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**MEETING OF
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS
April 2, 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 March 19, 2024

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- D. Hughes** A. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "Emergency Services Administrative Professional Association (ESAP)" to be held in Natchez, MS, and approve payment of registration, hotel, travel, books, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the amount of 800.00.
- D. Hughes** B. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "NFPA 1041 Fire Service Instructor" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, hotel, travel, books, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the amount of \$1,075.00.
- D. Hughes** C. Approve request for two (2) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "Vehicle Extrication & Rescue Technician" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, hotel, travel, books, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the amount of \$1,310.00.
- D. Hughes** D. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "NFPA 1035 Public Information Officer Exam" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, hotel, travel, books, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the amount of \$75.00.
- G. Lewis** E. Approve request for Parks & Recreation 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.
- C. Bush** F. Accept letter of retirement from one (1) Public Works employee, effective March 28, 2024, and authorize the HR Director to begin the normal recruitment process.
- C. Bush** G. Approve request for one (1) Public Works personnel to attend the "Administrative Professional Day Conference" to be held in Athens, GA, and approve payment for registration, lodging, travel and meal expenses of an estimated amount of \$1286.70.
- J. Garrett** H. 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.

- J. Garrett** I. 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** J. Approve request for the *Annual 7th Avenue Heritage 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** K. Approve request to sell beer in Sim Scott Park on June 14-15, 2024 for the *Annual Juneteenth Festival*.
- J. Daughtry** L. Approve permit request submitted by Jason Spears, on behalf of Golden Triangle Elite Soccer Club/Columbus Recreation Department, to host a "Columbus Orthopaedic Riverwalk Spring Invitational" to be held on April 13 - 14, 2024, from 6:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Soccer Complex blocking a section of Championship Loop from Second Street North to Moores Creek Road.
- J. Daughtry** M. Approve permit request submitted by Barbara Bigelow, on behalf of Main Street Columbus, to host the "Market Street Festival" to be held on May 3 - 4, 2024 from 5:00 a.m. May 3, 2024, until 12:00 p.m. May 5, 2024; on Friday at the Soccer Complex and on Saturday the remainder of the festival is in downtown Columbus. See attachments.
- J. Daughtry** N. Approve permit request submitted by Leroy Brooks, on behalf of Juneteenth - Columbus, Inc., to host a "Musical Festival" to be held on June 14, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. and June 15, 2024, from 12:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. in Sim Scott Park.
- J. Daughtry** O. Approve permit request submitted by Leroy Brooks, on behalf of Juneteenth - Columbus, Inc., to host the "Juneteenth Festival" to be held on June 15, 2024, from 3:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. blocking 20th Street North at 8th Avenue North and 10th Avenue North.
- J. Daughtry** P. Approve permit request submitted by Leroy Brooks, on behalf of Juneteenth - Columbus, Inc., to host the "Juneteenth Parade" to be held on June 15, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. assembling at the Soccer Complex, proceed up Third Avenue North to Main Street to the Municipal Complex.
- J. Daughtry** Q. Ratify permit request submitted by Freddie Porter, on behalf of Northside M. B. Church, to host a "Pre-Easter Resurrection Day" held on March 30, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. blocking 15th Street North at 9th Avenue North and 10th Avenue North.
- J. Daughtry** R. Approve request for three (3) CPD Officers to attend the "Less-Lethal Instructor Course" to be held in Pearl, Mississippi and approve payment for registration, lodging, travel and meal expenses in the estimated amount of \$3,559.00.

V. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

- J. Brigham** A. Approve Docket of Claims for April 2, 2024

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

- A. Comments from Mayor & Council

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

- J. Garrett** A. Vanita Phinisey - Golden Triangle Tennis
Tayla Clay
- J. Garrett** B. Dr. Stanley K. Ellis - Columbus Municipal School District
May 14, 2024 School Bond Election

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

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

- K. Wiegel** B. Discuss/Approve the installation of four sets of handrails in the 500 Block of 2nd Avenue North, and consider the recommendation from the Columbus Historic Preservation Commission to remove, or relocate the one installed in front of 506 2nd Avenue North.
- J. Daughtry** C. Discuss/Approve promotion of two (2) CPD Corporals to Sergeant.
- J. Daughtry** D. Discuss/Approve hiring one (1) entry level police officer contingent upon a successful completion of preliminary testing.
- D. Hughes** E. Discuss/Approve submission of the Columbus Fire and Rescue Fire and Emergency Services Self-Assessment Manual/Strategic Plan (FESSAM) document required for continued International Accreditation.
- C. Bush** F. Discuss/Approve promotion of one (1) Public Works Laborer to Crew Leader, effective date April 2, 2024.
- G. Lewis** G. Discuss/Approve request to hire one (1) Grounds Maintenance Technician/Laborer for the Parks & Recreation Department, pending successful completion of all preliminary testing.
- J. Garrett** H. Discuss/Approve accepting the *FY2024 Safe Streets and Roads For All Grant* with a match in the amount of \$40,000.
- W. Blunt** I. Discuss/Approve request to replace a vacant full-time Deputy Clerk with a Part-Time Bailiff position and authorize the Human Resources Director to begin advertisement.
- J. Brigham** J. Discuss/Approve acceptance of Bank Depository Bid.
- J. Garrett** K. Discuss/Approve payment of \$6,000 towards Columbus Lowndes Public Library System HVAC Unit.
- J. Garrett** L. Discuss/Approve awarding bypass cutting to S & S Landscaping & Nursery, LLC in the amount of \$99,000.
- J. Garrett** M. Discuss/Approve Interim IT Director contract to Interel Technologies, LLC at \$6,698 per month until the position is filled.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION: