

**MINUTES
TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 15, 2009
5:00 O'CLOCK P.M.**

The Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 15, 2009, at 5:00 p.m. in the Court Chambers of the Municipal Complex. Mayor Robert Smith presided over the meeting. All Council Members were present. Also present were the COO, General Counsel and the CFO/Secretary-Treasurer.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order. Council Member Mickens offered the Invocation.

II. APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2009

Council Member Karriem made a motion to approve the minutes for the meeting of September 1, 2009. Council Member Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion passed.

III. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS FOR SEPTEMBER 15, 2009

Council Member Taylor made a motion to approve the docket of claims in the amount of \$691,174.92. Council Member Gavin seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion passed.

IV. CONFIRMATION OF/OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

CONSENT AGENDA:

Add Item "M" – Approve request for a Building Inspector to replace another Inspector at the "2006 Legal Aspects-Housing Seminar" in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi and approve payment for the cost of lodging and the reimbursement of meal expenses.

CITIZENS INPUT:

Add Item "A" – Hayden Crume – MS Industrial Waste Supply

Add Item "B" – Stan Shurden – Starkville Recycling

Add Item "C" – Scott Hannon – Triangle Maintenance Recycling

Add Item "D" – Chuck Yarborough - Soccerplex

POLICY AGENDA:

Add Item "D.1." – Approve Resolution for donation of Burns Bottom Property and In-Kind Services

Delete Item "G" – Discuss/Approve Contractor's Pay Request for the Lowndes/County Airport Taxiway Construction Project.

Delete Item "H" - Discuss/Approve Contractor's Pay Request for the CDBG Sanitary Sewer System Improvement Project and replace with "Discuss/Approve Matching Funds for a 592 Grant".

Add Item "J" - Discuss/Approve Matching Funds for a 592 Grant.

V. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. **Approve request for Columbus Police Department to block off streets for the Community Christmas Parade that will be held on December 7, 2009.**
- B. **Approve request for the Columbus Police Department to block off 5th Street South to College Street to 3rd Street South for the Columbus Day Celebration and Pet Parade on October 10, 2009.**
- C. **Approve request for Columbus Main Street to host the Annual "Let's Go Walking Down Main Street MS" on October 31, 2009.**
- D. **Approve request for the Director of Forensics Austin Shepherd and Property and Evidence Technician Jessica Johnston to attend the "Palm Print Training Class" that will be held in Birmingham, AL on October 5-7, 2009, and approve payment of \$400.00 registration, \$94.00/night lodging, and the reimbursement of meal expenses for each.**
- E. **Approve request for the Director of Forensic Chemistry Bill Smith to attend the "Fundamentals of FT-IR Analysis Class" that will be held at the Thermo Fisher Training Institute in Madison, WI on October 19-23, 2009, and approve payment of \$2,935.00 for registration, \$79.00/night for lodging, \$311.00 car rental fee, \$633.00 for airfare, and the reimbursement of meal expenses.**
- F. **Approve request for Lieutenant Randy Karg to attend the "NRA Handgun/Shotgun Instructor Class" that will be held at the MS Law Enforcement Training Academy in Pearl, MS on October 12-16, 2009, and approve payment of \$525.00 for registration and \$300.00 paid to the MS Law Enforcement Training Academy to cover lodging and meals.**
- G. **Approve request for Lieutenant Jeff Guyton and Sergeant James Grant to attend the "Voice Stress Analyzer School" that will be held in Nashville, TN on October 5-9, 2009, and approve payment of \$1,895.00**

registration fees (first person \$1295.00 and second person \$600.00), \$105.07/night for lodging, and the reimbursement of meal expenses for each.

- H. **Approve request for Sergeant Neil Taylor to attend the “Effective Budgeting for Criminal Justice School” that will be held in Nashville, TN on September 29-October 1, 2009, and approve payment of \$345.00 for registration, \$117.00/night for lodging and the reimbursement of meal expenses.**
- I. **Approve request to purchase fourteen (14) undercover tags for unmarked Police Vehicles totaling \$407.00.**
- J. **Accept letter of retirement for Lieutenant Keith Worshiam, effective October 23, 2009 and approve request for the Lieutenant to purchase his service weapon and obtain a Retired Police Officer’s Identification Card from the Columbus Police Department.**
- K. **Ratify request to send Agents David Criddle and Donald Richardson to the “Drug School” in Meridian, MS on September 15-18, 2009, at no cost to the City.**
- L. **Approve request for Officers Wade Beard, Heath Beard and Sergeant Glynn Culpepper to attend the “K-9 Recertification Class” that will be held at the RCTA in Meridian, MS on November 2-6, 2009, and approve payment of \$60.00 each for registration.**
- M. **Approve request for Building Inspector Paul Elder to replace Inspector Derrick Nash at the “2006 Legal Aspects-Housing Seminar” in Bay St. Louis, MS on September 16-17, 2009, and approve payment of \$238.00 for lodging and the reimbursement of meal expenses.**

Council Member Stewart made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as amended. Council Member Karriem seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion passed.

