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GEORGE IRBY

**MEETING OF
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS
March 5, 2024**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

II. CONFIRMATION OF/OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

III. APPROVE MINUTES FOR PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

- A. Approve Minutes for Meeting of February 20, 2024
- B. Approve Minutes for Special Meeting of February 22, 2024
- C. Approve Minutes for the Special Meeting of February 29, 2024.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- G. Irby** A. Approve request for Interim Planner to attend 2024 American Planning Association Annual Conference be held in Minneapolis, MN, and approve payment of registration, travel, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the amount of \$3,052.50.
- D. Hughes** B. Approve request for three (3) 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 \$600.00.
- D. Hughes** C. Approve request for 35 Fire and Rescue personnel for Certification for the Mississippi Department of Health in the amount of \$1,400.00.
- D. Hughes** D. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "Southeastern Extraction School" to be held in Darlington, SC, and approve payment of registration, travel, books, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the amount of \$400.00.
- D. Hughes** E. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "Training at the Crossroads Engine Track" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration travel, books, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the amount of \$50.00.
- J. Daughtry** F. Accept letter of resignation from one (1) CPD Officer, effective February 21, 2024.
- J. Daughtry** G. Approve request for one (1) CPD Officer and K9 Bubba to attend the "MELOA 2024 Lawdog K9 Seminar" to be held in Tupelo, MS and approve payment for meal expenses in the estimated amount of \$100.00.
- J. Daughtry** H. Approve permit request submitted by Barbara Bigelow, on behalf of Main Street Columbus, to host "Crosswalk Painting" to be held on two (2) days between March 18 - 29, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. painting the crosswalk on the south side of Second Avenue North and Sixth Street North and blocking the same area.

- J. Daughtry** I. Approve permit request submitted by Barbara Bigelow, on behalf of Main Street Columbus, to host "Crosswalk Painting" to be held on April 16 - 19, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. painting the crosswalk on the north side of Third Street North and Second Avenue North and blocking the same area.
- J. Daughtry** J. Approve permit request submitted by Joyce Dumas, on behalf of the Columbus AFB Family Advocacy Program, to host a "Child Abuse Awareness Parade with Stokes Beard Elementary School" to be held on April 4, 2024, from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. starting at Stokes Beard Elementary School, 311 South MLK, Jr. Drive, right on Highway 182, right on 24th Street North, right on 5th Avenue North and back to 311 MLK, Jr. Drive.
- C. Bush** K. Accept letter of resignation from one (1) Public Works employee, effective February 26, 2024, and authorize the HR Director to begin the normal recruitment process.

V. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

- J. Brigham** A. Approve Docket of Claims for March 5, 2024

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

- A. Comments from Mayor & Council
- J. Daughtry** B. Presentation of Commendations to two (2) Animal Control Officers
* Donald Grey
* Dana McDonald
- L. Dismukes** C. Recognition for Heart Walk and Health Fair
* Eric Thomas, E.T. Open My Heart Foundation
* Crystal Kerneal, Nu Theta Sigma Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.
- J. Garrett** D. Board Vacancies

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, Kevin Stafford's Term Expires March 3, 2024.

Appointment will be made March 5, 2024.

Kevin Stafford

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

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 Certified Firefighter to Engineer, effective date March 5, 2024.
- D. Hughes** C. Discuss/Approve hiring three (3) Entry Level Firefighters pending successful completion of a pre-employment physical exam and drug screen.
- D. Hughes** D. Discuss/Approve the promotion of one (1) Columbus Fire and Rescue personnel from Engineer to Captain, effective date March 5, 2024.

- D. Hughes** E. Discuss/Approve submission of the Columbus Fire and Rescue Critical Risk Assessment/Standards of Cover document required for continued International Accreditation.
- J. Daughtry** F. Discuss/Approve the request of the Columbus Police Department to purchase computer mounts for patrol vehicles from Jackson Communications, Inc. in the amount of \$15,876.00.
- J. Daughtry** G. Discuss/Approve the request of the Columbus Police Department to purchase uniforms from The Southern Connection in the amount of \$25,830.00.
- J. Daughtry** H. Discuss/Approve the request of the Columbus Police Department to purchase holsters from The Southern Connection in the amount of \$10,917.84.
- J. Daughtry** I. Discuss/Approve the request of the Columbus Police Department to purchase gun lock cage mounts in the amount of \$12,750.00 from Acme Window Tinting.
- C. Bush** J. Discuss/Approve promotion of one (1) Public Works Laborer to Crew Leader, effective date March 5, 2024.
- C. Bush** K. Discuss/Approve request to purchase a pressure washer from Dutch Maid Equipment Company in the amount of \$11,351.
- P. Mitchell** L. Discuss/Approve Awarding the Legal Publications Bid for 2024 - 2025.
- R. Bonner, K. Stafford** M. Discuss/Approve awarding the renovations to the Regal Hall facade to the lowest responsive bidder.
- R. Bonner, K. Stafford** N. Discuss/Approve advertising for Trotter Interior Renovation.
- J. Garrett, J. Brigham** O. Discuss/Approve the scope of work for the Northside and Brickyard project areas per compliance with Horne and the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality.
- J. Garrett, J. Brigham** P. Consider the adoption of an annexation ordinance.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION: