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**MEETING OF
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS
October 1, 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 Meeting of September 17, 2024

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- J. Daughtry** A. Approve permit request submitted by Tiffany Jefferson, on behalf of Columbus High School, to host the "Homecoming Parade" to be held on October 3, 2024, from 4:45 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. leaving Fairview Baptist Church, left on South Browder Street, right on Alabama Street, left on North McCrary, right on Warpath Road and final destination, the football stadium.
- J. Daughtry** B. Approve permit request submitted by Tiffany Jefferson, on behalf of Columbus High School, to host the "Columbus High School Homecoming Tailgating" to be held on October 4, 2024, from 4:45 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. at the old band practice field across from the tennis court at Columbus High School, blocking North McCrary at Warpath Road and Hemlock Street.
- J. Daughtry** C. Approve permit request submitted by Debra Williams to host "Dean Acres Reunion" to be held on October 5, 2024, from 12:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. blocking the corner lot of Burgundy Drive and Madeira Drive.
- J. Daughtry** D. Approve permit request submitted by Lonvojsier Cockrell, on behalf of St. James United Methodist Church, to host a "Health Fair" to be held on October 26, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at 722 Military Road, blocking 8th Avenue North at Military Road and 12th Street North.
- J. Daughtry** E. Approve permit request submitted by Lonvojsier Cockrell, on behalf of St. James United Methodist Church, to host a "Fun and Show Day" to be held on November 2, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at 722 Military Road, blocking 8th Avenue North at Military Road and 12th Street North.
- J. Daughtry** F. Approve permit request submitted by Frances Glenn, on behalf of Columbus - Lowndes Convention & Visitors Bureau, to host "Filming in Historic Catfish Alley" to be held on October 5, 2024, from 1:00 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. blocking Fourth Street South at Main Street and College Street. See Attached map.

- J. Daughtry** G. Approve permit request submitted by Frances Glenn, on behalf of Columbus - Lowndes Convention & Visitors Bureau, to host "Catfish In The Alley" to be held on April 12, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. with streets being blocked on Friday, April 11, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 12, 2025. See attached map.
- J. Daughtry** H. Approve permit request submitted by Jace Ferraez, on behalf of Preservation Society of Columbus, to host a "Fall Pilgrimage: Ghost Tales in Catfish Alley" to be held on November 2, 2024, from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. blocking Fourth Street South at Main Street and College Street.
- J. Daughtry** I. Accept letter of resignation from one (1) CPD Officer effective September 23, 2024.
- J. Daughtry** J. Approve permit request submitted by Kaleena Richardson, on behalf of Legacy Real Estate Group, LLC, to host "Legacy Fall Festival at the Annex" to be held on October 27, 2024, from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at 605 Second Avenue North, blocking Second Avenue North at Sixth Street North and Seventh Street North and blocking Sixth Street North at Second Avenue North and Third Avenue North. See attached map.
- J. Daughtry** K. Ratify approval for permit request submitted by Valerie Weaver, on behalf of Sim Scott Seniors, to host "Pinktober 'Walk for a Cure' Breast Cancer" held on October 1, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. starting at 909 - 20th Street North to 7th Avenue North and back to 909 - 20th Street North.
- C. Bush** L. Approve request for the Landfill Supervisor to attend "SWANA Fall Conference" to be held in Natchez, MS, and approve payment for registration, hotel, travel, and meal expenses in the estimated amount of \$1,202.70.
- C. Bush** M. Approve request for the Public Works Assistant Director to attend "MS811 Summit" to be held in Biloxi, MS, and approve payment for registration, lodging, travel, and meal expenses in the estimated amount of \$877.77.
- C. Bush** N. Accept letter of resignation from one (1) Public Works employee effective September September 12, 2024 and request permission for HR Director to follow normal recruitment process.
- K. Gaskin** O. Approve request to designate Trotter Convention Center as the rain location for the Re-opening of the Bridge Ceremony set for Bridge/Riverwalk at 2 p.m. Sunday, October 6, 2024.
- J. Brigham** P. Approve request for Chief Financial Officer to attend CPA training on Oct. 22 and 23, 2024, at no cost to the City.

V. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

- A. Approve Docket of Claims for October 1, 2024

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

- K. Gaskin** A. Comments from Mayor & Council
- K. Gaskin** B. 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 Expired September 30, 2024.
Appointment will be made October 1, 2024.

Bill West

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

- A. Attorney Chynnee Bailey, Columbus Middle School Parent Teacher Organization Request
- B. Pastor Johnny Durrah & Julia Burgin - Watershed/Drainage

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

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| J. Higgins | A. | Discuss transaction of business and discussions or negotiations regarding the location, relocation or expansion of a business |
| B. Bigelow/P. Bowen | B. | Discuss/Approve requests pertaining to Leadership Plaza -- request permission to remove the existing faucets and replace them with a freeze-proof faucet at no cost to the City; request permission to remove the gas poles at no cost to the City; and request that Columbus Light & Water repair the electricity to the pole and straighten the pole. |
| S. James | C. | Discuss / Approve Derelict Property Docket |
| J. Brigham | D. | Discuss/Approve 2024 Municipal Compliance Report |
| D. Hughes | E. | Discuss/Approve hiring two (2) Entry Level Firefighters pending successful completion of a pre-employment physical exam and drug screen. |
| J. Daughtry | F. | Discuss/Approve hiring four (4) entry level police officers contingent upon successful completion of preliminary testing. |
| J. Daughtry | G. | Discuss/Approve the request of the Columbus Police Department to purchase two (2) Stalker Lidar Handheld Radars from Stalker for the amount of \$5,165.00 using funds from the Mississippi Office of Highway Safety Traffic Services Grant. |
| S. Wilder | H. | Discuss/Approve request to designate Susan Wilder, Grant Writer/Administrator, the application agent for the FEMA Storm Shelter Grant. |
| K. Stafford | I. | Discuss/Approve unallocated paving funding. |
| J. Turnage | J. | Discuss/Approve Resolution Approving Property Settlement Statements and authorizing Mayor to execute same together with other documents necessary to close transactions as it pertains to Leigh Entities. |

J. Turnage K. Consider/Approve Redistricting Ordinance

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION: