

**MEETING OF  
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS  
NOVEMBER 21, 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 5 & 7, 2017.**

Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the Minutes for the Meetings of November 5 & 7, 2017. Council Member Gavin seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**III. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS FOR NOVEMBER 21, 2017.**

Council Member Taylor made a motion to approve the Docket of Claims for November 21, 2017, in the amount of \$386,857.79. Council Member Box 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 "N" – *Approve request to declare the attached list of Trotter Convention Center Items as surplus property.*

**POLICY AGENDA:**

Add Item "E" – *Discuss/Approve advertising for financing of ten (10) police cars and request sealed bids for financing.*

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*Add Item "F" – Discuss/Approve recommendation of the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi, the Columbus-Lowndes Recreation Authority was dissolved as September 30, 2017.*

Council Member Box 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.

**V. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Approve request for Fire and Rescue Engineer Kirk Gayle to attend the "Patriot South Planning Meeting" to be held in Gulfport, MS, and approve payment of \$75.00 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, November 27 – 30, 2017 and December 5 – 7, 2017.
- C. Approve request for Fire and Rescue Deputy Fire Marshall Madison Guyton to attend the "MSFIA Board Meeting" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of \$50.00 for travel and reimbursement for meal expenses.
- D. Approve request for 4 (four) Fire and Rescue Personnel, Chip Kain, Jacob Faulkner, Melvin Junkin, and Justin Cox, to attend the "SARTEC II Training" to be held in Meridian, MS, and approve payment of \$50.00 for travel and reimbursement for meal expenses.
- E. Approve request for Fire and Rescue Chief of Training, Michael Chandler, to attend the "Accreditation Site Visit" to be held in Schaumburg, IL, at no cost to City.
- F. Approve request for Columbus Fire and Rescue to surplus one (1) Centurion Generator and one (1) 2002 Dodge Caravan.
- G. Approve request for the Public Works Department to surplus equipment listed on the attached list.
- H. Approve request for the Planning and Community Development Administrative Assistant to attend the "Skillpath Administrative Assistants Conference" to be held in Columbus, MS, and approve payment of \$199.00 for registration expenses.
- I. Ratify permit request submitted by Jaymie McFarland on behalf of Love the Block/Vibrant Church & Columbus Housing Authority to host a "Thanksgiving Luncheon" that was held on November 18, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Columbus Housing Authority. She also requested to block off a portion of the street in front of the Coleman Annex/Voting Precinct.

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- J. Approve permit request submitted by Prakash Patel to host a wedding on November 25, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at the Trotter Convention Center and to block off the street at 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue North and 5<sup>th</sup> Street North to 6<sup>th</sup> Street North.
- K. Approve permit request submitted by Colin Krieger to host the "Neighborhood Christmas Party" to be held on December 9, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. He is also requesting approval to block off the 500 block of 8<sup>th</sup> Street North.
- L. Approve permit request submitted by Katie Fenstermacher on behalf of Annunciation Catholic School to host the "In Our Nation Day Parade" to be held on January 30, 2018 from 9:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. The parade route will begin at the Annunciation School's parking lot, turn right onto Browder Street, right onto Hwy 82 East, right onto Gardner Blvd, right on to Maxwell Lane and return to the school's parking lot.
- M. Approve request to declare the attached list of CPD vehicles as surplus property.
- N. Approve request to declare the attached list of Trotter Convention Center items as surplus property.

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

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

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

Mayor Smith wished all Citizens a Happy Thanksgiving.

### **B. Monthly Report from the Columbus Fire & Rescue Department for October 2017**

The Monthly Report from the Columbus Fire & Rescue Department for October 2017 was presented. No action was taken.

### **C. Monthly Report from the Municipal Court Division for October 2017**

The Monthly Report from the Municipal Court Division for October 2017 was presented. No action was taken.

### **D. Monthly Report from the Public Works Department for October 2017**

The Monthly Report from the Public Works Department for October 2017 was presented. No action was taken.

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**E. Monthly Report from the City Planning and Community Development Department for October 2017**

The Monthly Report from the City Planning and Community Development Department for October 2017 was presented. No action was taken.

**F. Monthly Report from the Code Enforcement Division for October 2017**

The Monthly Report from the Code Enforcement Division for October 2017 was presented. No action was taken.

**G. Monthly Report from the Columbus Police Department for October 2017**

The Monthly Report from the Columbus Police Department for October 2017 was presented. No action was taken.

**H. Monthly Report from the Building Inspection Department for October 2017**

The Monthly Report from the Building Inspection Department for October 2017 was presented. No action was taken.

**I. Monthly Financial Report**

Milton Rawle, Jr., CFO, distributed the Monthly Financial Report and remarked that Sales taxes were down by \$4,279.65, compared to the same time last year.

**J. 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**

## VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

- A. Discuss/Approve Recommendations from the November 13, 2017 Planning Commission Meeting.

### **PERMITTED USE REQUEST – P/U 17-15**

#### **TRUE VINE GOSPEL EVANGELISTIC MINISTRY 441 – 18<sup>TH</sup> Street South**

The Planning Commission recommended approval to allow (re-occupancy) as a church.

