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**MEETING OF
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS
September 17, 2024**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

II. CONFIRMATION OF/OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

III. APPROVE MINUTES FOR PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

- A. Approve Minutes for the 1st Hearing/Special Meeting of August 15, 2024.
- B. Approve Minutes for Meeting of September 3, 2024
- C. Approve Minutes for the Special Meeting of September 9, 2024
- D. Approve Minutes for the Special Meeting of September 12, 2024

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- D. Hughes** A. Accept letter of resignation from one (1) Fire and Rescue Firefighter, effective September 17, 2024 and approve compensation for any unused vacation leave.
- S. James** B. Approve request for the Code Enforcement Director to attend the Keep Mississippi Beautiful State Conference to be held in Ocean Springs, MS November 4-5, 2024 and to approve payment of registration, hotel, travel and meal expenses in the amount of \$448.08.
- D. Hughes** C. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "NFPA 1002 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 \$225.00.
- D. Hughes** D. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "Vehicle Extrication and Rescue Technician" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, hotel, travel, books, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the amount of \$680.00.
- D. Hughes** E. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "Fire Service Instructor" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, hotel, travel, books, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the amount of \$1,075.00.
- D. Hughes** F. Approve request for three (3) 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 \$5,800.00.
- J. Daughtry** G. Approve request for one (1) CPD Officer to attend two sessions of the "FBINAA Leadership Certification Program" to be held in Southaven, MS, and approve payment for registration, lodging, travel and meal expenses in the estimated amount \$1,455.00 for each session.

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| J. Daughtry | H. | Approve permit request submitted by Shane Cruse, on behalf of Victory Tabernacle Church, to host a "Fall Fest Block Party" to be held on October 27, 2024, from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at 324 Fifth Street South. See attached map. |
| J. Daughtry | I. | Approve permit request submitted by Rosalyn Merchant on behalf of First Methodist Church Early Learning Center, to host a "Boo Parade" to be held on October 31, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. until 11:15 a.m. See attached map. |
| J. Daughtry | J. | Approve permit request submitted by Craig Chapman, on behalf of the Columbus Municipal School District, to host a "Parade and Assembly to Celebrate Districts' 2023-2024 Accountability Rating" to be held on October 17, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. starting at the Columbus Police Department and proceed to the corner of Bank of Commerce on Main Street. A stage will be set up at the intersection of Main Street and Fifth Street. |
| J. Daughtry | K. | Approve permit request submitted by Rosalynn Merchant, on behalf of First Methodist Church, Annunciation Catholic Church and St. Paul's Episcopal Church, to host a "Fall Festival" to be held on October 27, 2024, from 4:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. See attached map. |
| J. Daughtry | L. | Ratify permit request submitted by Keith Brooks, on behalf of the Hodges Family, to host a "Memorial/Homegoing Celebration" held on September 14, 2024, from 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. blocking Ash Street at 11th Avenue North and 12th Avenue North. |
| R. Bonner | M. | Approve request to renew Notary Commission for Director of Trotter Convention Center and approve payment for necessary notary supplies in the estimated amount of \$400.00 |
| J. Garrett | N. | Approve payment in the amount of \$10,800 to Falcon Contracting for the repair of the 5th Street void. |
| P. Mitchell | O. | Approve payment of aging invoice for physicals for two (2) Public Works employees to Baptist Urgent Care in the amount of \$330.00. |
| P. Beard | P. | Approve request for City Council Members to attend " <i>NLC 100 Years - 1924 - 2024: A Century of Strengthening Cities</i> " to be held in Tampa Bay, Florida on November 12-16, 2024 and approve payment of registration, hotel, travel, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the estimated amount of \$2,855 each. |

V. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

- A. Approve Docket of Claims for September 17, 2024

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

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| | A. | Comments from Mayor & Council |
| K. Wiegel | B. | Building Inspection - August 2024 Report |
| L. Dismukes | C. | Community Outreach - August 2024 Report |
| J. Daughtry | D. | Columbus Police Department - August 2024 Report |
| W. Langford | E. | Garage - August 2024 Report |
| R. Bonner | F. | J.M. Trotter Convention Center-Friendship/Sandfield Cemeteries August 2024 Report |
| G. Irby | G. | Office of Planning & Community Development - August 2024 Report |
| S. James | H. | Code Enforcement Department -August 2024 Report |
| D. Hughes | I. | Columbus Fire and Rescue - August 2024 Report |
| G. Lewis | J. | Columbus Recreation Department - August 2024 Report |
| P. Mitchell | K. | Human Resources - August 2024 Report |

- C. Bush** L. Public Works - August 2024 Report
- W. Blunt** M. Municipal Court - August 2024 Report
- J. Brigham** N. Finance - August 2024 Report
- J. Garrett** O. Board Vacancies

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD

1 Vacancy, 5-Year Term, Dennis Erby's Term Expires October 15, 2024.
Appointment will be October 15, 2024.

Dennis Erby

COLUMBUS-LOWNDES LIBRARY BOARD

1 Vacancy, 5-Year Term, Hillary Richardson's Term Expires October 1, 2024.
Appointment will be October 1, 2024.

Anita Pintado

Elizabeth (Libby) Robertson

GOLDEN TRIANGLE LINK DEVELOPMENT BOARD

1 Vacancy, 3-Year Term, Bill West's Term Expires September 30, 2024
Appointment will be made October 1, 2024.

Bill West

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

1 Vacancy, 4-Year Term, Robert Ivy's Term Expires September 20, 2024.
Appointment will be made September 17, 2024.

Robert Ivy

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

- J. Higgins** A. Discussion or negotiations regarding the location of a business.
- S. James** B. Discuss/Approve Derelict Property Docket
- K. Wiegel** C. Discuss/Approve recommendations from the September 9, 2024 Planning Commission meeting.
- K. Stafford** D. Discuss/Approve paving Cooper Road at Burford Electric Service, Inc.
- G. Irby** E. Discuss/Approve awarding engineering services for Safe Streets for All grant.
- J. Garrett/J. Brigham** F. Discuss/Approve Grant Accounting Policies and Procedures.
- J. Garrett/J. Brigham** G. Discuss/Approve the repair or demolition of the property located at 161 Maple Street.
- P. Mitchell** H. Discuss/Approve Healthy Workplace Health Fair Incentive of not more than twelve (12) hours with pay to be taken by December 31, 2024 for those employees who receive an annual wellness check.
- S. Wilder** I. Discuss/Approve applying for the Department of Justice's Byrne Equipment Grant in the amount of \$1,873,500.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. Personnel Matter (1)

