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GEORGE IRBY

**MEETING OF
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS
February 20, 2024**

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 February 6, 2024
- B. Approve Minutes from Special Meeting of February 8, 2024

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- D. Hughes** A. Approve request for two (2) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "Haz-Mat Awareness and Operations" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, travel, books, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the amount of \$400.00.
- J. Daughtry** B. Approve permit request submitted by Brandy Johnson, on behalf of Columbus-Lowndes Humane Society, to host a "St. Patty's Day Pawty" to be held on March 17, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. at Zachary's Restaurant on Fifth Street North blocking Second Avenue North to Third Avenue North.
- J. Daughtry** C. Approve permit request submitted by Glenn Lautzenhiser, on behalf of Christian Community In Prayer, to host the "National Day of Prayer" to be held on May 2, 2024, from 12:00 p.m. until 1:00 p.m. in front of the Lowndes County Courthouse blocking Second Avenue North in front of the Courthouse from 8:00 a.m. until 1:15 p.m.
- J. Daughtry** D. Approve request for the Mayor, City Council Members and Chief of Police to visit the Real Time Crime Center in Lafayette, Louisiana and approve travel and meal expenses.
- G. Lewis** E. Approve request by Lowndes County Circuit Court Clerk to use Sim Scott Community Center as a voting precinct for the March 12, 2024, Primary Election.
- J. Garrett** F. Approve request for the Interim City Planner and Chief Operating Officer to visit the Mississippi Home Corporation Office in Jackson, Mississippi on Wednesday, February 21, 2024.
- J. Daughtry** G. Approve permit submitted by Mayor Gaskin to block off 2nd Ave at 5th Street for the Columbus-Lowndes County Black History Month Event Memorializing Black Soldiers who Died in WWI, Saturday, February 24th at 9:00am in front of the Lowndes County Court House.

V. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

- J. Brigham** A. Approve Docket of Claims for February 20, 2024

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

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| | A. | Comments from Mayor & Council |
| G. Irby | B. | Office of Planning & Community Development - January 2024 Monthly Report |
| P. Mitchell | C. | Human Resources - January 2024 Monthly Report |
| K. Wiegel | D. | Building Inspection - January 2024 Monthly Report |
| D. Hughes | E. | Columbus Fire and Rescue Department - January 2024 Monthly Report |
| W. Blunt | F. | Municipal Court - January 2024 Monthly Report |
| R. Bonner | G. | Convention Center/Friendship Cemetery/Care & Maintenance - January 2024 Monthly Report |
| C. Bush | H. | Public Works - January 2024 Monthly Report |
| S. James | I. | Code Enforcement-January 2024 Monthly Reporting |
| J. Daughtry | J. | Columbus Police Department - January 2024 Monthly Report |
| W. Langford | K. | Garage - January 2024 Monthly Report |
| G. Lewis | L. | Parks & Recreation - January 2024 Monthly Report |
| G. Drake | M. | Information Technology Services - January 2024 Monthly Report |
| J. Brigham | N. | Finance - January 2024 Monthly Report |
| J. Garrett | O. | 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

Bo Harrison

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

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| | A. | Eric Thomas - Heart Health Walk & Education Fair |
| | B. | Columbus Redevelopment Authority - RFP/Burns Bottom/Legislative Funding |
| | C. | Pastor Darren Leach - EPA Community Change Grant on behalf of the Memphistown CAG |

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

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| S. James | A. | Discuss/Approve Derelict Property Docket |
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- G. Lewis, K. Stafford** B. Discuss/Approve Propst Park Bridge Construction Contract allowing VFW a non-exclusive easement for access to its property.
- D. Hughes** C. Discuss/Approve the promotion of two (2) Columbus Fire and Rescue personnel from Probation Firefighter to Certified Firefighter, effective date February 20, 2024
- D. Hughes** D. Discuss/Approve request to advertise for bids for the purchase of old Fire Station 4.
- J. Daughtry** E. Discuss/Approve the promotion of one (1) Columbus Police Department personnel from Lieutenant to Captain of the Criminal Investigation Division, effective February 19, 2024.
- J. Mickens** F. Discuss/Approve a policy requiring all interview selection committees for Department Heads to be comprised of at least two City Council Members.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. Personnel Matters (2)