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**MEETING OF
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS
February 4, 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 January 21, 2025 Meeting

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- D. Hughes** A. Approve request for two (2) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend “*NFPA 1041-Fire Service Instructor*” to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, hotel, travel, books, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the amount of \$950.00.
- D. Hughes** B. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend “*NFPA 1001 I-II-Basic Firefighter*” to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, hotel, travel, books, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the amount of \$2,200.00.
- D. Hughes** C. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend “*NFPA 1041-Fire Service Instructor 2*” 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** D. Approve permit request submitted by Ron Thornton, on behalf of the Boys and Girls Club of Golden Triangle, to host a fundraiser “*Blues at Sunset*” 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.
- G. Lewis** E. Approve request for Director and Sports Coordinator to attend the *Mississippi Recreation and Park Association's 2025 Conference* to be held in Natchez, MS on February 10-13, 2025 and approve payment of registration, hotel, travel, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the estimated amount of \$1,980.62.
- J. Brigham** F. Approve payment in the amount of \$1,340.00 for TC Express LLC for towing.
- J. Garrett** G. Approve payment in the amount of \$1,500.00 to Eric Thomas' *Open Heart Foundation* in support of a social and community service organization.
- J. Garrett** H. Discuss/Approve Stephen Chapel MB Church's polling precinct usage fee in the amount of \$500.
- J. Garrett** I. Approve Townsend Park Blues-Southside Festival Funding in the amount of \$15,000.00 per the 2% Restaurant Tax Agreement to fund festivals in the city of Columbus.
- J. Brigham** J. Accept letter of resignation from one (1) Staff Accountant, effective February 6, 2025, and approve compensation for any unused vacation leave.

- R. Bonner** K. Approve request for Facilities Director to attend “*MS Farmers Market Manager Workshop*” to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, travel and any other expenses in the amount of \$90.00.

V. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

- J. Brigham** A. Approve Docket of Claims for February 4, 2025

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

- A. Comments from Mayor & Council
- J. Daughtry** B. Swearing In of four (4) CPD Officers

- * Demarco Bailey
- * Kutenia Brooks
- * Jalahn Maduro
- * Dijon Shields

- J. Garrett** C. 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.

Telisa Young

CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

1 Vacancy, 3-Year Term, Jay Patel's Term Expires 03/05/2025.
Appointment will be made March 4, 2025.

Jay Patel

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT &
APPEALS of DEVELOPMENT CODES**

1 Vacancy, 3-Year Term, Kevin Stafford's Term Expires 03/01/2025.
Appointment will be made March 4, 2025.

Kevin Stafford

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

- S. James** A. Discuss / Approve Derelict Property Docket
- J. Daughtry** B. Discuss/Approve hiring one (1) Certified Police Officer contingent upon successful completion of preliminary testing.
- J. Daughtry** C. Discuss/Approve hiring one (1) Property, Evidence, Crime Scene Technician contingent upon successful completion of preliminary testing.
- G. Irby** D. 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.
- G. Irby** E. Discuss/Approve request to advertise for Request for Qualifications for Legal Services for FY2023 Community Funding Program Grant.
- S. Wilder** F. Discuss/Approve applying for the Coalition for Green Capital's Municipal Investment Fund Market Building Grant in the amount of \$250,000 with no match.

- K. Stafford / G. Lewis** G. Discuss/Approve awarding the flooring bid for East Columbus Gym to the lowest responsive bidder, Covington Flooring Company in the amount of \$82,952.00.
- J. Daughtry** H. Discuss/Approve promotion of one (1) CPD Sergeant to Lieutenant, effective February 5, 2025.
- K. Stafford** I. Discuss/Approve the Installation of One Speed Hump on Maple Street, between Lawrence Drive and Poplar Street.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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