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DIRECTOR**
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**INTERIM CITY PLANNING &
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**
GEORGE IRBY

**MEETING OF
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS
June 18, 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 June 4, 2024
- B. Approve Minutes of Special Meeting of June 6, 2024

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- D. Hughes** A. Approve request for four (4) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "NFPA 1002-Driver Operator" to be held in Starkville, MS, and approve payment of registration, travel, books, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the amount of \$2,123.76.
- J. Daughtry** B. Approve request for the Victims Advocate to attend the "Women of Color, For the Culture Seminar" to be held in Biloxi, Mississippi and approve payment for travel and meal expenses of the estimated cost of \$435.04.
- P. Mitchell** C. Approve request for HR Director to begin advertising and recruitment process to fill Sports Coordinator position for the Recreation Department.
- D. Hughes** D. Accept letter of retirement from three (3) Fire and Rescue Firefighters, effective June 23, 2024, June 27, 2024, and July 1, 2024, and approve compensation for 240 hours of accrued vacation leave as permitted by PERS.
- J. Mickens** E. Approve request for Mayor and City Council to attend the Mississippi Policy Conference in Tunica, MS and approve payment of registration, lodging, meals and travel expenses in the estimated amount of \$1,325.86 per person.
- J. Mickens** F. Approve request for the Mayor and City Council to attend the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Conference to be held in Point Clear, AL, and approve payment of registration, lodging, meals and travel expenses in the estimated amount of \$1,319.04 per person.
- G. Irby** G. Approve request for the Grant Administrator and the Interim Director of Planning to attend the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Conference to be held in Point Clear, AL, and approve payment of registration, lodging, meals and travel expenses in the estimated amount of \$1,319.04 per person.

V. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

- J. Brigham** A. Approve Docket of Claims for June 18, 2024

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

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| | A. | Comments from Mayor & Council |
| K. Wiegel | B. | Building Inspection - May 2024 Report |
| W. Langford | C. | Garage - May 2024 Report |
| S. James | D. | Code Enforcement - May 2024 Report |
| R. Bonner | E. | J. M. Trotter Convention Center/Friendship Cemetery - May 2024 Report |
| D. Hughes | F. | Columbus Fire and Rescue - May 2024 Report |
| J. Daughtry | G. | Columbus Police Department - May 2024 Report |
| G. Irby | H. | Planning and Community Development - May 2024 Report |
| P. Mitchell | I. | Human Resources - May 2024 Monthly Report |
| G. Lewis | J. | Recreation Department - May 2024 Report |
| J. Brigham | K. | Finance - May 2024 Report |
| L. Dismukes | L. | Community Outreach - May 2024 Report |
| W. Blunt | M. | Municipal Court - May 2024 Report |
| G. Drake | N. | Information Technology - May 2024 Report |
| C. Bush | O. | Public Works - May 2024 Report |
| W. Holley | P. | 2021 Audit Report |
| J. Garrett | Q. | Board Vacancies |

CITY UTILITIES COMMISSION

1 Vacancy, 5-Year Term, Micheal Tate's Term Expires June 30, 2024.
Appointment will be made July 2, 2024

CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

1 Vacancy, 3-Year Term, Elizabeth Terry's Term Expires July 3, 2024.
Appointment will be made July 2, 2024.

Jace Ferraez

Bonita Smith

Elizabeth "Liz" Terry

COLUMBUS HOUSING AUTHORITY

1 Vacancy, 5-Year Term, Kedgra Gray's Term Expires July 16, 2024.
Appointment will be made July 16, 2024.

Kedgra Gray

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

1 Vacancy, remainder of term that expires 05/18/2025, Bryan Brown resigned.
Appointment will be made June 18, 2024.

Jerry Fortenberry

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

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| A. | Will Sanders, CPA, Accountability in Municipal Government and the Audit Function |
| B. | Eric Thomas, Columbus Elite Financial Support |

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

- S. James** A. Discuss/Approve Derelict Property Docket
- C. Bush** B. Discuss/Approve promotion of one (1) Public Works Truck Driver to Assistant Foreman.
- J. Daughtry** C. Discuss/Approve request to purchase bulletproof vests with fifty (50) percent of the funds to be reimbursed by the Bureau of Justice Assistance for the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. Personnel Matter (2)