

**MEETING OF  
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS  
DECEMBER 5, 2017**

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION**

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order and called upon Council Member Box to offer the Invocation.

**II. APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE MEETINGS OF NOVEMBER 21 & 28, 2017.**

Council Member Mickens made a motion to approve the Minutes for the Meetings of November 21 & 28, 2017. Council Member Box seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion passed.

**III. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS FOR DECEMBER 5, 2017.**

Council Member Taylor made a motion to approve the Docket of Claims for December 5, 2017, in the amount of \$207,493.81. Council Member Gavin seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**IV. CONFIRMATION OF/OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

*Add Item "O" – Approve request for two (2) Columbus Recreation Department Personnel to attend the "Mississippi Soccer Association Annual General Meeting" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment for lodging, travel and meal expenses.*

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Add Item "P" – *Approve permit request submitted by Mr. James Allen on behalf of Annunciation Catholic Church to host the "Columbus Sings Messiah" to be held on December 12, 2017 at 823 College Street. He requests to block off one lane on 8<sup>th</sup> Street South to 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South from 4:30 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.*

Add Item "Q" – *Accept letter of resignation from one (1) CPD Animal Control Officer, effective November 30, 2017, and authorize the HR Director to begin the normal recruitment process.*

Council Member Taylor made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented, with the above amendments. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. The Mayor called for discussion, and there being none, all Council Members voted in favor of same, with a unanimous vote.

The motion carried.

**V. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Approve request for four (4) Fire and Rescue Personnel: Chief Martin Andrews, Mike Chandler, Mike Gibson, and Scott Swain, to attend the "Firefighter 1001-I-II Graduation" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of \$50.00 for travel and reimbursement for meal expenses.
- B. Approve request for Fire and Rescue Engineer, Michael Miller, to instruct the "ADSAR" to be held in Meridian, MS, and approve payment of \$50.00 for travel and reimbursement for meal expenses. Instruction will be held on two (2) separate dates.
- C. Approve request for Fire and Rescue Administrative Assistant, Tabitha Barham, to attend the "ESAP Meeting" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of \$50.00 for travel and reimbursement for meal expenses.
- D. Accept letter of resignation from Landfill employee, Edward Kyser, effective December 2, 2017, and authorize the Human Resources Director to begin the normal recruitment process.
- E. Approve request for IT Director, Greg Drake, to attend the "ThinkGard Ransomware Luncheon/GMIS Meeting" to be held in Brandon, MS, and approve payment of \$157.29 for travel expenses.
- F. Approve request for Code Enforcement Officer, Tomarris Jones, to attend the "MACE Board Meeting" to be held in Meridian, MS, and approve payment of \$43.00 for travel and reimbursement for meal expenses.

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- G. Approve request to refund twenty (20) citizens refunds. Fourteen (14) are refundable clean up deposits and six (6) are refunds of soccer registrations.
- H. Approve request from Columbus Recreation Department to host the “2019 MSA Soccer Tournaments” to be held on April 12-14, May 3-5, May 17-19, and May 24-26, 2019.
- I. Accept letter of resignation from CPD Reserve Officer, Thomas Moore, effective November 1, 2017.
- J. Ratify request submitted to refund a deposit to Pierre Beard for one (1) Event Permit of \$75.00 for an event at the Columbus Fairgrounds that was cancelled.
- K. Approve permit request to refund Shane Lambert the sum of \$685.00 for a building permit fee. The property has now been sold.
- L. Approve request to refund two (2) citizens: Sabrina Williams the sum of \$290.00 and Cecil Johnson the sum of \$1,250.00 for Trotter Convention Center cancellations.
- M. Approve request for Assistant Chief of Police, Frederick Shelton, to attend the “Mississippi Association of Chiefs of Police Winter Conference” to be held in Starkville, MS, and approve payment of \$425.00 for registration and \$50.00 for travel expenses.
- N. Approve Microsoft Enterprise Agreement for City of Columbus Core/CAL servers.
- O. Approve request for Columbus Recreation Department Personnel Greg Lewis and Chanda Williams to attend the “Mississippi Soccer Association Annual General Meeting” to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of \$238.00 each for lodging, \$165.42 for travel and reimbursement for meal expenses.
- P. Approve permit request submitted by Mr. James Allen on behalf of Annunciation Catholic Church to host the “Columbus Sings Messiah” to be held on December 12, 2017 at 823 College Street. He requests to block off one lane on 8<sup>th</sup> Street South to 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South from 4:30 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.
- Q. Accept letter of resignation from CPD Animal Control Officer, Alexius Jones, effective November 30, 2017, and authorize the HR Director to begin the normal recruitment process.

Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, with the above amendments. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion. The Mayor called for discussion, and there being none, all Council Members voted in favor of same, with a unanimous vote.

The motion carried.

## **VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:**

### **A. General Comments from the Mayor and Council Members**

There were no General Comments from the Mayor and Council Members.

### **B. Swearing in of two (2) Fire & Rescue personnel.**

- Derek Montanio
- Ryan Stevenson

Mayor Smith swore in Fire and Rescue Personnel Derek Montanio and Ryan Stevenson and they recited the Oath of Office. Chief Andrews and the Fire & Rescue Department's Command Staff were present.

### **C. Board Vacancies**

David Armstrong, COO, announced vacancies on various Boards and remarked that no appointments will be made tonight.

#### **Board of Adjustments & Appeals of Development Codes**

- 1 Vacancy
- 1-Year Term for Mike Gibson expired 9/20/2017.
- Appointment will be made December 19, 2017.

#### **Applicant**

- Mike Gibson

#### **Golden Triangle Regional Waste Management Authority**

- 1 Vacancy
- 4-Year Term for Robert E. Smith, Sr. will end 12/31/2017.
- Appointment will be made December 19, 2017.

#### **Applicant**

- Robert E. Smith, Sr.

## **VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA**

### **Glenda Buckhalter – NIGHT OF SERVICE GALA**

Glenda Buckhalter, Community Outreach Coordinator, came forth and announced that the Night of Service Gala will convene Friday night, at 7:00 p.m. at the Trotter Convention Center. Funds will aid “Building Bridges of Hope.

### **Derone Young – Trotter Center Refund**

Derone Young, along with his fiancée, came before the Mayor and Council regarding the recent change in hours of operation of the Trotter Convention Center. On January 28, 2017, they paid a deposit to rent the facility for December 22 – 24, 2017 for a wedding and have been told that the Convention Center will close at 11:00 p.m. They did not wish to request a refund because it's too late to change the venue and invitations have been distributed. The Council agreed to refund the couple the sum of \$300.00 and apologized for having to make sudden changes in the operational time due to a recent incident.

## **VIII. POLICY AGENDA:**

### **A. Discuss/Approve City Property and Casualty Insurance.**

The Council considered the City Property, Auto, General, Law Enforcement, Public Official Management and Employment Practices Liability Insurance Renewal with Hopkins Insurance LLC and called for Eddie Mauck to come forth and apprise them of the coverage. Eddie Mauck came forth and presented the cost for each section, followed by a motion from Council Member Box to approve the Property, Liability and Casualty Insurance in the amount of \$387,709.50, effective 12/31/2017 to 12/31/2018. Council Member Taylor seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

### **THE COST SCHEDULE FOLLOWS:**

**HOPKINS INSURANCE LLC**



**City of Columbus, MS  
Insurance Renewal  
12/31/2017 to 12/31/2018**

	Travelers 2018		Travelers 2017	
Property	Value	Premium	Value	Premium
<b>Blanket Buildings and</b>				
Business Personal Property Per Schedule of Property Deductible \$2,500	\$26,636,055	\$41,360	\$22,999,430	\$32,447
<b>Inland Marine (Equipment Coverage on Specific Items)</b>				
Deductible \$1,000 Per Schedule	\$2,533,124	\$8,652	\$2,386,851	\$7,622
<b>Auto Liability and Physical Damage Coverage</b>		\$127,325		\$126,204
Auto Liability \$1,000,000 Subject to Mississippi Tort Statutory Cap of	\$500,000		\$500,000	
Uninsured Motorists:	Rejected		Rejected	
Medical Payments:	Excluded		Excluded	
Physical Damage Coverage \$1,000 Deductible Comprehensive and Collision				
<b>General Liability</b>				
Each Occurrence	\$1,000,000	\$57,919	\$1,000,000	\$44,854
General Aggregate	\$2,000,000		\$2,000,000	
Subject to the Mississippi Tort Statutory Cap of	\$500,000		\$500,000	
Limited Pollution: Herbicide/Pesticide Spraying	\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000	
Cemetery Liability	\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000	
Medical Expense:	Excluded		Excluded	
Personal and Advertising Injury:	\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000	
Employee Benefits Liability (\$1,000 Deductible)	\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000	
<b>Law Enforcement Liability</b>				
Each Wrongful Act	\$1,000,000	\$58,987.50	\$1,000,000	\$66,831
Annual Aggregate	\$2,000,000		\$2,000,000	
Deductible 75,000 each wrongful act				
<b>Travelers Extended Reporting Endt. 12 Months</b>		\$50,123		
<b>Public Official Management Liability And Employment Practices Liability</b>				
Each Wrongful Act	\$1,000,000	\$40,543	\$1,000,000	\$36,614
Annual Aggregate	\$2,000,000		\$2,000,000	
Retroactive Date	7/01/1993		7/01/1993	
Deductible: \$25,000 Each Wrongful Act				
Cyber	\$25,000	\$300	\$25,000	\$300
Hopkins Agency Fee		\$2,500		\$2,500
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$387,709.50</b>		<b>\$317,372.00</b>

