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**MEETING OF
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS
March 19, 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 March 5, 2024
- B. Approve Minutes for Special Meeting of March 12, 2024
- C. Approve Minutes for Meeting March 14, 2024

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

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| S. James | A. | Approve request for the Code Enforcement Director to attend the 2024 M.A.C.E. Educational Conference on August 14-16, 2024 to be held in Biloxi, MS, and approve payment of registration, hotel, travel, and meal expenses in the amount of \$796.64. |
| D. Hughes | B. | Approve request by M. Patel to use lot behind the City Garage for Holi-Day Celebration on March 24, 2024 with assistance from Columbus Fire & Rescue personnel. |
| D. Hughes | C. | Approve request for five (5) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "FO455 Strategy and Tactics for Initial Company Operations" to be held in Starkville, MS, and approve payment of registration, travel, books, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the amount of \$200.00. |
| D. Hughes | D. | Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "Norfolk Southern Safety Train" to be held in Tuscaloosa, AL, and approve payment of registration, travel, books, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the amount of \$50.00. |
| D. Hughes | E. | Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "L-105 Public Information Basics Course" to be held in Hattiesburg, MS, and approve payment of registration, hotel, travel, books, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the amount of \$570.00. |
| J. Daughtry | F. | Approve request for the CPD Chief to attend the "2024 MACP Summer Educational Conference" to be held in Biloxi, Mississippi, and approve payment for registration, travel, lodging and meal expenses at the estimated cost of \$1,279.95. |
| J. Daughtry | G. | Approve request for the Victims Advocate to attend the "Women of Color - The Healing Guide Seminar" to be held in Southaven, Mississippi, and approve payment for travel and meal expenses in the approximate amount of \$322.48. |
| J. Daughtry | H. | Approve permit request submitted by Shane Cruse, on behalf of Victory Tabernacle Church, to host an "Easter Block Party" to be held on March 30, 2024, from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Victory Tabernacle Church, 324 Fifth Street South. See attached map. |

- J. Daughtry** I. Approve permit request submitted by Colin Krieger to host a "Pilot Partner Welcome" to be held on April 9, 2024, from 5:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at 527 Military Road, the 900 block of 6th Avenue North.
- J. Daughtry** J. Approve permit request submitted by Colin Krieger to host a "Neighborhood Gathering" to be held on March 29, 2024, from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at 527 Military Road, the 900 block of 6th Avenue North.
- J. Daughtry** K. Approve permit request submitted by Salem Gibson, on behalf of the Columbus Arts Council, to host "Tennessee Williams Stella Yell" to be held on April 6, 2024, from 3:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. See attached map.
- J. Daughtry** L. Approve permit request submitted by Salem Gibson, on behalf of the Columbus Arts Council, to host "Porch Fest & Burns Bottom Arts Festival" to be held on April 13, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. See attached map.
- C. Bush** M. Approve request for the Landfill Supervisor to attend the Solid Waste Spring Conference to be held in Biloxi, MS, and approve payment for travel and meal expenses in the amount of \$1,229.08.
- K. Wiegel** N. Approve recommendation from the January 8, 2024 Planning Commission Meeting for Permitted Use Request 24-01.
- J. Garrett** O. Approve request for the *Annual Juneteenth 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** P. Approve request for the *Annual 7th Avenue Heritage Festival* to be held at Propst Park and funding in the amount of \$15,000.00 per the 2% Restaurant Tax Agreement to fund festivals in the City of Columbus.
- J. Garrett** Q. Approve request for the *28th Annual Market Street Festival* funding in the amount of \$15,000.00 per the 2% Restaurant Tax Agreement to be held in the City of Columbus.

V. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

- J. Brigham** A. Approve Docket of Claims for March 19, 2024

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

- A. Comments from Mayor & Council
- K. Gaskin** Presentation of W Day Proclamation
- J. Daughtry** Presentation to CPD Officers Jacoris Hammond and DeMarco Easterwood
- K. Wiegel** B. Building Inspection - February 2024 Monthly Report
- D. Hughes** C. Columbus Fire and Rescue Department - February 2024 Monthly Report
- J. Daughtry** D. Columbus Police Department - February 2024 Monthly Report
- R. Bonner** E. Convention Center/Friendship Cemetery - February 2024 Monthly Report
- W. Langford** F. Garage - February 2024 Monthly Report
- P. Mitchell** G. Human Resources - February 2024 Monthly Report
- S. James** H. Code Enforcement Department - February 2024 Monthly Report
- L. Dismukes** I. Community Outreach - February 2024 Monthly Report
- C. Bush** J. Public Works - February 2024 Monthly Report
- G. Irby** K. Office of Planning & Community Development - February 2024 Monthly Report
- W. Blunt** L. Municipal Court - February 2024 Monthly Report

- G. Lewis** M. Parks & Recreation - February 2024 Monthly Report
G. Drake N. Information Technology - February 2024 Monthly Report
J. Brigham O. Finance - February 2024 Monthly Report
J. Garrett P. Board Vacancies

GOLDEN TRIANGLE REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

1 Vacancy, 4 Year Term, Vacant position since Dec. 2022; Term Expires 12/31/2026.
Appointment will be made March 19, 2024.

Julie Goodin

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

- J. Garrett** A. GTE SC Columbus Orthopedic Riverwalk Spring Invitational - Jason Spears
J. Garrett B. Kerr McGee Lawsuit - Belinda Morris, Cliff Johnson

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

- S. James** A. Discuss/Approve Derelict Property Docket
K. Wiegel B. Discuss/Approve recommendations from the Planning Commission meeting on 3/11/2024
J. Daughtry C. Discuss/Approve passage of muffler noise ordinance.
J. Daughtry D. Discuss/Approve hiring two (2) entry level Police Officers and two (2) Certified Police Officers contingent upon successful completion of preliminary testing.
R. Bonner E. Discuss/Approve Awarding the Bid for Grounds Maintenance for Friendship Cemetery and Sandfield Historic Cemetery to BAM LLC in the amount of \$148,572.
J. Garrett F. Discuss/Approve implementation of the Conflict Resolution & Counseling Pretrial Diversion Program.
J. Brigham G. Discuss/Approve Resolution to approve the 2024 COLA Payment.
J. Garrett, J. Brigham H. Discuss/Approve Memorandum of Understanding, IRS form W9, Letter requesting transfer of funds; HB603 Verification Form and Bond Advisory Contact Form for the receipt of \$3,000,000 from Department of Finance and Administration for the Burns Bottom urban renewal project and authorize Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute and deliver same.
G. Irby, K. Stafford I. Discuss/Approve accepting the *FY2024 Safe Streets and Roads For All Grant* with a 20% match in the amount of \$40,000.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. Purchasing/Sale/Leasing of Real Property (1)
B. Personnel Matters (5)