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**MEETING OF
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS
July 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 July 2, 2024 Meeting

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- D. Hughes** A. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "NFPA 1521 Safety Officer" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, hotel, travel, books, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the amount of \$1,125.00.
- D. Hughes** B. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "Youth Firesetting Intervention Specialist" to be held in Tuscaloosa, AL, and approve payment of registration, hotel, travel, books, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the amount of \$50.00.
- D. Hughes** C. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "Fire Service Management-101" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, hotel, travel, books, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the amount of \$650.00.
- D. Hughes** D. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "NFPA 1035 Fire Safety Educator" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, hotel, travel, books, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the amount of \$270.00.
- D. Hughes** E. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "NFPA 1002 Apparatus Driver Operator" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, hotel, travel, books, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the amount of \$1,150.00.
- J. Daughtry** F. Approve permit request submitted by Sammie Williams, on behalf of Northside M.B. Church, to host "Back 2 School Sneaker and School Supply" to be held on July 20, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at Northside M.B. Church, 1501 - 9th Avenue North and 15th Street North. See attached flyer.
- J. Daughtry** G. Approve permit request submitted by Thomas Velek, on behalf of Lowndes County Recreation, to host a "Block Party for Ultimate Frisbee Tournament" to be held on July 27, 2024, from 4:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. blocking Third Street North at Second Avenue North and Third Avenue North adjacent to Farmers' Market and Munson & Brothers.
- J. Daughtry** H. Approve permit request submitted by Renee Sanders, on behalf of United Way of the Golden Triangle Region, to host the "United Way 2025 Campaign Kick-Off" to be held on August 29,

2024, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. blocking Third Street North between Second Avenue North and Third Avenue North to include food trucks to block the ends of the street for safety, extending from the Farmers' Market area to Munson and Brothers Brewery. See attached map.

- J. Daughtry** I. Approve request for one (1) CPD Personnel to attend two (2) five (5) day sessions of the "FBINAA Leadership Certification Program" to be held in Southaven, MS, and approve payment for registration, travel, lodging and meal expenses at the estimated cost of \$1,455.00 for each session.
- J. Brigham** J. Approve 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 \$147,040.25 to Columbus Visitors Bureau, all disbursements totaling \$226,206.91.

V. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

- J. Brigham** A. Approve Docket of Claims for July 16, 2024

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

- A. Comments from Mayor & Council
- B. Starkville Police Department's Hooping with First Responders Tournament
Columbus Police Department - 1st Place Winner(s)
- K. Wiegel** C. Building Inspection - June 2024 Report
- W. Langford** D. Garage - June 2024 Report
- S. James** E. Code Enforcement - June 2024 Reporting
- D. Hughes** F. Columbus Fire and Rescue - June 2024 Report
- J. Daughtry** G. Columbus Police Department - June 2024 Report
- G. Lewis** H. Columbus Recreation Department - June 2024 Report
- G. Irby** I. Planning and Community Development - June 2024 Report
- L. Dismukes** J. Community Outreach - June 2024 Report
- R. Bonner** K. James M. Trotter Convention Center/ Friendship Cemetery - June 2024 Report
- W. Blunt** L. Municipal Court - June 2024 Report
- C. Bush** M. Public Works - June 2024 Report
- G. Drake** N. IT - June 2024 Report
- P. Mitchell** O. Human Resources - June 2024 Report
- J. Brigham** P. Finance - June 2024 Report
- K. Watson** Q. WT Consultants - 2025 Legislative Report
- J. Garrett** R. Board Vacancies

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

1 Vacancy, 4-Year Term, Thomas L. Moore Jr.'s Term Expires August 18, 2024.
Appointment will be made August 20, 2024.

COLUMBUS HOUSING AUTHORITY

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

Kegdra Gray

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

- A. Earnestine Mobley - Safe Haven Baby Box

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

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| S. James | A. | Discuss/Approve Derelict Property Docket |
| K. Wiegel | B. | Discuss/Approve recommendations from the July 8, 2024 Planning Commission meeting. |
| K. Stafford | C. | Discuss/Approve acceptance of th U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Section 592 Grant for storm water channel improvements and identify funding for the match. |
| G. Irby | D. | Discuss/Approve request to apply for the FY24 Local Law Enforcement Crime Gun Intelligence Center Integration Initiative Grant in the amount of \$700,000; with no match. |
| W. Langford | E. | Discuss/Approve Boom Truck Repair to be performed by Hol-Mac Corporation in the amount of \$19,094.92. |
| J. Brigham | F. | Discuss/Approve request to fill vacant Accounts Payable Clerk position, contingent on successful completion of all preliminary testing. |
| J. Turnage | G. | Discuss/Approve Petition to Close and Vacate Right-of Way (Old Aberdeen Road). |
| J. Garrett | H. | Resolution declaring the need for a Temporary Debris Management Site. |
| P. Mitchell/J. Brigham | I. | Discuss/Approve adopting proposed pay structure for the Columbus Fire & Rescue and Police Department. |

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. Personnel Matter