

City of Columbus

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GEORGE IRBY

MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS August 6, 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 16, 2024 Meeting

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

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| J. Mickens | A. | Approve request for Mayor and City Council to attend the Congressional Black Caucus Conference Sept. 11 -15, 2024 in Washington DC. |
| J. Daughtry | B. | Approve request for four (4) CPD Investigators to attend the "Homicide Investigation & Crime Scene Management Training Program" to be held in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and approve payment for registration, travel, lodging and meal expenses in the estimated amount of \$4,440.00. |
| J. Daughtry | C. | Accept letter of resignation from one (1) Forensic Scientist Trainee, effective after the August 1, 2024 work day. |
| J. Daughtry | D. | Accept letters of resignation from two (2) CPD Police Recruits, effective July 17, 2024, and July 22, 2024, respectively. |
| J. Daughtry | E. | Accept letter of resignation from one (1) Property and Evidence Custodian, effective August 15, 2024. |
| J. Daughtry | F. | Approve request for payment of parking expenses for the "NOBLE 48th Annual Training Conference and Exhibition" to be held in New Orleans, Louisiana at the estimated cost of \$270.00. |
| J. Daughtry | G. | Ratify approval of request to send two (2) CPD Officers to the "North Mississippi Law Enforcement Training Center" in Tupelo, Mississippi, and approve cost of tuition (\$4,000.00 per Officer) and clothing allowance, not to exceed \$350.00 per officer. |
| J. Daughtry | H. | Approve permit request submitted by Mike Jago, on behalf of Scouting America (AKA Boy Scouts of America) Natchez Trace Council, to host a "Bicycle Rodeo" to be held on October 5, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at 120 x 150 area of the NE corner of the Hitching Lot Farmers Market. See attached map. |
| J. Daughtry | I. | Approve permit request submitted by Colin Krieger as a part of the Friendly City Book Festival, blocking off the 900 block of 6th Avenue North on August 6, 2024 from 5pm-7pm. |
| C. Bush | J. | Accept voluntary resignation of one (1) Public Works employee and authorize HR to begin the normal recruitment process. |

V. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

J. Brigham A. Approve Docket of Claims for August 6, 2024

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

- A. Comments from Mayor & Council
- G. Lewis** B. Columbus Braves - Mississippi Grand Slam 8U - Baseball State Championship
- J. Garrett** C. 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.

Maj. Gen. Thomas L. Moore, Jr.

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

- M. Fisackerly, A.** Discuss/Approve Project Cassette (Economic Development Project).
J. Higgins
- S. James** B. Discuss/Approve Derelict Property Docket.
- K. Stafford** C. Discuss/Approve awarding the Propst Park Improvement Concrete Project to the lowest responsive bidder.
- S. Jones** D. Discuss/Approve installing and increasing lighting from 90W to 250W between 7th Avenue and 14th Avenue on 20th Street.
- D. Hughes** E. Discuss/Approve hiring one (1) Entry Level Firefighter pending successful completion of a pre-employment physical exam and drug screen.
- C. Bush** F. Discuss/Approve request to fill four (4) vacant Laborer positions, pending successful completion of all preliminary testing.
- C. Bush** G. Discuss/Approve request to fill one (1) vacant Truck Driver position, pending successful completion of all preliminary testing.
- C. Gant** H. Discuss/Approve site selection and opinion of probable cost for drainage improvement project.
- J. Garrett/J. I.** Discuss/Approve the repair or demolition of the property located at 161 Maple Street.
Brigham
- J. Garrett/J. J.** Discuss/Approve budget amendment for FY 2023 Community Project Funding Grant
Brigham Agreement No. B-23-CP-MS-0917.
- S. Wilder** K. Discuss/Approve acceptance of Mississippi Office of Highway Safety's (MOHS) 402 Police Traffic Services Grant Agreement in the amount of \$65,165.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. Personnel Matter (2)