Council Member Taylor moved that the facts and findings of the Planning Commission be adopted as the facts and findings of the Mayor and City Council, and that the recommendation of the Planning Commission to allow (re-occupancy as a church as a Permitted Use, be approved. Council Member Mickens seconded the motion. The Mayor asked if anyone in the audience objected to the permitted use application. No one answered. There followed discussion, consideration, and review by the Council of the issues and facts presented by this request and the action taken by the City of Columbus Planning Commission.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

### **Recommendation to Amend Chart of Uses Permitted**

The Planning Commission recommended the Chart of Uses Permitted to be amended to allow a day care in a C-1 R (Neighborhood Commercial-Restricted) District, after review and recommendation by the Planning Commission.

Council Member Taylor moved that the facts and findings of the Planning Commission be adopted as the facts and findings of the Mayor and City Council, and that the recommendation of the Planning Commission to amend the Chart of Uses Permitted to allow a day care as a Permitted Use be approved. Council Member Gavin seconded the motion. The Mayor asked if anyone in the audience objected to the permitted use application. No one answered. There followed discussion, consideration, and review by the Council of the issues and facts presented by this request and the action taken by the City of Columbus Planning Commission.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

### **PERMITTED USE REQUEST – P/U 17-16**

**On Behalf of Doris P. Cooperwood  
3501 Bluecutt Road**

The Planning Commission recommended approval of request to allow a day care In a C-1 R (Neighborhood Commercial-Residential District).

Council Member Taylor moved that the facts and findings of the Planning Commission be adopted as the facts and findings of the Mayor and City Council, and that the recommendation of the Planning Commission to allow a Day care as a Permitted Use be approved. Council Member Gavin seconded the motion. The Mayor asked if anyone in the audience objected to the permitted use application. No one answered. There followed discussion, consideration, and review by the Council of the issues and facts presented by this request and the action taken by the City of Columbus Planning Commission.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**B. Discuss/Approve hiring of one (1) Entry Level Firefighter, contingent upon successful completion of a pre-employment medical exam and drug screen.**

Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the request to hire **Robert Dinsmore** as an Entry-Level Firefighter, contingent on successful completion of a pre-employment medical examination and drug screen. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**C. Discuss/Approve hiring of two (2) Forensic Scientist Trainees (Chemist) and (Criminalist), contingent upon successful completion of a pre-employment medical exam and drug screen.**

Council Member Taylor made a motion to approve the request to hire **COLLEEN WARREN** as a Forensic Scientist Trainee in the Chemistry Section and **SHANNA CUNNINGHAM** as a Forensic Scientist Trainee in the Criminalist Section, at \$14.43/hour/\$30,000.00 annually, contingent on successful completion of a pre-employment medical examination and drug screen. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**D. Discuss/Approve request to advertise for bids for the Columbus-Lowndes County Airport's Maintenance Hangar Rehabilitation Project**

Kevin Stafford, with Neel-Schaffer, Inc., came forward and requested permission

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to advertise for bids for the Columbus-Lowndes County Airport Maintenance Hangar Rehabilitation Project. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**E. Discuss/Approve advertising for financing of ten (10) police cars and request sealed bids for financing.**

Council Member Taylor made a motion to advertise for financing of ten (10) police cars and request sealed bid for financing.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**F. *Discuss/Approve recommendation of the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi, the Columbus-Lowndes Recreation Authority was dissolved as of September 30, 2017.***

Council Member JACKSON made a motion to approve the Resolution at the Recommendation of the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi, (PERS) that the Columbus-Lowndes Recreation Authority was dissolved as of September 30, 2017. Following the reading of the foregoing resolution, Council Member JONES seconded the motion.

**THE RESOLUTION FOLLOWS:**

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**RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING AND APPROVING  
THE DISSOLUTION OF THE  
COLUMBUS-LOWNDES RECREATION AUTHORITY**

**WHEREAS**, in March of 1990, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus and the Lowndes County Board of Supervisors entered into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement to jointly operate a City/County Park and Recreation Program; and

**WHEREAS**, in September of 2016, the Lowndes County Board of Supervisors voted to give a one-year notice of the termination of the said Interlocal Cooperation Agreement and did provide such notice to the Mayor and City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the one-year notice period expired in 2017 without any action on the part of the Lowndes County Board of Supervisors to rescind such notice and the Columbus-Lowndes Recreation Authority was terminated as of the end of September, 2017;

**NOW THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Columbus, Mississippi ratify and approve the dissolution of the Columbus-Lowndes Recreation Authority, effective September 30, 2017.

The foregoing Resolution was proposed in a motion by Council Member **JACKSON**, seconded by Council Member **JONES** and after a thorough discussion and deliberation, was brought to a vote as follows:

Council Member Taylor	VOTED:	<u>Yes</u> ;
Council Member Mickens	VOTED:	<u>Yes</u> ;
Council Member Box	VOTED:	<u>Yes</u> ;
Council Member Jackson	VOTED:	<u>Yes</u> ;
Council Member Jones	VOTED:	<u>Yes</u> ; and
Council Member Gavin:	VOTED:	<u>Yes</u>

Having received a majority vote, the Mayor declared that the Resolution passed as set forth above.

RESOLVED AND ORDERED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS on this 21<sup>st</sup> Day of November, 2017.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert E. Smith, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

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Secretary-Treasurer

**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 Jackson 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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