

**MEETING OF
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS
MAY 1, 2018**

The Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, May 1, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. in the Court Chambers of the Municipal Complex. Mayor Robert Smith 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 Charlie Box to offer the Invocation.

II. APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF APRIL 17, 2018

Council Member Gavin made a motion to approve the Minutes for the Meeting of April 17, 2018. Council Member Box seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

III. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS FOR MAY 1, 2018

Council Member Taylor made a motion to approve the Docket of Claims for May 1, 2018 in the amount of \$494,090.44. Council Member Jackson 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 "H" – *Accept letter of resignation from one (1) Public Works Department employee, effective May 9, 2018, and authorize HR Director to begin the normal recruitment process.*

Add Item "I" – *Approve request for the Interim City Planner to attend the "Federal Home Loan Bank Meeting" to be held in Dallas, TX, and approve payment for lodging, travel and meal expenses.*

CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA:

Add Nell Bateman – *Christian Community in Prayer – National Day of Prayer*

POLICY AGENDA:

Add Item "E" – *Discuss/Approve CVB Resolution.*

Add Item "F" – *Discuss/Approve installation of Speed Hump on Shepherd Road.*

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 for Fire and Rescue Deputy Fire Marshal, Madison Guyton, to attend the "FP & S Peer Review" to be held in Anniston, AL at no cost to the City.
- B. Approve request for Fire and Rescue Captain Eric Grant to attend the "Fire Inspector 1031-1 Training" to be held in Jackson, MS and approve payment of \$885.00 for registration, \$75.00 for travel and reimbursement for meal expenses.
- C. Approve request for the Fire and Rescue Chief to attend the "Chiefs Round Table Discussion" to be held in Greenville, MS and approve payment of \$75.00 for travel and reimbursement for meal expenses.
- D. Approve request for Fire and Rescue Firefighter, Marquon Evans, to attend the "NREMT Exam" to be held in Tuscaloosa, AL and approve payment of \$85.00 for registration, \$35.00 for travel, and reimbursement for meal expenses.
- E. Accept letter of resignation from Public Works Department employee, Eddie Bluiitt, Jr., effective May 9, 2018, and authorize the Human Resources Director to begin the normal recruitment procedures.

- F. Approve request for Interim City Planner, George Irby, to attend the “Federal Home Loan Bank Meeting” to be held in Dallas, TX, and approve payment for lodging, travel and meal expenses.

Council Member Mickens made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented, with the above amendments. Council Member Taylor 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

MAYOR SMITH MADE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Annual Market Street Festival will be held Friday and Saturday, May 4 & 5, 2018.

A dedication service will be held for the opening of Field of Dreams in Propst Park on May 5, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

National Day of Prayer will be held Thursday, May 3, 2018 in front of the Court House.

There will be a Ward IV Community meeting May 8, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Boys and Girls Club.

There will be a Ward VI Community meeting May 10, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Brandon Central Services Office.

PROCLAMATION – National Police Week 2018

Mayor Smith presented a Proclamation to Chief Fred Shelton in recognition of National Police Week 2018.

PROCLAMATION – National Kids to Parks Day 2018

Mayor Smith presented a Proclamation in recognition of National Kids to Parks Day, 2018, which will be held May 19, 2018.

B. SWEARING IN OF ONE (1) FIRE AND RESCUE FIREFIGHTER

Mayor Smith swore in Firefighter Tyler Jones as he recited the Oath of Office. The Fire Department Command Staff was present.

C. SWEARING IN OF NINE (9) CPD OFFICERS AS EX-OFFICIO DEPUTY COURT CLERKS

Mayor Smith swore in nine (9) CPD Officers as Ex-Officio Deputy Court Clerks as they recited the Oath of Office. The list follows:

- Reginald Adams
- Christopher Blaylock
- Kelvine Burdine
- Kevin McCrary
- Anthony Nelson
- Donald Richardson
- Ronald Richardson
- Mark Underwood
- Christopher Ware

D. BOARD VACANCIES:

David Armstrong, COO, announced a vacancy on the Municipal Election Commission Board and remarked that an appointment can be made tonight.

Municipal Election Commission

- 1 Vacancy
- Leon Speck resigned March 1, 2018 (letter received 3/15/18).
- Remainder of 4-Year Term will expire 07/18/2021.
- Appointment can be made May 1, 2018.

Applicants:

- George T. Sumrall
- Pierre D. Beard, Sr.

