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**MEETING OF
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS
May 6, 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 of April 15, 2025 Meeting
- B. Approve Minutes of Work Session / Special Called Meeting of April 10, 2025.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- D. Hughes** A. Approve request for one (1) 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 \$500.00.
- D. Hughes** B. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "Rope Rescue 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 \$500.00.
- G. Lewis** C. Approve request for Parks & Recreation Director to attend the "MML 94th Annual Conference" in Biloxi, MS on July 20-24, 2025, and approve payment for registration, travel, lodging, and meal expenses in the estimated cost of \$1,534.20.
- J. Daughtry** D. Ratify permit request submitted by Sammie Williams, on behalf of Northside M.B. Church, to host "Northside M.B. Church Community Fun Day" held on April 19, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. blocking 15th Street North at 9th Avenue North.
- J. Daughtry** E. Approve request for one (1) CPD personnel to attend the "NOBLE 49th Annual Training Conference" to be held August 8 - 12, 2025, in Hollywood, Florida and approve payment for registration, travel, lodging and meal expenses at an estimated cost of \$3,234.00.
- J. Daughtry** F. Approve request for one (1) CPD personnel to attend the "NIBRS Crime Insight Review" to be held in Pearl, Mississippi, with the mode of transportation being a City vehicle.
- J. Daughtry** G. Approve request for three (3) CPD personnel to attend the "2025 Summer MLEOA Motor Training" to be held in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi and approve payment for lodging, meal and travel expenses in the estimated amount of \$2,240.00.
- C. Bush** H. Accept letter of resignation from one (1) Public Works Boom Truck Operator, effective April 17, 2025, and authorize the HR Director to begin the normal recruitment process.
- W. Blunt** I. Accept letter of Retirement from Chief Deputy Court Clerk, with last work day being June 11, 2025.
- G. Drake** J. Approve request for payment of webmaster's service in the amount of \$658.34.

- S. Wilder** K. Approve rescinding the MOA with the Columbus Cultural Heritage Foundation, and submitting an application to the CREATE Foundation for a special project account for the Columbus Fossil Park.
- G. Lewis** L. Approve permit request submitted by Eric Harris, on behalf of the GTA Kickball League, to host "GTA Kickball League Tournament" to be held on May 10, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. in Propst Park at the Adult Softball Fields.

V. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

- A. Approve Docket of Claims for May 6, 2025

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

- A. Comments from Mayor & Council
- J. Daughtry** B. Presentation of Certificate of Completion to CPD Officer William Henderson
- J. Garrett** C. Board Vacancies

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

2 Vacancies, 4-Year Terms, Jerry Fortenberry's Term Expires 05/18/2025.
Emily Johnson's Term Expires 05/24/2025.
Appointments will be made May 20, 2025.

Bo Harrison

Jerry Fortenberry

Emily Johnson

TREE BOARD

1Vacancy (standing), 3-Year Term
Appointment will be made May 6, 2025.

Kim Whitehead

Patrice Shannon Evans

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

- J. Garrett** A. Frances Glenn - Columbus-Lowndes Convention and Visitors Bureau
Fireworks on the Water - Donation Request
- J. Garrett** B. Lakeysucha Bailey/Chanda Williams - Keep Columbus Beautiful
Greatest American Cleanup - Declaration of Action

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

- S. James** A. Discuss / Approve Derelict Property Docket
- K. Wiegel** B. Discuss/Approve recommendations from the April 14, 2025 Planning Commission meeting.
- K. Stafford** C. Discuss/Approve road donation for Columbus Place entry.
- P. Mitchell** D. Discuss/Approve request to award bid for Legal Publication of notices, including, but not limited to Proceedings, Ordinances, Resolutions and Legal advertising.
- J. Brigham** E. Discuss/Approve recommendation of award of Columbus drainage improvements.
- J. Brigham** F. Discuss/Approve request to fill vacant Accounts Payable Clerk position, pending successful completion of all preliminary testing.
- J. Brigham** G. Discuss/Approve request to fill vacant Staff Accountant position, pending successful completion of all preliminary testing.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. Personnel Matter (1)