

MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS AUGUST 15, 2018

The Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session on Wednesday, August 15, 2018 at 2:00 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, Police Chief, the General Counsel and the HR Director.

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 MEETING OF JULY 17, 2018.

Council Member Mickens made a motion to approve the Minutes for the Meeting of July 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 AUGUST 15, 2018.

Council Member Taylor made a motion to approve the Docket of Claims for August 15, 2018, in the amount of \$943,567.19. 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

POLICY AGENDA:

Delete Item "C".

Delete Item "D".

Council Member Taylor made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented, with amendments. Council Member Mickens 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 to refund one (1) citizen for Trotter Convention Center fees.
- B. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue Administrative Assistant to attend the "Emergency Services Administrative Professionals Committee Meeting" to be held in Flowood, MS, and approve payment for travel and meal expenses.
- C. Approve request for (1) Fire and Rescue Captain to attend "Engine Company Operations" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment for registration, travel and meal expenses.
- D. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue Chief of Training to attend the "MS Department of Health and the MS State Fire Academy" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment for travel and meal reimbursement.
- E. Approve request for one (1) Municipal Court Judge, the Drug Court Coordinator and Assistant to attend the "MADCP Annual Conference" to be held in Biloxi, MS, and approve payment for registration, lodging, travel and meal expenses.
- F. Accept letter of resignation from the CPD Assistant Chief, effective July 24, 2018, and authorize the HR Director to begin the normal recruitment process.
- G. Accept letter of resignation from one (1) CPD Officer, effective August 3, 2018.
- H. Accept letter of resignation from one (1) CPD Officer, effective August 7, 2018.
- I. Ratify permit request submitted by Ashlay Miller to host a "Community Block Party – Back to School Event" that was held on July 28, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at 320 – 11th Street North with 11th Street North between 3rd and 4th Avenue North blocked off.

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- J. Ratify permit request submitted by Steven C. Wallace on behalf of “Cars and Coffee” to host a “Car Show” that was held on July 21, 2018 from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. on August 18, 2018 and September 22, 2018, and approve request for the CPD to cruise the block of 2nd Street North between 2nd and 3rd Avenue North.
- K. Approve permit request submitted by Steven C. Wallace on behalf of “Cars and Coffee” to host a “Car Show” to be held from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. on August 18, 2018 and September 22, 2018, and approve request for the CPD to cruise the block of 2nd Street North between 2nd and 3rd Avenue North.
- L. Approve permit request submitted by Eric Collins on behalf of the “Kerr McGee Plaintiffs” for Justice to host a “Silent March for Kerr McGee Plaintiffs” to be held on August 20, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on 14th Avenue North, and block of 14th Avenue North between Waterworks Road and Military Road.
- M. Approve permit request submitted by Gloria Herriott on behalf of Hollyhocks to host the “Stella Shouting Contest” to be held September 7, 2018 from 4:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. at 204 – 5th Street South and block ½ block of 5th Street South, south of College Street in front of Hollyhocks and WCBI-TV.
- N. Ratify permit request to send two (2) CPD Officers to the North Mississippi Law Enforcement Training Center in Tupelo, MS, and approve the tuition and clothing required by the academy. The clothing allowance is not to exceed \$350.00 per officer.
- O. Approve request for one (1) CPD Corporal to attend the “First Line Leadership and Management Skills Training Seminar” to be held in Birmingham, AL, and approve payment of registration fees, lodging, travel and meal expenses.
- P. Approve request for one (1) CPD Investigator to attend the “Internal Affairs Conference and Certification” to be held in Gatlinburg, TN, and approve payment for registration, lodging, travel and meal expenses.
- Q. Approve request for one (1) CPD Investigator to attend the “Drug Identification and Recognition Training Seminar” to be held in Choctaw, MS, and approve payment for lodging, travel and meal expenses.
- R. Approve request for one (1) CPD Officer to attend the “Death and Homicide Investigation Seminar” to be held in Bossier City, LA, and approve payment for registration, lodging, travel and meal expenses.

- S. Approve request for one (1) Forensic Scientist Trainee to attend the “Essentials of Latent Print Examination Seminar” to be held in Omaha, NE, and approve payment for registration, lodging, travel and meal expenses.
- T. Approve request for the CID Secretary and one (1) Records Clerk to attend the “NCIC Terminal Agency Coordinator Certification Training” to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment for lodging, travel and meal expenses.
- U. Approve request to the Mayor to attend the “48th Annual Legislative Conference” to be held in Washington, DC, and approve payment for registration, lodging, travel and meal expenses.
- V. Approve request for the Mayor to attend the “MML Fall Board of Directors Meeting” to be held in Tupelo, MS, and approve payment for 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.

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

A. General Comments from the Mayor and Council Members

B. Swearing in of one (1) Fire and Rescue Firefighter

Completed August 7, 2018.

C. Presentation of Commendation to three (3) CID Investigators

Completed August 7, 2018.

D. Board Vacancies

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

- 1 vacancy, 4-Year Term
- Rita Felton’s term will expire 8/05/2018.

- Appointment will be made August 7, 2018.

APPLICANTS:

- Rita Felton
- Barbara Brandon

Council Member Gavin made a motion to reappoint Rita Felton to the Civil Service Commission for a 4-Year Term, until August 5, 2022. Council Member Box seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

COLUMBUS HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

- 1 vacancy, Unexpired 4-Year Term
- Carolyn B. Kaye resigned July 24, 2018
- Term will expire 9/20/2020
- Appointment will be made September 4, 2018.

APPLICANTS:

- Kenny Frye
- Kristi DiClemente

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD

- 2 vacancies
- Marthalia Porter's 2-Year Term will expire 9/1/2018
- Robert Rhett's 4-Year Term will expire 9/1/2018.
- Term will expire 9/20/2020
- Appointment will be made September 4, 2018.
- No applicants at this time

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT & APPEALS OF DEVELOPMENT CODES

- 1 vacancy, 2-Year Term (Electrical Engineer or Contractor)
- Ralph McLain's term will expire 9/21/2018
- Appointment will be made September 18, 2018.
- No applicants at this time

COLUMBUS/LOWNDES LIBRARY BOARD

- 1 vacancy, 5-Year Term
- Michael James' term will expire 9/30/18.
- Appointment will be made September 18, 2018.

- No applicants at this time

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA:

CHRIS CHAIN – Retail Development

Chris Chain came before the Mayor and City Council to discuss Retail Development in Columbus. He remarked that Columbus certainly needs to focus on retail development for many reasons. Mayor Smith thanked Mr. Chain for the contributions made to the downtown area.

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

A. Discuss/Approve hiring of two (2) Entry-Level Firefighters, pending a successful completion of pre-employment drug screen and medical examination.

Council Member Taylor made a motion to hire Joseph R. Cook and Caleb R. West as Entry-Level Firefighters, contingent on successful completion Of a pre-employment medical exam and drug Screen. Council member Gavin seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

B. Discuss/Approve promotion of one (1) Public Works Laborer to Crew Leader.

Council Member Taylor made a motion to approve the request to promote Klaus Gore to the position of Crew Leader at \$10.50 per hour. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

C. DELETED

D. DELETED

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IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Personnel Matters (2)