Council Member Jackson made a motion to appoint Pierre D. Beard, Sr. to the Municipal Election Commission Board until July 18, 2021. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Council Member Gavin made a substitute motion to appoint George T. Sumrall to the Municipal Election Commission Board. Council Member Box seconded the motion.

Council Members Taylor, Mickens, Box and Gavin voted in favor of the motion. Council Members Jackson and Jones.

The motion carried with a 4/2 vote.

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA:

NELL BATEMAN – Christian Community in Prayer – National Day of Prayer

Ms. Nell Bateman and Mr. Andy Boyd came forward to announce that the Christian day in Prayer and National Day of Prayer will be held in front of the Courthouse. The activities will be moved to the YMCA if it rains.

DIANE SHERROD – Family Rescue Center

Ms. Diane Sherrod came before the Mayor and Council to discuss the homelessness in Columbus and a potential Family Rescue Center. No action was taken.

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

- A. Discuss/Approve request to hire one (1) Entry-Level Firefighter, contingent on successful completion of a pre-employment medical exam and drug screen.**

Council Member Taylor made a motion to hire Brandon Wade as an Entry-Level Firefighter, contingent on successful completion of a pre-employment medical exam and drug screen. Council Member Mickens seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

- B. Discuss/Approve request to hire a Temporary Secretary for the Criminal Investigations Division.**

Council Member Box made a motion to hire a Temporary Secretary from a Temp Agency for up to six (6) weeks. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

- C. Discuss/Approve Lease Renewal for the CPD Substation, located at The Terrace, 306 Forrest Boulevard, #10, and payment for all expenses associated with the Substation.**

Council Member Box made a motion to renew the Lease for the CPD Substation, located at The Terrace, 306 Forrest Boulevard, #10, and approve payment for all expenses associated with the Substation. Council Member Gavin seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

D. Discuss/Approve cost of property clean-up on cases previously heard by council and for which remediation has been completed.

Council Member Gavin made a motion to adjudicate property previously heard by Council and for which remediation has been completed. Council Member Mickens seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

THE ADJUDICATED LIST FOLLOWS:

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Invoice

GAVIN ANTHONY
1615 3RD AVE NORTH
1206 GARDNER BLVD
COLUMBUS, MS 39701

Address:	1615 3RD AVE N
APN:	61W11-02-00300
Case No:	CE-16-0312
Violation:	Property Maintenance

Invoice #: 16-0312-0426
Date: April 26, 2018

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, THE CITY HAS INCURRED THE EXPENSES NOTED BELOW IN REMEDIATING THE UNACCEPTABLE CONDITION OF YOUR PROPERTY. A LIEN HAS BEEN FILED AGAINST THE PROPERTY IN THE OFFICE OF THE LOWNDEN COUNTY CIRCUIT CLERK.

PAYMENT IS DUE UPON RECEIPT AND IF NOT PAID IN FULL BEFORE 02/07/2019 IT WILL BE ADDED TO YOUR PROPERTY TAX BILL AS A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT. SUBSEQUENTLY, IF PAYMENT TO THE TAX COLLECTOR BECOMES DELINQUENT, YOUR PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD IN THE ANNUAL TAX SALE TO SATISFY THE CITY'S LIEN.

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
	Admin Fee		12.50
	Asbestos Removal		2650.00
	Asbestos Removal		250.00
DATE HEARD BY CITY COUNCIL		02/07/2017	
SUBTOTAL			2912.50
TAX RATE			
SALES TAX			
SHIPPING & HANDLING			
TOTAL			2912.50

TERMS: Due on receipt

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COLUMBUS MUN SCHOOL DIST
P O BOX 1308
COLUMBUS, MS 39703

Invoice #: 16-0195-0426
Date: April 26, 2018

Address:	14TH ST N
APN:	61W07-02-12900
Case No:	CE-16-0195
Violation:	Property Maintenance

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QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
	Public Works		106.00
	Admin Fee		12.50
DATE HEARD BY CITY COUNCIL		05/12/2016	
TERMS: Due on receipt			
SUBTOTAL			118.50
TAX RATE			
SALES TAX			
SHIPPING & HANDLING			
TOTAL			118.50

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Terry Anderson/ Roy Friday
30 THORNGROVE COVE
301 FORREST BLVD
COLUMBUS, MS 39702

Address:	301 FORREST BLVD
APN:	62W11-04-07500
Case No:	CE-17-0025
Violation:	Property Maintenance