**Disclosure:** This outline is a synopsis of coverage and implies no terms and conditions of the actual contract. No coverage can be construed by the synopsis. Please refer to the actual contract. Cancellation after binding is subject to eleven percent retainage plus cancellation provisions of the insurance contract. Quote is valid until 12/31/2016. Actual premium may change based upon confirmation of schedules.

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**B. Discuss/Approve resolution of support allowing municipalities to submit outstanding municipal court debts to the Mississippi Department of Revenue for collection.**

Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the Resolution in support of allowing municipalities to submit outstanding municipal court debts to the Mississippi Department of Revenue for collection. Council Member Taylor seconded the motion to adopt the foregoing Resolution, and the question being put to a roll call vote, the result was as follows:

Council Member Gene Taylor	voted:	<u>YEA</u>
Council Member Joseph Mickens	voted:	<u>YEA</u>
Council Member Charlie Box	voted:	<u>YEA</u>
Council Member Fredrick Jackson	voted:	<u>YEA</u>
Council Member Stephen Jones	voted:	<u>YEA</u>
Council Member Bill Gavin	voted:	<u>YEA</u>

**THE RESOLUTION FOLLOWS:**

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FOR A UNANIMOUS VOTE:

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI, URGING THE MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE TO ALLOW MUNICIPALITIES TO SUBMIT DEBTS OWED TO MUNICIPALITIES AND TO THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI AS A RESULT OF DELINQUENT MUNICIPAL COURT FINES AND FEES TO THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE FOR COLLECTION THROUGH A SETOFF AGAINST STATE INCOME TAX REFUNDS OWED TO THE DEBTOR**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus, Mississippi, the City, is owed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in unpaid and outstanding municipal court fines and fees by persons of this State that cannot be written off by the City and if collected, could assist to enhance City services for its citizens;

**WHEREAS**, if the Mississippi Legislature allows municipalities to submit debts owed to them to the Mississippi Department of Revenue to setoff against income tax refunds owed to the debtor, then the State shall be entitled to approximately fifty percent (50%) of any recouped outstanding fines and fees owed to the municipality;

**WHEREAS**, by allowing said debt setoff the State would receive approximately \$ \_\_\_\_\_, which amount is fifty percent (50%) of the City's unpaid and outstanding municipal court fines and fees;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Columbus that it strongly urges the Mississippi Legislature to support and pass legislation to allow municipalities to submit debts owed to them and the State to the Mississippi Department of Revenue for collection through a setoff against income tax refunds owed to the debtor.

Following the reading of the foregoing resolution, Councilman \_\_\_\_\_ moved for adoption of the Resolution. Councilman \_\_\_\_\_ seconded the motion for its adoption. The Mayor put the question to a vote, and the members voted unanimously to adopt the Resolution.

The motion having received the unanimous affirmative vote of the City Council of the City of Columbus, Mississippi, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted, on this the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

[SEAL]



**C. Discuss/Approve bids for financing of five (5) new and five (5) used Police Vehicles**

Milton Rawle, Jr. came before the Mayor and Council, requesting approval of lease/Purchase financing of ten (10) Police vehicles in the amount of \$310,000.00 for a 60 month term. Based on the lowest interest rate, he requested the Council to award the bid to BankFirst Financial Services at \$2.40%. Council Member Gavin made a motion to award the bid to BankFirst Financial Service for Lease/Purchase financing of ten (10) Police vehicles in the amount of \$310,000.00 for a sixty (60) month term. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Mayor then asked if there was any other business to come before the Mayor and City Council. There being none, Council Member Jones moved that the meeting be adjourned. Upon second by Council Member Gavin and unanimous vote, the Mayor announced that the meeting was ADJOURNED.

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Robert E. Smith, Sr., Mayor**

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**Milton Rawle, Jr.,  
CFO- Secretary-Treasurer**

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