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**MEETING OF
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS
April 16, 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 April 2, 2024

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- D. Hughes** A. Accept letter of resignation from one (1) Fire and Rescue Firefighter, effective April 23, 2024, and approve compensation for any unused vacation leave.
- J. Daughtry** B. Approve permit request submitted by Shane Cruse, on behalf of Victory Tabernacle Church, to host a "Victory Tabernacle Block Party" to be held on May 4, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at 324 Fifth Street South. See attached map.
- J. Daughtry** C. Accept letter of resignation from one (1) CPD Officer, effective March 29, 2024.
- J. Daughtry** D. Approve request for one (1) CPD personnel to attend the "NOBLE 48th Annual Training Conference" to be held in New Orleans, LA, and approve payment for registration, travel, lodging and meal expenses at the estimated cost of \$1,955.00.
- R. Bonner** E. Accept letter of resignation from Care & Maintenance employee, effective April 3, 2024.
- D. Hughes** F. Approve request for three (3) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "MSTAT" to be held in Starkville, MS, and approve payment of registration, hotel, travel, books, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the amount of \$80.00.
- J. Turnage** G. Approve request to vacate an existing easement and grant an easement on Moore's Creek Road.
- J. Daughtry** H. Approve permit request submitted by Lillian P. Murray on behalf of The Accountability Partners of FMBC, to host the "Spring to Life Community Health Fair" to be held on April 20, 2024, from 9:00am - 2:00pm at 1102 12th Avenue North.
- J. Brigham** I. Approve the 2% Tourism Tax Payment of \$25,000 to Lowndes County, \$20,833.33 to Golden Triangle Development LINK, \$33,333.33 to the City of Columbus and \$132,759.11 to Columbus Visitors Bureau, in the total amount of \$211,925.77.

V. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

J. Brigham A. Approve Docket of Claims for April 16, 2024

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

- A. Comments from Mayor & Council
- D. Hughes** B. Swearing in of one (1) Fire and Rescue Firefighter
 - Raevonne Reece
- R. Bonner** C. James M Convention Center/Friendship Cemetery - March 2024 Monthly Report
- K. Wiegel** D. Building Inspection - March 2024 Monthly Report
- S. James** E. Code Enforcement Department - March 2024 Monthly Report
- L. Dismukes** F. Community Outreach - March 2024 Monthly Report
- D. Hughes** G. Columbus Fire and Rescue - March 2024 Monthly Report
- C. Bush** H. Public Works - March 2024 Monthly Report
- J. Daughtry** I. Columbus Police Department - March 2024 Monthly Report
- P. Mitchell** J. Human Resources - March 2024 Monthly Report
- W. Langford** K. Garage - March 2024 Monthly Report
- W. Blunt** L. Municipal Court - March 2024 Monthly Report
- G. Irby** M. Office of Planning & Community Development - March 2024 Monthly Report
- G. Lewis** N. Parks & Recreation - March 2024 Monthly Report
- G. Drake** O. Information Technology - March 2024 Monthly Report
- J. Brigham** P. Finance - March 2024 Monthly Report
- Q. Board Vacancies

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

1 Vacancy, remainder of term that expires 12/01/2024, Evelyn Vidrine resigned.
Appointment will be made May 21, 2024.

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

- A. Danny Hughes and Robert Benton - National Day of Prayer
Columbus Community in Prayer Representatives
- B. Leonard C. Brown - Crime Prevention

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

- S. James** A. Discuss/Approve Derelict Property Docket
- K. Wiegel** B. Discuss/Approve recommendations from the April 8, 2024 Planning Commission meeting.
- D. Hughes** C. Discuss/Approve the promotion of one (1) Columbus Fire and Rescue personnel from Probation Firefighter to Certified Firefighter, effective date April 29, 2024.
- R. Bonner** D. Discuss/Approve request to enter into a contract with the applicant for Market Manager for the Hitching Lot's Farmers' Market.
- P. Mitchell** E. Discuss/Approve Contract to recodify new and amended City Ordinances in the Municipal Code Book and immediately post them on the Website.
- J. Garrett** F. Discuss/Approve Waggoner Engineering, Inc.'s Task Order No. 1 for *Environmental Review Services* for the citywide dilapidated housing initiative.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A. Personnel Matters (2)