Invoice #: 17-0025-0426
Date: April 26, 2018

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QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
	Public Works		788.00
	Admin Fee		12.50
DATE HEARD BY CITY COUNCIL		05/01/2017	
SUBTOTAL			800.50
TAX RATE			
SALES TAX			
SHIPPING & HANDLING			
TOTAL			800.50

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COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
 P O BOX 1308
 Columbus, MS 39703

Address:	1611 7TH AVE N
APN:	61W07-02-18500
Case No:	CE-18-0024
Violation:	Property Maintenance

Invoice #: 18-0024-0426
 Date: April 26, 2018

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QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
	Public Works		32.50
	Admin Fee		12.50
DATE HEARD BY CITY COUNCIL		04/02/2018	

TERMS: Due on receipt

SUBTOTAL	45.00
TAX RATE	
SALES TAX	
SHIPPING & HANDLING	
TOTAL	45.00

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PO BOX 1308
COLUMBUS, MS 39703

Address:	8TH AVE N
APN:	61W07-02-00700
Case No:	CE-18-0025
Violation:	Property Maintenance

Invoice #: 18-0025-0426
Date: April 26, 2018

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QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
	Public Works		32.50
	Admin Fee		12.50
DATE HEARD BY CITY COUNCIL		04/02/2018	
SUBTOTAL			45.00
TAX RATE			
SALES TAX			
SHIPPING & HANDLING			
TOTAL			45.00

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COLUMBUS MUN SCHOOL DIST
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Address:	700 (block) 14TH ST N
APN:	61W07-02-13800
Case No:	CE-16-0038
Violation:	Property Maintenance

Invoice #: 16-0038-0426
 Date: April 26, 2018

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QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
	Public Works		32.50
	Admin Fee		12.50
DATE HEARD BY CITY COUNCIL		03/30/2016	
SUBTOTAL			45.00
TAX RATE			
SALES TAX			
SHIPPING & HANDLING			
TOTAL			45.00

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Address:	213 15TH ST N
APN:	61W10-01-01700
Case No:	CE-16-0124
Violation:	Property Maintenance

Invoice #: 16-0124-0426
 Date: April 26, 2018

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QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
	Public Works		144.00
	Admin Fee		12.50
	Public Works		394.00
DATE HEARD BY CITY COUNCIL		06/07/2016	
SUBTOTAL			550.50
TAX RATE			
SALES TAX			
SHIPPING & HANDLING			
TOTAL			550.50

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Invoice #: 16-0036-0426
Date: April 26, 2018

Address:	805 14TH ST N
APN:	61W07-02-04900
Case No:	CE-16-0036
Violation:	Property Maintenance

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QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
	Public Works		85.50
	Admin Fee		12.50
	Public Works		131.00
DATE HEARD BY CITY COUNCIL		03/30/2018	
SUBTOTAL			229.00
TAX RATE			
SALES TAX			
SHIPPING & HANDLING			
TOTAL			229.00

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COLUMBUS MUN SCHOOL DIST
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Address: 1400 (block) 8TH AVE N (N/O)
APN: 61W07-02-03700
Case No: CE-16-0039
Violation: Property Maintenance

Invoice #: 16-0039-0426
Date: April 26, 2018

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QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
	Public Works		284.00
	Admin Fee		12.50
	Public Works		265.00
DATE HEARD BY CITY COUNCIL		03/30/2016	
TERMS: Due on receipt			
SUBTOTAL			561.50
TAX RATE			
SALES TAX			
SHIPPING & HANDLING			
TOTAL			561.50

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E. Discuss/Approve CVB Resolution

Jeff Turnage, the City's General Counsel distributed the CVB Resolution and apprised the Council of the changes. Council Member Gavin made a motion to approve the CVB Resolution. Council Member Taylor seconded the motion. After a thorough discussion, the Mayor called for a vote and recorded the votes as follows:

Council Member Taylor	Voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Council Member Mickens	Voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Council Member Box	Voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Council Member Gavin	Voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Council Member Jackson	Voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Council Member Jones	Voted:	<u>Yea</u>

THE RESOLUTION FOLLOWS:

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RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE SUPPORT OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI, FOR THE ENACTMENT BY THE MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE OF A LOCAL AND PRIVATE ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN EXISTING LOCAL AND PRIVATE LAWS RELATING TO THE COLUMBUS-LOWNDES CONVENTION AND VISITOR'S BUREAU AND AN EXTENSION OF THE REPEAL DATE OF THE TWO PERCENT (2%) TAX ON THE GROSS-RECEIPTS OF CERTAIN RESTAURANTS LOCATED WITHIN LOWNDES COUNTY AND THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI.