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

A. General Comments from the Mayor and Council Members

Council Member Gene Taylor announced that Ward I will host its 2nd Annual Ward 1 Beautification Day on Saturday, September 19, 2009, starting at 8:00 a.m. He asked that everyone one come out and participate in this event.

B. Monthly Report from the Columbus Police Department for August 2009

The Monthly Report for the Columbus Police Department for August 2009 was presented. Chief St. John distributed information that will be included in a Press Release on September 16, 2009 regarding "Is Your Business A Target For Crime?" No action was taken.

C. Monthly Report from the Columbus Fire Department for August 2009

The Monthly Report for the Columbus Fire Department for August 2009 was presented. No action was taken.

D. Monthly Report from the Public Works Department for August 2009

The Monthly Report for the Public Works Department for August 2009 was presented. No action was taken.

E. Monthly Report from the Federal Programs Department for August 2009

The Monthly Report for the Federal Programs Department for August 2009 was presented. No action was taken.

F. Monthly Report from the Building & Inspection Department for August 2009

The Monthly Report for the Building & Inspection Department for August 2009 was presented. No action was taken.

G. Monthly Report from the Municipal Court Division for August 2009

The Monthly Report for the Municipal Court Division for August 2009 was presented. No action was taken.

H. Monthly Financial Report

Mike Bernsen reported that Sales Taxes were down by \$473,000 YTD, which is a 5.3%; however, September collections were up by \$83,810. The general fund balance is \$4,063,674.00. No further action was taken.

I. Board Vacancies:

David Armstrong, Chief Operations Officer, announced that there are vacancies on the Columbus-Lowndes Library Board, Historic Preservation Commission, Tree Board, the Zoning Board of Adjustment & Appeals, and the City Planning Commission. Appointments can be made on the Columbus-Lowndes Library Board, Historic Preservation Commission, Tree Board and the Zoning Board of Adjustment & Appeals at this time. There are no applicants for the Tree Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment & Appeals at this present time.

Columbus-Lowndes Library Board:

Council Member Box recused himself prior to this appointment. Council Member Taylor made a motion to appoint Jennifer Box to the Columbus-Lowndes Library Board. Council Member Gavin seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion passed.

Council Member Box returned to the meeting.

Council Member Gavin made a motion to appoint Ralph D. Carter to the Columbus-Lowndes Library Board. Council Member Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion passed.

Historic Preservation Commission:

Council Member Gavin made a motion to appoint Ralph Null to the Historic Preservation Commission. Council Member Karriem seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion passed.

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA:

- A. Hayden Crume – MS Industrial Waste Supply** - Approached the Mayor and Council requesting that the City of Columbus advertise for bids and/or accept proposals for the City's recycling services.
- B. Stan Shurden – Starkville Recycling** – Approached the Mayor and Council requesting that the City of Columbus advertise for bids and/or accept proposals for the City's recycling services.
- C. Scott Hannon – Triangle Maintenance Recycling Services-** Approached the Mayor and Council with thanks for their support and wished to continue serving Columbus and Lowndes County. Recycling for Columbus and Lowndes County has been a success. He also asked the Mayor and Council to consider some modifications to the present contract, which is to begin charging \$10 for television sets and CRT monitors. No action was taken.
- D. Chuck Yarborough – Volunteer Soccer Coach/Parent** – Approached the Mayor and Council to express his support of the Burns Bottom Property as the location for the new Soccerplex.

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

A. Adopt 2009-2010 Fiscal Year Budget.

Mike Bernsen distributed the FY 2010 Budget and stated that it is ready for adoption with a \$36,299.84 deficit.

Council Member Box made a motion to adopt the 2009-2010 Budget. Council Member Taylor seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor the motion with the exception of Council Member Karriem, who opposed.

The motion passed with a majority vote.

The Budget follows:

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REVENUE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010

FUND	DEPT	OBJ	DESCRIPTION	2009 BUDGET	RECEIPTS THRU July-31-09	2010 BUDGET REQUESTED
001	000	200	REAL & PERSONAL AD VALOREM	4,410,654.00	4,170,701.89	
001	000	201	MOTOR VEHICLE AD VALOREM	634,348.00	451,242.16	
001	000	202	MOBILE HOME AD VALOREM	2,538.00	1,290.69	
001	000	203	LAND REDEMPTION	68,460.00	20,273.22	
001	000	205	DAMAGES/PENALTY/INTEREST	64,000.00	42,665.29	
001	000	207	TAX EQUIVALENT L&W (TVA)	1,275,000.00	1,260,455.36	
001	000	208	COLUMBUS HOUSING AUTHORITY	36,300.00	35,710.79	
001	000	213	PRIVILEGE LICENSE	150,000.00	127,551.25	
001	000	214	FRANCHISE FEES	350,000.00	332,162.72	
001	000	215	BUILDING PERMITS	105,000.00	74,293.50	
001	000	216	ELECTRICAL PERMITS	8,300.00	6,390.00	
001	000	217	MOVING PERMITS	100.00	200.00	
001	000	218	DEMOLITION PERMITS	300.00	150.00	
001	000	219	PLUMBING PERMITS	7,500.00	5,478.00	
001	000	220	TAXI PERMITS	600.00	560.00	
001	000	221	ZONING PERMITS	3,400.00	2,035.25	
001	000	223	OTHER RECEIPTS	300.00	303.25	
001	000	235	FEMA REIMBURSEMENT	0.00		
001	000	257	SALES TAX	7,750,000.00	5,946,077.89	
001	000	259	CITY L&W SALES TAX	1,191,000.00	991,830.90	
001	000	261	ABC FEES	40,000.00	33,300.00	
001	000	264	HOMESTEAD REIMB	335,000.00	178,410.80	
001	000	265	RENTAL CAR TAX	17,500.00	18,106.71	
001	000	266	MUNICIPAL AID [GAS TAX]	38,000.00	17,796.62	
001	000	267	TVA IN-LIEU	485,000.00	472,770.60	
001	000	268	RAIL CAR TAX	7,000.00	7,599.73	
001	000	269	UTILITY TAX 21-33-205	105,000.00	77,796.21	

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FUND	DEPT	OBJ	DESCRIPTION	2009 BUDGET	RECEIPTS THRU July-31-09	2010 BUDGET REQUESTED
001	000	270	MDOT FUNDS	193,650.00	127,591.77	
001	000	271	COUNTY ROAD TAX	570,000.00	468,782.08	
001	000	272	DIESEL FUEL - L&W	54,000.00	36,770.08	
001	000	273	SECURITY REIMB	33,000.00	27,500.00	
001	000	274	LOWNDES COUNTY REIMBURSEMEN	87,500.00	25,382.39	
001	000	275	LOWNDES COUNTY RECYCLING	56,000.00	0.00	
001	000	276	AIRCRAFT REGISTRATION	1,300.00	12.50	
001	000	282	GARBAGE FEES L&W	1,325,820.00	1,106,051.27	
001	000	283	CL & W PAVING REIMBURSEMENT	250,000.00	250,000.00	
001	000	285	MUW - SWEEPER	6,000.00	5,000.00	
001	000	289	CLEANING PRIVATE PROPERTY	17,000.00	13,059.60	
001	000	310	CEMETERY P/C	1,200.00	3,570.00	
001	000	311	CEMETERY - GRAVE OPENINGS	31,000.00	31,200.00	
001	000	312	CEMETERY - GRAVE SALES	4,000.00	7,405.00	
001	000	330	POLICE FINES & FORFEITURES	425,000.00	488,009.35	
001	000	331	DUI GRANT REVENUE	0.00	31,394.76	
001	000	332	PARKING FINES	12,500.00	12,122.00	
001	000	334	DARE ASSESSMENTS	50.00	51.00	
001	000	335	POLICE MISC FEES	25,000.00	12,300.00	
001	000	336	CRIME LAB RECEIPTS	75,000.00	17,395.00	
001	000	338	SNACK COMMISSIONS	140.00	70.93	
001	000	340	INTEREST EARNINGS	163,000.00	106,428.77	
001	000	341	RECYCLING REVENUE	0.00	212.05	
001	000	345	RENTAL INCOME - CONVENTION CNTR			
001	000	342	RENTAL INCOME (incl Airport Rents)	210,500.00	128,845.43	
001	000	343	REFUNDS	4,000.00	595.00	
001	000	344	FARMERS MARKET RENTAL	5,500.00	4,511.00	

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FUND	DEPT	OBJ	DESCRIPTION	2009 BUDGET	RECEIPTS THRU July-31-09	2010 BUDGET REQUESTED
001	000	347	DONATIONS - FIRE DEPT	3,000.00	3,136.00	
001	000	348	DONATIONS - POLICE DEPT	10,000.00	2,730.00	
001	000	349	CVB - CONV CNTR BEAUTIFICATION	50,000.00	41,666.70	
001	000	350	MISCELLANOUS	2,300.00	5,135.44	
001	000	351	MT. VERNON MILLS	72,000.00	59,992.10	
001	000	355	RETURN CK FEES	300.00	250.00	
001	000	356	INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT	5,000.00	30,717.40	
001	000	360	TRAINING/TRAVEL REIMB	750.00	32,137.10	
001	000	379	TRANSFERS IN	364,000.00	331,855.62	
001	000	384	PROCEEDS FROM DEBT	1,810,000.00	1,513,320.56	
001	000	392	SALE OF CITY PROPERTY (incl auction	6,500.00	32,277.04	
001	000		City Schools reimbursement PR Director			
001	000		CL & W reimbursement for Engineer			
001	000		Grant for Crime Lab labor (3 for 10 months)			
			TOTAL REVENUE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010	22,960,310.00	19,232,630.77	