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**MEETING OF
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS
February 18, 2025**

**CFO/SECRETARY-
TREASURER**
JAMES BRIGHAM

POLICE CHIEF
JOSEPH M. DAUGHTRY,
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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 30, 2025 Special Meeting
- B. Approve Minutes from February 4, 2025 Meeting
- C. Approve Minutes from February 6, 2025 Special Meeting

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- J. Daughtry** A. Approve permit request submitted by Jyl Barefield, on behalf of Columbus-Lowndes Humane Society, to host "Zachary's St. Patty's Day Pawty" to be held on March 16, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. blocking Fifth Street North at Second Avenue North and Third Avenue North and Second Avenue North to the driveway/alley opening at the Trotter Convention Center.
- J. Daughtry** B. Approve request for two (2) CPD Officers to attend the "2025 MLEOA Motor Officer Class" to be held on March 3 - 7 and 10 - 14, 2025, in Flowood, Mississippi and approval of payment for membership fee, travel, lodging and meal expenses in the estimated amount of \$4,260.00.
- C. Bush** C. Approve request for Public Works Office Manager to attend The Administrative Professional Day Conference to be held in Athens, Ga April 24-26, 2025 and approve payment of registration, hotel, travel, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the estimated amount of \$1147.78.
- D. Hughes** D. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "Truck Company 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 \$500.00.
- D. Hughes** E. Approve request for three (3) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "Mississippi Trainee Agility Test (MSTAT)" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, hotel, travel, books, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the amount of \$40.00.
- W. Blunt** F. Approve request of use of the Municipal Complex Courtroom by the Lowndes County Federation of Democratic Women to host political forum on March 11, 2025 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm.
- R. Bonner** G. Approve request of complimentary use of the stage near the Tennessee Williams House Museum and Welcome Center for Catfish in the Alley Festival on April 11th from 12:00pm to 2:00pm.

V. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

J. Brigham A. Approve Docket of Claims for February 18, 2025

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

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| | A. | Comments from Mayor & Council |
| J. Daughtry | B. | Promotion Pinning of Lieutenant Samuel Jackson |
| K. Wiegel | C. | Building Inspection - January 2025 Report |
| G. Lewis | D. | Recreation Department - January 2025 Report |
| W. Langford | E. | Garage - January 2025 Report |
| C. Bush | F. | Public Works - January 2025 Report |
| S. James | G. | Code Enforcement - January 2025 Report |
| R. Bonner | H. | J. M. Trotter Convention Center-Cemeteries - January 2025 Report |
| L. Dismukes | I. | Community Outreach - January 2025 Report |
| D. Hughes | J. | Columbus Fire and Rescue - January 2025 Report |
| J. Daughtry | K. | Columbus Police Department - January 2025 Report |
| G. Irby | L. | Planning & Community Development - January 2025 Report |
| P. Mitchell | M. | Human Resources - January 2025 Report |
| W. Blunt | N. | Municipal Court - January 2025 Report |
| G. Drake | O. | Information Technology - January 2025 Report |
| J. Brigham | P. | Finance - January 2025 Report |
| J. Garrett | Q. | 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

David Armstrong

**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

- A. Erin Busbea - Columbus-Lowndes Public Library System Strategic Planning

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

- S. James** A. Discuss / Approve Derelict Property Docket

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| K. Wiegel | B. | Discuss/Approve recommendations from the February 10, 2025 Planning Committee meeting. |
| J. Daughtry | C. | Discuss/Approve hiring two (2) Certified Police Officers contingent upon a successful completion of preliminary testing. |
| J. Daughtry, J. D. Brigham | D. | Discuss/Approve <i>Resolution Ordering That Certain Specified Police Vehicles Be Unmarked Pursuant to MS Code Section 25-1-87.</i> |
| C. Bush | E. | Discuss/Approve request to fill vacant Laborer position in Public Works, pending successful completion of all preliminary testing. |
| G. Lewis/S. Wilder | F. | Discuss/Approve application for Mississippi Arts Commission Project Grant. |
| S. Wilder | G. | Discuss/Approve <i>Resolution To Ensure Safe, Accessible, and Desirable Transportation Systems.</i> |
| 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 Lobbyists Contract with W.T. Consultants, not to exceed \$72,000 for the 2025 Session. |

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION: