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**MEETING OF  
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS  
February 6, 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 16, 2024 Meeting
- B. Approve Minutes of February 1, 2024 Special Meeting

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

- J. Daughtry** A. Accept letter of retirement from one (1) CID Captain, effective February 9, 2024, and approve the request for any unused vacation leave and sick leave be applied to his retirement and that he may purchase his service weapon at the price of \$10.00.
- J. Daughtry** B. Approve permit request submitted by Community Outreach/Lifeline Company, to host Eric Thomas' Open Heart Foundation Heart Walk and the Nu Theta Sigma Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.'s Heart Education Fair to be held on February 24, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Hitching Lot Farmers' Market with streets being blocked at 3rd Street North between 2nd Avenue North and 3rd Avenue North.
- J. Daughtry** C. Approve request to send six (6) CPD Officers to the "Jackson Police Department Training Academy" in Jackson, MS and approve cost of tuition (\$24,000.00), which is reimbursable, and reimbursement of clothing allowance, not to exceed \$350.00 per Officer, upon completion of the academy.
- D. Hughes** D. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "Airport Firefighter" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, travel, books, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the amount of. \$1,327.00
- D. Hughes** E. Approve request for three (3) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "MSTAT" to be held in Tupelo, MS, and approve payment of registration, travel, books, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the amount of \$120.00.
- P. Mitchell** F. Approve request for Human Resources Director 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.
- P. Mitchell** G. Approve request to advertise for Legal Publications Bid pursuant to Section 21-39-3 of the Mississippi Code of 1972.
- J. Garrett** H. Approve request to compensate BAM in the amount of \$675 for grass cutting/ landscaping of Sandfield Cemetery.

**V. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.**

**J. Brigham**      A.    Approve Docket of Claims for February 6, 2024

**VI.      REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:**

A.    Comments from Mayor & Council

**J. Garrett**      B.    Board Vacancies

**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

Fredrick Sparks

**ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS & APPEALS**

2 Vacancies, 3 Year Terms, Bo Harrison's Term Expires 02/17/2024; Kevin Stafford's Term Expires 03/01/2024.

Appointments will be made March 5, 2024.

Kevin Stafford

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT & APPEALS OF DEVELOPMENT CODES**

1 Vacancy, 1 Year Term, Kevn Stafford's Term Expires March 3, 2024.

Appointment will be made March 5, 2024.

Kevin Stafford

**VII.     CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA**

**J. Garrett**      A.    Joe Beckett - 602 6th Avenue South

**VIII.    POLICY AGENDA:**

**S. James**      A.    Discuss/Approve Derelict Property Docket

**Z. Foster**      B.    Discuss/approve Engineering Agreement for CLCA's Hangar Construction project.

**Z. Foster**      C.    Discuss/approve declaring the CLCA's decommissioned aircraft hangar as surplus property.

**Z. Foster**      D.    Discuss/approve demolition of the CLCA's decommissioned hangar and disposal of the building materials at the City's Rubbish Landfill.

**K. Stafford**    E.    Discuss/Approve the first and final closeout Change Order and Final Pay App for the drainage improvements made on Beech Street in the amount of \$3,500.

**D. Hughes**    F.    Discuss/Approve hiring two (2) Entry Level Firefighters pending successful completion of a pre-employment physical exam and drug screen.

**D. Hughes**    G.    Discuss/Approve Columbus Fire and Rescue to accept AFG grant in the amount of \$21,0000 to be used for the purchase of a washer and dryer for turnout gear.

**D. Hughes**    H.    Discuss/Approve Columbus Fire and Rescue use of Insurance Rebate Funds and seek bids to build a room for gym equipment that was funded by AFG Grant.

**C. Bush**      I.    Discuss/Approve request to fill one (1) vacant Laborer position, pending successful completion of a pre-employment medical exam and drug screen.

**J. Daughtry**   J.    Discuss/Approve trade of one hundred and nine (109) Glock 23 handguns for seventy (70) Glock 45 handguns with the purchase amount of \$31,620.00 from Southern Connection Police Supplies, a sole source for Blue Label Agency Glock's in the amount of \$31,620.00.

- J. Daughtry** K. Discuss/Approve hiring one (1) Police Officer and one (1) Certified Police Officer contingent upon successful completion of all preliminary testing.
- R. Bonner** L. Discuss/Approve changing the Farmer's Market schedule to Tuesdays from 4:00pm to 6:00pm, Saturdays from 7:00am to 10:00am and Saturdays only for the months of September and October.
- W. Blunt** M. Discuss/Approve the Municipal Court's Amnesty Program to begin February 12, 2024 to April 15, 2024 to provide relief to qualified individuals who are in default of a court-ordered obligation and to assist with collection fees.
- J. Brigham** N. Discuss/Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Lowndes County, MS Board of Supervisors and the City of Columbus for the transfer of \$450,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funds for the Blight Program.
- J. Brigham** O. Discuss/Approve Resolution Designating the Secretary Treasurer, the Applicant Agent for Public Assistance for the City of Columbus, MS for Federal Disaster, FEMA - 4429 - DR-MS.
- J. Garrett** P. Discuss/Approve one (1) seasonal worker for Community Outreach, all contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment drug screens.
- J. Garrett** Q. Discuss/Approve awarding engineering services to complete the USDA Parks & Recreation Feasibility Study to Neel-Schaffer, Inc. (NSI).
- J. Garrett** R. Discuss/Approve Mississippi Emergency Management Agency's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Agreement for storm shelters with a twenty-five (25)% match in the estimated amount of \$15,031.19.

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**