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**MEETING OF
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS
November 5, 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 October 15, 2024
- B. Approve Minutes for Meeting of October 31, 2024.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- J. Daughtry** A. Approve permit request submitted by T. J. Tate, Jr. to block the parking lot at the Waters Building during the Veterans Parade and Wreath Laying Ceremony on November 9, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. blocking the parking area at the corner of Sixth Street North and Second Avenue North.
- J. Daughtry** B. Approve permit request submitted by Barbara Bigelow, on behalf of Main Street Columbus, Inc., to host "The Hitching Lot Holiday Cruise In" to be held on November 23, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Hitching Lot, blocking Third Street North at Second Avenue North and Third Avenue North.
- J. Daughtry** C. Approve permit request submitted by Barbara Bigelow, on behalf of Main Street Columbus, Inc., to host the "Christmas Parade" to be held on December 3, 2024, from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. See attached map.
- J. Daughtry** D. Approve permit request submitted by Johnnie Bush, on behalf of the O'Neal Family, to host a "Neighborhood Block Gathering" to be held on December 21, 2024, from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at 515 - 16th Street South, blocking 16th Street South at Fifth Avenue South and Sixth Avenue South.
- J. Daughtry** E. Ratify approval for permit submitted by Johnny Johnson, on behalf of Eta Phi Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, to host a "Road Block for UNCF Fund Raiser" held on November 2, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at the intersection of Highway 45 North and 18th Avenue North.
- D. Hughes** F. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "CPSE Excellence Conference" to be held in Orlando, FL, and approve payment of registration, hotel, travel, books, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the amount of \$2,115.00.
- J. Daughtry** G. Ratify approval for permit submitted by Jaquise Frison and Janice Richmond, on behalf of Mount Zion M.B. Church to host a "Parade" held on November 2, 2024, from 9:15 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. starting at Genesis Church, 1820 - 23rd Street North to 14th Avenue North to Mount Zion M.B. Church to a lot across from Wells Cleaners and next to Skeets, 2011 - 14th Avenue North.

- J. Daughtry** H. Approve permit request submitted by Barbara Bigelow, on behalf of Main Street Columbus, Inc., to host "Wassail Fest" to be held on December 6, 2024, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in Downtown Columbus. Please see attached.
- J. Daughtry** I. Accept letter of resignation from one (1) CPD Officer effective October 24, 2024.
- J. Daughtry** J. Approve request for the Crime Lab Director to attend "Courtroom Testimony for Forensic Science Professional" to be held in Gulfport, MS and approve payment for registration, travel, lodging and meal expenses at the estimated cost of \$1,331.00.
- J. Garrett** K. Approve request for Mayor, Councilmembers, Interim Director of Planning and Police Chief to attend the 2025 Mississippi Municipal League Midwinter Conference from Jan. 14 - Jan. 16, 2025 in Jackson, MS and approve payment of registration fees, lodging, travel and meal expenses in the estimated amount of \$7,417.70.
- J. Garrett** L. Approve request by Main Street Columbus to install a painted street crossing at the intersection of Main Street South and Catfish Alley.
- J. Garrett** M. Approve request by Main Street Columbus to install downtown speaker system.
- C. Bush** N. Approve request to pay Ingram Equipment Company's debris airburner rental fee in the amount of \$23,100.
- C. Bush** O. Accept letter of resignation from one (1) Landfill Supervisor effective November 4, 2024.
- J. Garrett** P. Approve request to pay Tabor Construction and Development of MS, Inc.'s Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$103,543.89 for the Columbus Lowndes County Airport Box Hangar Construction.

V. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

- J. Brigham** A. Approve Docket of Claims for November 5, 2024

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

- J. Mickens** A. Proclamation Presentation by Vice Mayor Joseph Mickens - Fairview Elementary School Principal Monte Ewing-Johnson
- K. Gaskin** B. Comments from Mayor & Council
- J. Garrett** C. Board Vacancies

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS & APPEALS

1 Vacancy, 3-Year Term, Stephen McBride's Term Expires December 4, 2024.
Appointment will be December 3, 2024.

Stephen McBride

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

3 Vacancies, 3-Year Terms
-Quincy Harris' Term Expires December 1, 2024
-Emily Johnson's Term Expires December 1, 2024
-Melissa Smith's Term Expires December 4, 2024
Appointments will be December 3, 2024.

Emily Johnson

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

- J. Garrett** A. Emily Knox and Caris Whitten, Christian Community in Prayer Committee, Thanksgathering Event

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

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| V. Stewart | A. | Discuss / Approve Derelict Property Docket |
| K. Stafford | B. | Discuss/Approve Award of Lowest Responsive Bids from Hattaway Electric, LCC in the amount of \$249,880 and Consolidated Electrical Distributors in the amount of \$153,100 for Propst Park Field Lighting Retrofit, contingent upon engineer's approval of materials. |
| J. Garrett | C. | Approve request for eighty-eight (88) items including but not limited to vehicles, equipment, etc. to be classified as surplus property and made available for resale in online auction. See attached. |
| J. Brigham | D. | Discuss/Approve <i>Travel Policy</i> . |
| J. Brigham | E. | Discuss/Approve <i>Memorandum of Understanding</i> between the MS Department of Finance and Administration and the City of Columbus, MS to disburse funds in the amount of \$190,808.00 for watershed infrastructure. |
| J. Brigham | F. | Discuss/Approve <i>Memorandum of Understanding</i> between the MS Department of Finance and Administration and the City of Columbus, MS to disburse funds in the amount of \$1,000,000 for the completion of the Senator Terry Brown Amphitheater. |
| S. Jones | G. | Discuss/Approve advertising for bids for the completion of the Senator Terry Brown Amphitheater. |
| G. Lewis/S. Wilder | H. | Discuss/Approve development of Fossil Park. |
| G. Lewis/S. Wilder | I. | Discuss/Approve receipt of \$2,000 Billups/Garth Foundation Grant. |
| K. Wiegel | J. | Discuss/Approve request to fill part-time Building Inspector position. |
| R. Bonner | K. | Discuss/Approve request to fill Associate Director of J.M. Trotter Convention Center position. |
| R. Greene | L. | Discuss/Approve Annexation expenses. |

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. Personnel Matter (1)