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**MEETING OF
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS
July 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 from meeting of June 18, 2024

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- D. Hughes** A. Approve request for five (5) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "Center for Public Safety Excellence Commission Hearing" to be held in Atlanta, GA, and approve payment of hotel, travel, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the amount of \$2,100.00.
- P. Mitchell** B. Discuss/Approve request to attend the 46th Annual Employment Seminar, to be held in Gulfport, Mississippi and approve payment for lodging, travel and meals in the estimated cost of \$745.02.
- D. Hughes** C. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "Emergency Services Administrative Professionals-ESAP Conference" to be held in Natchez, MS, and approve payment of registration, hotel, travel, books, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the amount of \$975.00.
- D. Hughes** D. Approve request for two (2) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "NFPA 1001-Basic Firefighter" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, hotel, travel, books, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the amount of \$3,600.
- D. Hughes** E. Approve request for five (5) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "NFPA 1001 Graduation" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, hotel, travel, books, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the amount of \$150.00.
- J. Daughtry** F. Approve permit request submitted by Jeff Smith on behalf of the Southside Townsend Blues Festival to host the "Townsend Park Blues Festival 2024" to be held on July 5 & 6, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. blocking 9th Avenue South and 11th Street South.
- J. Daughtry** G. Approve permit request submitted by Ray Boltwood and Edward Bishop, on behalf of Muddy Waters Sports Bar, to host "The Dwarfanators (Little People Wrestling)" to be held on July 25, 2024, from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at 171 Moores Creek Road.
- J. Daughtry** H. Approve permit request submitted by Ray Boltwood and Edward Bishop, on behalf of Muddy Waters Sports Bar, to host "Rocktoberfest" to be held on October 12, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. at 171 Moores Creek Road.

- J. Daughtry** I. Approve permit request submitted by Ray Boltwood and Edward Bishop, on behalf of Muddy Waters Sports Bar, to host "The Trouble Notes Benefiting Camp Rising Sun" to be held on October 26, 2024, from 6:45 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. at 171 Moores Creek Road.
- J. Daughtry** J. Approve permit request submitted by T.J. Tate, Jr., on behalf of the Veterans' Day Parade Committee, to host a "Veterans' Day Parade" to be held on November 9, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. beginning at the Municipal Complex, 1501 Main Street to 6th Street North to 2nd Avenue North to the Lowndes County Courthouse.
- C. Bush** K. Accept letter of resignation from one (1) Public Works employee, effective June 27, 2024, and authorize the HR Director to begin the normal recruitment process.
- J. Garrett** L. Approve request for budgeted \$8,500 Appropriation Request of Columbus Lowndes County Emergency Management.
- G. Lewis** M. Approve expenditure request of \$3,000.00 for five (5) sites (\$600.00 per site) for National Night Out on Crime, to be held on August 6, 2024 with the funds to be taken from line item 001-004-695 (Advertising City Resources) pursuant to Section 17-3-1 of the Mississippi Code which finds the said amount is a legitimate expense that will advertise and bring into favorable notice the opportunities, possibilities and resources of the City of Columbus.

V. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

- A. Approve Docket of Claims for July 2, 2024

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

- A. Comments from Mayor & Council
- B. Presentation of Certificates to Five (5) Officers
- * Rodreiuz Porter
 - * Melvin Shirley
 - * McKenzie Rogers
 - * Jeremy Fortney
 - * Samuel Jackson

- J. Garrett** C. Board Vacancies

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

CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

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

Bonita Smith

Elizabeth "Liz" Terry

CITY UTILITIES COMMISSION

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

Shane Tompkins

Micheal Tate

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

- A. Shelly McElveen, FLY Girls Travel Basketball Organization Financial Support

- B. Clay Bowen, Unlicensed Landscapers

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

- S. James** A. Discuss/Approve Derelict Property Docket
- K. Wiegel** B. Discuss/Approve Main Street Presbyterian Church's appeal of the Columbus Historic Preservation Commission's decision not to allow demolition of the Presbyterian Manse at 112 7th Street North.
- J. Daughtry** C. Discuss/Approve hiring six (6) Police Officers contingent upon successful completion of preliminary testing.
- J. Daughtry** D. Discuss/Approve Memorandum of Understanding between the Mississippi Department of Transportation and the City of Columbus to furnish inmates to pick up litter.
- G. Irby** E. Discuss/Approve the advertisement of professional services to complete work related to the Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program.
- K. Stafford** F. Discuss/Approve acceptance of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Section 592 Grant for storm water channel improvements and identify funding for the match.
- K. Stafford** G. Discuss/Approve awarding the 2024 Bituminous Hot Mix Overlay & Street Improvements project to the lowest responsive bidder, Falcon Contracting Company, Inc.
- R. Greene** H. Discuss/Approve redistricting plan.
- J. Garrett/J. Brigham** I. Discuss/Approve the FY25 Budget Calendar.
- J. Garrett/J. Brigham** J. Discuss/Approve Memorandum of Understanding between the City Council and Mayor of Columbus to obligate MS Municipal & County Water Infrastructure Grant Funding.
- J. Garrett/J. Brigham** K. Discuss/Approve Memorandum of Understanding between the City Council and Mayor of Columbus to obligate funds from the federal American Rescue Plan Act.
- J. Garrett/J. Brigham** L. Discuss/Approve Memorandum of Understanding between the City Council, Mayor and Planning and Community Development Department Administrator of Columbus, MS to obligate funds from the federal American Rescue Plan Act for the Blight Elimination Program.
- J. Garrett/J. Brigham** M. Discuss/Approve Memorandum of Understanding between the Mayor and City Council and Columbus Light and Water Department.
- J. Garrett/J. Brigham** N. Discuss/Accept the 2021 Audit.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. Personnel Matters (2)