Tax payment of \$25,000 to Lowndes County, \$20,833.33 to Golden Triangle Development LINK, \$33,333.33 to the City of Columbus and \$116,449.01 to Columbus Visitors Bureau, in the total amount of \$195,615.67.

V. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

J. Brigham A. Approve Docket of Claims for January 16, 2024

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

	A. Comments from Mayor & Council
K. Wiegel	B. Building Inspection - December 2023 Monthly Report
R. Bonner	C. Friendship Cemetery & James M. Trotter Convention Center - December 2023 Monthly Report
D. Hughes	D. Columbus Fire and Rescue - December 2023 Monthly Report
D. Hughes	E. Columbus Fire and Rescue - 2023 Annual Report
G. Lewis	F. Parks & Recreation - December 2023 Monthly Report
J. Daughtry	G. Columbus Police Department - December 2023 Monthly Report
J. Daughtry	H. Columbus Police Department - 2023 Annual Report
L. Dismukes	I. Community Outreach - December 2023 Monthly Report
S. James	J. Code Enforcement Department - December 2023 Monthly Report
G. Irby	K. Office of Planning & Community Development - December 2023 Monthly Report
C. Bush	L. Public Works - December 2023 Monthly Report
J. Brigham	M. Finance - December 2023 Monthly Report
P. Mitchell	N. Human Resources - December 2023 Monthly Report
W. Blunt	O. Municipal Court - December 2023 Monthly Report
W. Langford	P. Garage - December 2023 Monthly Report
J. Garrett	Q. Board Vacancies

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

2 Vacancies, 3 Year Terms, Wythe Rhett and Quinn Brislin's Terms Expire 01/20/2024.
Appointments will be made January 16, 2024.

Wythe Rhett

Quinn Brislin

COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

1 Vacancy, 5 Year Term, Fredrick Sparks' Term Expires 03/05/2024.
Appointment will be made February 20, 2024.

Beverley Odom

James Richardson

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

J. Garrett A. Sharon Chambry Butler, Request Use of Trotter Convention Center

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

S. James A. Discuss/Approve Derelict Property Docket

- K. Wiegel** B. Discuss/Approve recommendations from the January 8, 2024 Planning Commission Meeting.
- J. Daughtry** C. Discuss/Approve the request of the Columbus Police Department to receive the reimbursement check for Officers' CIT training and for the reimbursement to be placed in the training budget of the Columbus Police Department.
- J. Daughtry** D. Discuss/Approve request to hire a Reserve Officer as a full-time Police Officer.
- J. Daughtry** E. Discuss/Approve hiring two (2) Certified Police Officers contingent upon successful completion of all preliminary testing.
- P. Mitchell** F. Discuss/Approve Amendment to the City's Substance Abuse Policy
- C. Bush** G. Discuss/Approve request to rehire a former Public Work's Employee that left in good standing.
- Z. Foster** H. Discuss/Approve applying for Strategic Multimodal Investment Funds for CLCA hangar replacement project.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION: