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

**CFO/SECRETARY-
TREASURER**
JAMES BRIGHAM

POLICE CHIEF
JOSEPH M. DAUGHTRY,
SR.

FIRE CHIEF
DUANE HUGHES

**HUMAN RESOURCES
DIRECTOR**
PATRICIA MITCHELL

**INTERIM CITY PLANNING &
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**
GEORGE IRBY

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 December 3, 2024

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- D. Hughes** A. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend “NFPA 1021-Fire Officer” 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** B. Approve request for four (4) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend “MSTAT-Mississippi Trainee Agility Test” to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, hotel, travel, books, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the amount of \$60.00.
- D. Hughes** C. Approve request for one Columbus Fire and Rescue Captain tuition reimbursement, in accordance with the City of Columbus Continuing Educational Reimbursement Policy, in the amount of \$600.00.
- G. Irby** D. Approve request for City Grant Administrator to attend the 2025 MS Annual Housing Conference in Biloxi, MS and approve payment of registration, mileage and meals in the amount of \$795.67
- G. Irby** E. Approve request to renew the Notary Commission for the Secretary of the Office of Planning and Community Development and approve payment for necessary notary supplies.
- S. James** F. Approve request for the Code Enforcement Director to attend the MS Association of Code Enforcement One-day Educational Conference to be held in Starkville, MS and to approve payment of registration in the amount of \$75.00.

V. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

- J. Brigham** A. Approve Docket of Claims for December 17, 2024

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

- A. Comments from Mayor & Council
- D. Hughes** B. Atmos Energy presentation of donation check to Columbus Fire and Rescue
- K. Wiegel** C. Building Inspection - November 2024 Report
- D. Hughes** D. Columbus Fire and Rescue - November 2024 Report
- L. Dismukes** E. Community Outreach - November 2024 Report

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| G. Irby | F. | Office of Planning & Community Development - November 2024 Report |
| J. Daughtry | G. | Columbus Police Department - November 2024 Report |
| S. James | H. | Code Enforcement Department - November 2024 Report |
| G. Lewis | I. | Recreation Department - November 2024 Report |
| R. Bonner | J. | J. M. Trotter Convention Center/Cemeteries - November 2024 Report |
| W. Langford | K. | Garage - November 2024 Report |
| C. Bush | L. | Public Works - November 2024 Report |
| P. Mitchell | M. | Human Resources - November 2024 Report |
| W. Blunt | N. | Municipal Court - November 2024 Report |
| J. Brigham | O. | Finance - November 2024 Report |
| J. Garrett | P. | Board Vacancies |

COLUMBUS HOUSING AUTHORITY

2 Vacancies, 5-Year Terms

-Greg Lewis' Term Expires July 5, 2028. Lewis resigned on November 20, 2024.

-Glenda Richardson's Term Expires July 7, 2025. Richardson resigned on November 20, 2024.

Appointments will be made January 21, 2025.

Reggilond Taylor

GOLDEN TRIANGLE REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

2 Vacancies, 4-Year Terms, Lesia Jackson's Term Expires December 20, 2024

Kathy Goodwin's Term Expires December 31, 2024.

Appointments will be made January 7, 2025.

Lesia T. Jackson

Municipal Election Commission

1 Vacancy, 4-Year Term

-Lavonne Latham Harris Term Expires June 30, 2025.

-Appointment will be made January 7, 2025.

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

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| S. James | A. | Discuss / Approve Derelict Property Docket |
| K. Wiegel | B. | Discuss/Approve recommendations from the December 9, 2024 Planning Commission meeting. |
| G. Irby | C. | Discuss/Approve Recommendation to negotiate contract for professional services (surveyor). |
| G. Irby | D. | Discuss/Approve recommendation to negotiate a contract for professional services (appraiser). |
| K. Stafford /
G. Lewis | E. | Discuss/Approve Award to the Lowest Responsive Bidders for Propst Park Tennis and Pickleball Rehabilitation with Weathers Construction, Inc. for the Courts in the amount of \$423,250 and Paradigm Contractors, LLC for the Fencing in the amount of \$81,000. |
| G. Lewis | F. | Discuss/Approve request to hire a Maintenance Technician for the Recreation Department, pending successful completion of all preliminary testing. |

- J. Daughtry** G. Discuss/Approve hiring one (1) Custodian at the Columbus Police Department, pending successful completion of all preliminary testing.
- C. Bush** H. Discuss/Approve request to fill four (4) Laborer positions at the Public Works Department, pending successful completion of all preliminary testing.
- P. Mitchell** I. Discuss/Approve Property, Casualty and Liability Insurance Renewal.
- J. Garrett/J. Brigham** J. Discuss/Approve Memorandum of Understanding between the City Council, Mayor and Planning and Community Development Department Administrator of Columbus, MS to obligate funds from the federal America Rescue Plan Act for the Blight Elimination Program in the amount of \$100,000.
- J. Garrett/J. Brigham** K. Discuss/Approve Memorandum of Understanding between the City Council, Mayor and Finance Department Administrator of Columbus, MS to obligate funds from the federal America Rescue Plan Act for vehicles and equipment in the amount of \$400,000.
- J. Brigham** L. Discuss/Approve advertising for Request for Proposals for Auditing Services for FY2023 Audit.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. Personnel Matters (3)