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City of Columbus
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**MEETING OF
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS
January 7, 2025**

**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 from December 17, 2024 Meeting

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- D. Hughes** A. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "Haz-Mat Awareness and Operations" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, hotel, travel, books, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the amount of \$400.00.
- D. Hughes** B. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "NFPA 1021-Fire Officer" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, hotel, travel, books, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the amount of \$500.00.
- J. Daughtry** C. Ratify approval of request to send four (4) CPD Officers to the "North Mississippi Law Enforcement Training Center" in Tupelo, Mississippi, and approve cost of reimbursable tuition (\$4,000.00 per Officer) and clothing allowance, not to exceed \$350.00 per Officer.
- J. Daughtry** D. Approve request for one (1) CPD Officer to attend a "Computer Voice Stress Analyzer Course" to be held in Atlanta, Georgia, and approve payment of registration, lodging, travel and meal expenses in the estimated amount of \$1,547.00.
- C. Bush** E. Accept letter of resignation from one (1) Public Works laborer effective January 9, 2025, and request permission for Human Resources to follow normal recruitment process.
- J. Garrett** F. Approve request for payment of webmaster's service in the amount of \$658.34.

V. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

J. Brigham A. Approve Docket of Claims for January 7, 2025

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

- A. Comments from Mayor & Council
- D. Hughes** B. Swearing in of two (2) Fire and Rescue Firefighters
- Victoria Culpepper
 - James Dunnam
- J. Daughtry** C. Presentation of Commendation to Officer Dijon Shields

J. Garrett

D. 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

Whirlie Byrd

Bo Harrison

Lillian Granderson-Daughtry

TREE BOARD

2 Vacancies, 3-Year Terms, Expire January 2, 2025.

Appointments will be made January 21, 2025.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION COMMISSION

1 Vacancy, 4-Year Term

-George T. Sumrall's Term Expires June 30, 2025.

Appointment will be made January 21, 2025.

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 Jackson

MUNICIPAL ELECTION COMMISSION

1 Vacancy, 4-Year Term

-Lavonne Latham Harris Term Expires June 30, 2025.

Appointment will be made January 7, 2025.

Beverley Odom

Helen Pridmore

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

J. Garrett

A. Patricia Shannon Evans - Burns Bottom Historic Marker Placement

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

S. James

A. Discuss / Approve Derelict Property Docket

D. Hughes

B. Discuss/Approve the promotion of two (2) Columbus Fire and Rescue personnel from Probation Firefighters to Certified Firefighters, effective date January 7, 2025

J. Daughtry

C. Discuss/Approve hiring one (1) Certified Police Officer contingent upon a successful completion of preliminary testing.

P. Beard

D. Discuss/Approve replacing seventeen low voltage LED light bulbs for 7th and 14th Avenue in the amount of \$7,142.04 and the \$79.67 monthly upgrade cost.

**J. Garrett/P.
Mitchell**

E. Discuss/Approve moving three (3) exempt employees to hourly for compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. Personnel Matters (2)
- B. Prospective Litigation (2)