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City of Columbus
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**MEETING OF
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS
January 21, 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 for January 7, 2025 Meeting
- B. Approve Minutes for Special Meeting of December 23, 2024.
- C. Approve Minutes for Special Meeting of January 2, 2025.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- J. Garrett** A. Approve request for Mayor, City Council, COO, CFO, Court Administrator, Interim City Planner, and Police Chief to attend the Mississippi Municipal League 94th Annual Summer Conference to be held in Biloxi, MS and approve payment for registration, lodging, travel and meal expenses.
- J. Garrett** B. Approve request for payment of professional services to Waggoner Engineering in the amount of \$12,688.44.
- D. Hughes** C. 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.
- J. Daughtry** D. Approve request for one (1) CPD personnel to attend a "Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Recertification Course" in Olive Branch, Mississippi at no expense to the City.
- J. Daughtry** E. Accept letters of resignation from one (1) CPD Recruit effective January 7, 2025, and one (1) CPD Officer effective January 12, 2025.
- J. Daughtry** F. Approve permit request submitted by Ron Thornton, on behalf of the Boys and Girls Club of Golden Triangle, to host "Brews and Blues" to be held on June 14, 2025, from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. at the Farmers' Market blocking Third Street North at Second Avenue North and Third Avenue North adjacent to Farmers' Market and sell alcohol.

V. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

- J. Brigham** A. Approve Docket of Claims for January 21, 2025

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

- A. Comments from Mayor & Council
- J. Daughtry** B. Presentation of Commendation to Officer Dijon Shields
- J. Brigham** C. Finance - December 2024 Report

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| K. Wiegel | D. | Building Inspection - December 2024 Report |
| L. Dismukes | E. | Community Outreach December 2024 Report |
| D. Hughes | F. | Columbus Fire and Rescue - December 2024 Report |
| D. Hughes | G. | Columbus Fire and Rescue - 2024 Annual Report |
| G. Lewis | H. | Columbus Recreation Department - December 2024 Report |
| S. James | I. | Code Enforcement - December 2024 Report |
| J. Daughtry | J. | Columbus Police Department - December 2024 Report |
| C. Bush | K. | Public Works - December 2024 Report |
| R. Bonner | L. | J. M. Trotter Convention Center/Friendship & Historical Sandfield Cemeteries - December 2024 Report |
| W. Langford | M. | Garage - December 2024 Report |
| P. Mitchell | N. | Human Resources Department - December 2024 Report |
| W. Blunt | O. | Columbus Municipal Court - December 2024 Report |
| J. Garrett | P. | Board Vacancies |

COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

1 Vacancy, 5-Year Term, Telisa Young's Term Expires 03/03/2025.
Appointment will be made February 18, 2025.

TREE BOARD

2 Vacancies, 3-Year Terms, Expire January 2, 2025.
Appointments will be made January 21, 2025.

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

Deborah Johnson

Velma J. Woodard

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

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| J. Garrett | A. | Eric Thomas - Open My Heart Walk 2025 |
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VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

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| S. James | A. | Discuss /Approve Derelict Property Docket |
| Z. Foster | B. | Discuss/approve Engineering Agreement for CLCA's Automatic Weather Observation System project. |
| Z. Foster | C. | Discuss/approve Change Order No. 1 for CLCA's Box Hangar Construction project. |

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| K. Wiegel | D. | Discuss/Approve recommendations from the January 13, 2025 Planning Commission meeting. |
| J. Daughtry | E. | Discuss/Approve hiring one (1) Certified Police Officer. |
| D. Hughes | F. | Discuss/Approve acceptance of the Columbus Fire and Rescue 2024 Annual Program Appraisal |
| P. Mitchell | G. | Discuss/Approve Cyber Security Insurance under current policy in the amount of \$19,240.65. |
| G. Irby | H. | Discuss/Approve Historic Resources Survey Contract in the amount of \$58,500 for up to 700 parcels and for \$85 per parcel above 700 parcels, not to exceed \$64,450. |
| J. Garrett/J. Brigham | I. | Discuss/Approve <i>Resolution</i> designating the North East Mississippi Area Crime Center (NEMACC) request of \$2,000,000 as the priority initiative and watershed-based flooding request of \$2,000,000 and the 5th Street Project request of \$835,000 as secondary initiatives for legislative funding. |
| S. Wilder | J. | Discuss/Approve applying for the USTA Mississippi Grant for \$5,000.00 to resurface two tennis courts at Propst Park with \$5,000.00 in matching funds to come from the Propst Park Improvement budget. |
| G. Irby | K. | Discuss/Approve request to Award Contract for Legal Services for FY2023 Community Funding Program Grant. |

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. Personnel Matter (1)
- B. Pending Litigation (1)
- C. Prospective Litigation (1)