1. WHEREAS, the Columbus-Lowndes Convention and Visitors Bureau ("CVB") exists and operates through and under existing local and private legislation passed by the Mississippi Legislature, and

2. WHEREAS, unless amended, the existing tax will be repealed on July 1, 2018, and

3. WHEREAS, the CVB plays an important and critical role for the County and City of Columbus, Mississippi (the "City"), and the citizens thereof by, among other things, establishing, promoting and developing tourism, conventions, special events and recreation with the County and the City, and the funding of the CVB using the proceeds of the Existing Tax is necessary for the continued operation and success of the CVB, and

4. WHEREAS, the Governing Body has determined that the continued operation of the CVB is in the best interests of the County, the City and the citizens thereof, and an amendment to Section 3 of the Tax Authorization Bill to extend the repeal date of the Existing Tax set forth therein is necessary for such continued operation of the CVB and is in the best interests of the County, the City and the citizens thereof; and

5. WHEREAS, Chapter 953, Local and Private Laws of 2011 (the "CVB Authorization Bill" authorized, among other things, the CVB to disburse up to fifteen (15%) of the Existing Tax proceeds received thereby each year to the Golden Triangle Development LINK a 501(c)(6) non-profit corporation organized by the State of Mississippi for the purpose of, among other things, promoting community and economic development in the County and the City (the "LINK"), and

6. WHEREAS, the Governing Body has determined that it will be in the best interests of the County, the City and citizens thereof that the CVB Authorization Bill be amended by the Mississippi Legislature to provide, that, from the Existing Tax proceeds received by the CVB each year, the CVB provide to the LINK a fixed sum equal to Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) in lieu of fifteen percent (15%) of total Existing Tax proceeds currently authorized by the CVB Authorization Bill; provided that the LINK shall use such funds received from the CVB to promote community and economic development in the County and the City; and

7. WHEREAS, the Governing Body had determined it would be in the best interests of the County, the City and the citizens thereof, that the CVB Bill be amended to allow four (four) at-large members be appointed by the Mayor and the Columbus City Council, four (4) at-large members be appointed by the Lowndes County Board of Supervisors with one member being jointly appointed by the Mayor of Columbus, Mississippi and the President of the Lowndes County, Mississippi Board of Supervisors; and

8. WHEREAS, the Governing Body has determined that the Three Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$325,000.00) annual sales requirement should be amended such that all restaurants with annual sales in the amount of \$100,000.00 and above be required to collect, in addition to required sales tax, an additional two percent (2%) tax.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus approves this Resolution and request that the Mississippi Legislature enact local and private legislation consistent with the above amendments and authorizing collection of this tax for an additional ten (10) years.

Council Member _____ made a motion to adopt the Resolution. Said motion was seconded by Council Member _____ and after reading the Resolution in whole and in part, the Mayor asked for a vote on the Resolution and after discussion and deliberation the Mayor called for the vote of all Council Members then and there voting as follows:

Council Member Taylor	_____
Council Member Mickens	_____
Council Member Box	_____
Council Member Jackson	_____
Council Member Jones	_____
Council Member Gavin	_____

The Mayor announced the motion passed and pronounced it a duly adopted Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus, Mississippi, with a copy spread on the minutes of the Mayor and City Council.

WITNESS THE SIGNATURE OF THE UNDERSIGNED OFFICERS, on this the _____ day of May, 2018.

ROBERT E. SMITH, SR., MAYOR

SIGNATURE

ATTEST:

MILTON RAWLE, JR., SECRETARY/TREASURER

(S E A L)

F. Discuss/Approve Installation of Speed Hump on Shepherd Road

Kevin Stafford, with Neel-Schaffer, Inc. came forward and remarked that a study had been conducted of this area. Motorists cut through this neighborhood and exceed the speed limit, therefore, a Speed Hump is recommended. Council member Gavin made a motion to install a Speed Hump on Shepherd Road. Council Member Jackson 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 Mickens moved that the meeting be adjourned. Upon second by Council Member Box and unanimous vote, the Mayor announced that the meeting was ADJOURNED.

Approved by: _____
Robert E. Smith, Sr., Mayor

Milton Rawle, Jr.,
CFO- Secretary-Treasurer

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