

**MEETING OF
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS
MARCH 6, 2018**

The Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in the Court Chambers of the Municipal Complex. Mayor Robert E. Smith, Sr. presided over the meeting, and all Council Members were present. Also present were the COO, CFO, General Counsel, Police Chief and the Human Resources Director.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

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

II. APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 20, 2018.

Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the Minutes for the Meeting of February 20, 2018. Council Member Gavin seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

III. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS FOR MARCH 6, 2018.

Council Member Taylor made a motion to approve the Docket of Claims for March 6, 2018, in the amount of \$465,419.87. 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:

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Add Item "N" – *Approve request for the Mayor to attend the "2018 Excellence Conference" to be held in Orlando, FL, and approve payment of registration, lodging, travel and meal expenses.*

POLICY AGENDA:

Add Item "I" – *Discuss/Approve installation of flashing warning sign at Holly Hills and Boyd Drive.*

Add Item "J" – *Discuss/Approve Installation of Traffic Calming measures along 20th Street at Hunt and Sims Scott Park.*

Add Item "K" – *Discuss/Approve Attorney General's suggested changes to the proposed CCVB / City of Columbus Interlocal Agreement.*

Council Member Taylor made a motion to approve the 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

V. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approve request from Summerville, AL Volunteer Fire Department to receive donation of surplus items from Columbus Fire and Rescue.
- B. Approve request for Fire and Rescue Administrative Assistant, Tabitha Barham, to attend the "ESAP Conference" to be held in Natchez, MS, and approve payment of \$150.00 for registration, membership renewal, \$285.70 for lodging, \$75.00 for travel, and reimbursement for meal expenses.
- C. Approve request for Fire and Rescue Personnel, Matthew Jaynes, Marquon Evans, and Tyler Jones, to attend the "NREMT Exam", and approve payment of \$240.00 for exam fees, \$75.00 for travel and reimbursement for meal expenses. Two (2) will travel to Tupelo and one (1) will travel to Tuscaloosa, AL.
- D. Approve request for Fire and Rescue Engineer, Dale Ballard, to attend "Fire Department Safety Officer 1521" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of \$400.00 for registration, \$50.00 for travel and reimbursement for meal expenses.
- E. Approve request for Fire and Rescue Deputy Fire Marshal, Madison Guyton, to attend ""Surface Water & Swift Water Rescue Level 1 & 2" to

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be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of \$50.00 for travel and reimbursement for meal expenses.

- F. Approve request for Fire and Rescue Personnel, Ryan Thompson and Cody Cantrell, to attend "Fire Investigator 1033" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of \$1,280.00 for registration, \$75.00 for travel and reimbursement for meal expenses.
- G. Approve engagement letters for Watkins, Ward and Stafford for further review of records and receipts at City Landfill and Municipal Court.
- H. Approve request for Municipal Court Administrator, Wendy Blunt, to attend the "2018 Mississippi Court Administrators Spring Conference" to be held in Biloxi, MS at no cost to City.
- I. Approve request to refund citizens Delois Sanders, Catherine Davis and Shela Lanier the sum of \$150.00 each for clean-up deposits for renting a facility, and Lovonda Jones and Taylor Lasker the sum of \$60.00 each for clean-up baseball registrations.
- J. Ratify payment of \$194.02 for lodging for an instructor conducting "Motorcycle Training" held on February 26-27, 2018 in Columbus, MS.
- K. Accept letter of resignation from CPD Captain, Brent Swan, effective March 1, 2018, and approve payment for any unused vacation or sick leave according to policy and submit any remaining time to PERS.
- L. Approve request for CPD Officer, Aaron Andrew, to attend the "East Mississippi Job Fair" to be held in Mayhew, MS, and approve payment of \$150.00 for registration fee.
- M. Approve request for Fire and Rescue Engineer, Michael Miller, to attend "FUNSAR Instructor" to be held in Meridian, MS, and approve payment of \$50.00 for travel and reimbursement for meal expenses.
- N. Approve request for the Mayor to attend the "2018 Excellence Conference" to be held in Orlando, FL, and approve payment of Registration, lodging, travel and meal expenses

Council Member Taylor 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.

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VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

A. General Comments from the Mayor and Council Members

- **State of Mississippi 2018 Annual Action Plan Public Hearing**

This event is scheduled to be held Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the Municipal Complex.

B. Swearing In of five (5) CPD Officers

- Mathew Lasker
- Latessa Fluker
- Darnell Madison
- Eli Shumaker
- Will Simon

Mayor Robert E. Smith, Sr. swore in five (5) new Columbus Police Department Officers as they read the Oath of Office. Chief Fred Shelton and CPD's command staff distributed certificates.

C. Board Vacancies

Chief Operations Officer, David Armstrong, announced vacancies on various boards and remarked that an appointment can be made tonight for the Board of Adjustment & Appeals of Development Codes

Historic Preservation Commission

- 1 Vacancy to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Jim Borsig who resigned January 31, 2018.
- 3-Year Term will expire 05/19/2019.
- Appointment can be made immediately.
- No applicants at this time

Columbus Municipal School District

- 1 Vacancy to fill the unexpired 5-Year term of Currie Fisher who resigned 02/09/2018.
- Currie Fisher's 5-Year Term expires 03/03/2020.
- Appointment to fill the unexpired term will be made 03/20/2018.

Applicants

- Willie J. Petty, Sr.
- Cedric Vance
- James E. Samuel
- June Leigh

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- Johnny Judson
- Telisa Clay Young
- Eric Thomas

Board of Adjustment & Appeals of Development Codes

- 1 Vacancy
- 1-Year Term for Kevin Stafford will expire 03/15/2018.
- Appointment will be made March 6, 2018.

Applicant

- Kevin Stafford

Council Member Taylor made a motion to reappoint Kevin Stafford to the Board of Adjustment & Appeals of Development Codes for a one 1-Year Term, until March 15, 2019. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

Devin Hill and David Hill – Trotter Convention Center Refund

Ms. Devin Hill and her father, David Hill, came before the Mayor and City Council to request a full refund for rental of the Convention Center. They rented the Center for a planned function, and two (2) days prior to the scheduled event, a family member in another state suffered a serious medical illness, causing them to cancel the event and travel out of town. The Convention Center manager, Mike Anderson, was contacted immediately.

Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the request to refund the full amount that was paid for rental of the Convention Center, due to unforeseen circumstances. Council Member Mickens seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

- A. Discuss/Approve Trotter Convention Center's new hours.**

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Mike Anderson, Convention Center Manager, came forth and remarked that six (6) months ago the Council voted to change the closing hours at the Convention Center until some security measures were taken. Cameras have been installed in and around the facility, and he requests to return to the original closing hours for rentals, which is 1:00 a.m.

Council Member Taylor made a motion to return to original closing hours at the Convention Center. Council Member Gavin seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

B. Discuss/Approve hiring of three (3) Entry Level Firefighters, contingent upon a successful drug screen and pre-employment medical exam.

Council Member Taylor made a motion to approve the request to hire three (3) Entry-Level Firefighters: William H. Branch, Onterio Lowery, and David Tousley, contingent on successful completion of a pre-employment drug screen and medical exam. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

C. Discuss/Approve request to disperse funds from the FHLB Program.

Council Member Taylor made a motion to approve the request to disperse funds from the Federal Homeland Bank (FHLB) Program. Council Member Box seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

D. Discuss/Approve awarding of Legal Advertising Bid.

Pat Mitchell, Deputy Clerk, announced that she advertised for sealed bids for Legal Advertising and received two (2) bids, one from The Commercial Dispatch and one from the Packet and remarked that the bids were identical. Upon research, the options are to accept and award the bid to both companies and share the business, make a determination of which Newspaper company would benefit the City the greatest, or reject the bids. My recommendation is to reject the bids and readvertise.

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Council Member Jones made a motion to reject the bids for Legal Advertising and readvertise. Council Member Gavin seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

E. Discuss/Approve best bid for the City's Depository Accounts for the next two (2) years.

Milton Rawle, Jr., CFO, came before the Mayor and City Council and remarked that he advertised for Bank Depository according to requirements and received seven (7) bids from local banks, and recommends that the bid be awarded to Bank of Commerce, theirs being the best bid. The bid is good for two (2) years.

Council Member Mickens made a motion to award the Bank Depository bid to Bank of Commerce. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

F. Discuss/Approve promotion of one (1) Traffic Controller to Records Clerk, effective March 7, 2018, and authorize the HR Director to advertise for the vacant position of Traffic Controller.

Council Member Taylor made a motion to promote Daphne Terry to the vacant position of Records Clerk, effective March 7, 2018, and authorize the Human Resources Director to begin the normal recruitment process to fill the position that was vacated by the promotion. Council Member Gavin seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

G. Discuss/Approve hiring of one (1) Animal Control Officer, contingent upon a successful drug screen and pre-employment medical exam.

Council Member Box made a motion to hire Gregory L. Kaiser as Animal Control Officer, contingent on successful completion of a pre-employment drug screen and medical exam. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

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All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

H. Consider/Approve Agreement between City and the Redevelopment Authority for demolition of Burns Bottom properties.

Council Member Taylor made a motion to approve the MOU/Agreement between the City of Columbus and the Redevelopment Authority for demolition of Burns Bottom properties. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

The Agreement follows:

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Demolition Memorandum of Understanding

Columbus Redevelopment Authority (CRA) offers to City of Columbus (City) the following for demolition of improvements to lots in Burns Bottom, City of Columbus, Mississippi as follows:

1. Addresses:
 - a. 225 4th Street North;
 - b. 503 4th Street North;
 - c. 325 3rd Avenue North;
 - d. 325 4th Street North;
 - e. 216 3rd Street North;
 - f. 224 3rd Street North;
 - g. 406 3rd Street North; and
 - h. 317 4th Avenue North

2. Should City demolish the aforesaid houses within thirty days of the approval of this agreement, CRA will pay City \$2,000 for each listed property to demolish any and all structures thereon together with any other improvements located thereon and to remove same and dispose of same in a lawful manner;

3. CRA will also pay, tipping fees, mileage to City in furtherance of same;

4. City shall, as consideration of the aforesaid costs, remove the slab and/or footers supporting same; and

Approved this the _____ day of March, 2018.

Columbus Redevelopment Authority

John Acker, President

City of Columbus, Mississippi

Robert E. Smith, Sr.

Attest:

Milton Rawle, Jr., Secretary Treasurer

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I. Discuss/Approve installation of flashing warning sign at Holly Hills and Boyd Drive.

Kevin Stafford, with Neel-Schaffer, Inc., came forward and requested approval of the installation of flashing warning signs at Holly Hills Rd. and Boyd Drive at a cost of \$1,282.25. Council Member Box made a motion to approve the request to install flashing warning signs at Holly Hills Rd. and Boyd Drive at a cost of \$1,282.25. Council Member Gavin seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

J. Discuss/Approve installation of traffic calming measures along 20th St. at Hunt and Sims Scott Park.

Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the request to install Traffic calming measures along 20th Street at Hunt and Sims Scott Park at the recommendation of Kevin Stafford. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

K. Discuss/Approve Attorney General's suggested changes to the CCVB/City of Columbus Interlocal Agreement.

The Mayor and City Council discussed the Attorney General's suggested changes to the CCVB / City of Columbus Interlocal Agreement. Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the recommended changes. Council Member Gavin seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

The Interlocal follows:

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**INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN
THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI AND THE
COLUMBUS LOWNDES CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU**

This Agreement is made and entered into this date by and between the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus, Mississippi and the Columbus Lowndes Convention and Visitors Bureau.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus, Mississippi, acting for and on behalf of Columbus, Mississippi, adopted a resolution at a lawfully called meeting duly convened on March 6th, 2018, and did unanimously adopt a resolution authorizing the adoption and delivery of an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between Columbus Lowndes Convention and Visitors Bureau, Columbus Mississippi and the City of Columbus, Mississippi (hereinafter the "Parties"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of the Columbus Lowndes Convention and Visitors Bureau ("the CVB"), acting on behalf of the CVB, adopted a resolution at a specially called meeting duly convened on March 19, 2018, and did adopt a resolution authorizing the adoption and delivery of this Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Columbus, Mississippi, and the Columbus Lowndes Convention and Visitors Bureau;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Parties above referenced enter into this Agreement as follows:

I. DURATION

Unless earlier terminated, as contemplated in Section VI herein, this Agreement shall take effect upon the approval of the Attorney General of Mississippi and shall remain in effect for ten (10) years thereafter or for such time as the 2% restaurant tax remains in place, whichever time is shorter, unless the Columbus Lowndes Convention and Visitors Bureau and its successors or assigns cease to exist.

II. PURPOSES

The Parties agree that there is both demand and need at Propst Park in Columbus, Mississippi for improvement to baseball fields for use by the residents of Columbus and Lowndes County, Mississippi, and it is agreed that it is clearly to the benefit of the Parties to take cooperative action in the refurbishment and redevelopment of the baseball fields at Propst Park in Columbus to increase the likelihood of holding tournament competition therein and thereby further promoting tourism and quality of life in Columbus.

As well, the Parties acknowledge that the Senator Terry Brown Amphitheater in Columbus is only partially complete, and the Parties agree to take cooperative action to further the construction activities so as to further promote tourism and entertainment in Columbus, Mississippi.

Further, the Parties acknowledge that certain special events in Columbus have grown and become popular in the region as major tourism events.

Thus, the Parties agree that their purposes in entering into this Interlocal Cooperation Agreement are to concentrate their assets in furtherance of the purposes of improving the baseball fields at Propst Park in Columbus, improving the Senator Terry Brown Amphitheater and

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supporting specified special events in Columbus, Mississippi, with the ultimate goal of enhancing tourism possibilities and quality of life for the citizens of Columbus and visitors thereof.

III. CITATION OF AUTHORITY

The City of Columbus is authorized to exercise powers pursuant to Section 21-17-1 of the Mississippi Code. The CVB is authorized to exercise powers pursuant to House Bill 1552 (Laws, of 2011, Regular Session), and specific authority to carry out the provisions of this Agreement under Section 2(1)(f) of said House Bill. The Parties hereto have statutory authority to enter into this Agreement under Section 17-13-5 of the Mississippi Code of 1972 (The Interlocal Cooperation Act of 1974) which defines "Local Government Unit" to include any incorporated city and local tourism commissions and defines the "Governing Authority" to include the governing board of any city and the commission of a local tourism commission. Section 17-13-7(4) of the Mississippi Code authorizes the Governing Authority of Local Government Units to enter into written contractual agreements with one another for joint or cooperative action to provide services and facilities pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

IV. TERMS OF THE CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT

A. Propst Park Improvements

The CVB agrees, subsequent to approval of this Agreement by the Mississippi Attorney General, beginning on October 15, 2018, and continuing on for each successive month thereafter until September 15, 2019, to remit to the City no later than the 15th of each month a sum equal to \$31,250. Thereafter, for the remaining duration of this Agreement, to remit to the City no later than the 15th of each month, a sum equal to one-twelfth (1/12) of \$300,000.00 (\$25,000.00) for improvements to the baseball fields at Propst Park in Columbus, Mississippi. The City agrees it shall place these funds into a special account and that such funds shall be restricted for such use, and at the end of each fiscal year the City shall report in writing to the CVB the manner and use of such funds. These payments shall be contingent on the City having remitted the 2% tax payment to the CVB by the 15th of each month.

B. Senator Terry Brown Amphitheater Improvements

The CVB agrees, subsequent to approval of this Agreement by the Mississippi Attorney General, beginning on October 15, 2018, and continuing on for each successive month thereafter until September 15, 2019, to remit to the City no later than the 15th of each month a sum equal to \$5,208.34. Thereafter, for the remaining duration of this Agreement, to remit to the City no later than the 15th of each month, a sum equal to one-twelfth (1/12) of \$50,000.00 (\$4,166.67) for improvements to the Senator Terry Brown Amphitheater in Columbus, Mississippi. The City agrees it shall place these funds into a special account and that such funds shall be restricted for such use, and at the end of each fiscal year the City shall report in writing to the CVB the manner and use of such funds. These payments shall be contingent on the City having remitted the 2% tax payment to the CVB by the 15th of each month.

C. Special Event Funding

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The CVB agrees, for the duration of this Agreement and upon request by the entity hosting such events in Columbus, to remit to those organizations annually the sum of \$12,500 for marketing, entertainment and promotion of such events: Juneteenth Festival; Southside Townsend Park Blues Festival; Seventh Avenue Heritage Festival and Market Street Festival. Said sums will be payable by the CVB in two installments of \$6,250, with the first being due upon approval of the application of the host entity and the remaining installment being due upon completion of the appropriate closeout paperwork of the event and approval by the CVB Board. All events shall be required to comply with the application procedures and documentation requirements as presently established by the CVB as these safeguards are in place to allow the CVB to document appropriate use of public funds.

As well, the City agrees, for the duration of this Agreement and upon request by the entity hosting such events in Columbus, to remit as advertising municipal resources annually the sum of \$2,500, conditioned upon these events allowing the City to offer written, printed and/or oral statements that bring into favorable notice the opportunities, possibilities and resources of the City, pursuant to the terms of and as permitted by Section 17-3-1 of the Mississippi Code.

**V. MANNER OF FINANCING, STAFFING AND SUPPLYING
THE COOPERATIVE UNDERTAKING AND
ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING A
BUDGET THEREFORE;
ACCOUNTING FOR SAME**

The CVB shall finance the cooperative undertaking as specified above. The City shall contribute to the cooperative undertaking as specified above and shall contribute additional funds in furtherance of the purposes of this contract as needed and as municipal funds are available in order to complete the improvements to the baseball fields at Propst Park and at the Terry Brown Amphitheater in Columbus. The CVB shall be entitled to offer input into the improvements at the baseball fields at Propst Park and at the Senator Terry Brown Amphitheater, and the City shall give such input due consideration. The Secretary/Treasurer of the City shall be designated to receive, disburse and account for the funds paid to the City by the CVB under this Agreement. The City shall maintain a budget for the funds to be provided by the CVB to the City, and the Secretary/Treasurer of the City is designated to receive and disburse such funds as provided for herein.

**VI. METHOD OF TERMINATION OF THIS
AGREEMENT AND
DISPOSITION OF PROPEPRTY UPON SAME**

Subject to termination by a successor Board of the CVB, this Agreement may be terminated only upon the joint approval of both the City and the CVB. Once terminated, all the property of the City shall remain that of the City. The City and the CVB shall not purchase any jointly owned property, so upon termination of this Agreement, the City shall continue to own its property and the CVB shall own its property. To the extent there is any jointly owned property upon termination of this Agreement, such property will be sold and the proceeds of the sale divided evenly between the Parties hereto.

VII. ADMINISTRATION OF THE COOPERATIVE UNDERTAKING

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The Mayor and City Council of the City shall administer the expenditure of the funds described herein, with input from the Board of the CVB. The City shall report to the CVB in writing annually as specified in Article IV of this Agreement.

VIII. MANNER OF ACQUIRING, HOLDING OR DISPOSING OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY

No real property shall be acquired by either party pursuant to this Agreement. Any personal property acquired by the City in carrying out this Agreement shall be obtained in accordance with the State's public purchasing laws. Any personal property acquired by the CVB in carrying out this Agreement shall be obtained in accordance with the State's public purchasing laws. The City shall not, during the term of this Agreement, dispose of the real property at Propst Park where the funds provided herein are to be expended or any part of the land upon which the Senator Terry Brown Amphitheater is located, where the funds provided herein are to be expended. Any surplus personal Property of either party or both shall be disposed of in accordance with law and divided as provided in Article VI herein.

IX. OTHER MATTERS

A. Approval and Filing.

This Agreement shall not take effect until the same has been approved by the Attorney General of the State of Mississippi in accordance with the provisions of the Interlocal Cooperation Act. In addition, this Agreement shall not take effect until the same is filed with the Chancery Clerk of Lowndes County, the Secretary Treasurer of the City of Columbus and the Secretary of State of Mississippi.

B. Severability.

If any clause, provision or section of this Agreement shall be ruled invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity of such clause, provision or section shall not affect any of the remaining provisions hereof.

C. Counterparts.

This Agreement may be executed simultaneously or in counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.

D. Law Governing.

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Mississippi, specifically Sections 17-13-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, as amended, being the Interlocal Government Cooperation Act of 1974, as amended.

E. Headings.

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The headings of the provisions within this Agreement are inserted for convenience only and shall not be deemed to change the other written provisions within this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus, Mississippi, and the Columbus Lowndes Convention and Visitors Bureau have caused this Agreement to be executed in their respective names and under their respective corporate seals to be hereunto affixed and attested by duly authorized officers as of the 19th day of March, 2018 for the CVB, and as of the 6th day of March, 2018 for the City of Columbus, Mississippi.

CITY OF COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI


ROBERT E. SMITH, SR., MAYOR

ATTEST:


MILTON RAWLE, JR., SECRETARY/TREASURER

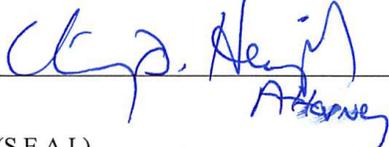
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COLUMBUS LOWNDES CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU


DeWitt T. Hicks, Chairman

ATTEST:


Attorney

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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF LOWNDES

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority, in and for said State and County, within my jurisdiction, the within named ROBERT E. SMITH, SR., who acknowledged that he is the Mayor of the City of Columbus, Mississippi, and attested by MILTON RAWLE, JR., who acknowledged that he is the Secretary/Treasurer of the City of Columbus, and that for and on behalf of the said City, and as its act and deed, they signed, sealed and delivered the above and foregoing instrument of writing for the purposes mentioned on the day and year therein mentioned, after first having been duly authorized by the City Council so to do.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL on this the 6th day of March, 2018.

(SEAL)

My Commission Expires:
April 19, 2019



Joyce L. Doughty
NOTARY PUBLIC

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF LOWNDES

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority, in and for said State and County, within my jurisdiction, the within named DeWitt T. Hicks, who acknowledged that he is the Chairman of the Columbus Lowndes Convention and Visitors Bureau, Columbus Mississippi, and attested by Christopher D. Henghill, who acknowledged that he/she is the Attorney of the said Bureau, and that for and on behalf of the said Bureau, and as its act and deed, they signed, sealed and delivered the above and foregoing instrument of writing for the purposes mentioned on the day and year therein mentioned, after first having been duly authorized by said City so to do.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL on this the 22nd day of March, 2018.

(SEAL)

My Commission Expires:
Jan. 17, 2022



Sharon A. Johnson
NOTARY PUBLIC

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JOINT RESOLUTION APPROVING INTERLOCAL
COOPERATION AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus, Mississippi ("City") and Columbus Lowndes Convention and Visitor's Bureau ("CVB"), together referred to as "The Parties" each have certain responsibilities for provision of services and facilities to further quality recreation, improve tourism and promotion of the health, safety, welfare, happiness and quality of life within Columbus, Lowndes County, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to enter into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement to provide for a cooperative undertaking to advance improvements to recreation, tourism and special events;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that under the provisions of *Miss. Code Ann.* 1972, §§17-13-1 et. seq., including specifically §17-13-7 and 17-3-9, that Robert E. Smith, Sr., Mayor of the City of Columbus, Mississippi, and DeWitt Hicks, Chairman of the Board of the CVB are each hereby authorized, empowered and directed on behalf of The Parties, to execute the attached Interlocal Cooperation Agreement and that upon adoption by the CVB and by the City, that a copy of this Resolution and the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement be forwarded to the Attorney General of the State of Mississippi for approval, and thereafter a copy of the same be forwarded to the Chancery Clerk of Lowndes County, Mississippi, the Secretary of State of Mississippi and the Mississippi State Department of Audit, all in accordance with §17-13-1 et seq.

SO RESOLVED, this the 4th day of March, 2018.

CITY OF COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI

By: 
ROBERT E. SMITH, JR., MAYOR

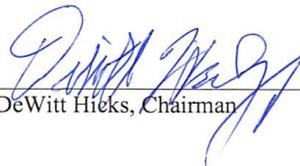
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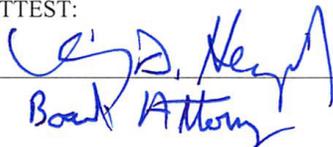

MILTON RAWLE, JR., SECRETARY/TREASURER

AND BY:

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COLUMBUS LOWNDES CONVENTION AND
VISITOR'S BUREAU

BY: 
DeWitt Hicks, Chairman

ATTEST:

Board Attorney

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SECRETARY/TREASURER'S CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of that certain resolution which was duly approved and adopted by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus, Mississippi, in a regular meeting assembled on this the 6th day of March, 2018, as the same appears of record in the official minutes of record in my office.

This 6th day of March, 2018.


MILTON RAWLE, JR.
CITY SECRETARY/TREASURER

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of that certain resolution which was duly approved and adopted by the Columbus Lowndes Convention and Visitor's Bureau, City of Columbus, Mississippi, in a regular meeting assembled on ~~this~~ the 19th day of March, 2018, as the same appears of record in the official minutes of record in my office.

This 22nd day of March, 2018.


CVB SECRETARY/TREASURER

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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

Milton Rawle, Jr.
CFO- Secretary-Treasurer