

MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS DECEMBER 18, 2018

The Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, December 18, 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 all other Department Heads.

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 DECEMBER 4, 2018.

Council Member Taylor made a motion to approve the Minutes for the Meeting of December 4, 2018. Council Member Mickens seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.
The motion carried.

III. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS FOR DECEMBER 18, 2018.

Council Member Mickens made a motion to approve the Docket of Claims for December 18, 2018 in the amount of \$1,616,529.43. Council Member Taylor seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion, with the exception of Council Member Jones, who opposed.

The motion carried 5/1.

IV. CONFIRMATION OF/OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Change Item "B" to eight (8) clean-up deposits.

Add Item "F" – Accept letter of resignation from Fire and Rescue Department personnel Robert Tyler Moore.

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION:

Add Sheri Lipsey as an applicant to the City Planning Commission.

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CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA:

Add Brandy Gardner – Mayor’s Youth Council Presentation.

POLICY AGENDA:

Add Item “I” – *Discuss/Approve New FBO Agreement for Columbus-Lowndes County Airport.*

Add Item “J” – *Discuss/Approve authorization of Chief LPA Official to request activation of the Main Street at 2nd Street Transportation Improvement Project.*

Add Item “K” - *Discuss/Approve Preliminary Engineering Design Contract for the Main Street at 2nd Street Transportation Improvement Project.*

Add Item “L” – *Discuss City’s Credit Card Policy.*

Council Member Gavin 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.

V. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approve request to refund citizen Brenda Dale the sum of \$750.00 for Trotter rental Fees.
- B. Approve request to refund citizens: Dwana Hinton, Chelsey Colvin, Makela Hamilton, and New Beginning FGBC the sum of \$150.00 each for one (1) full rental refund and **eight (8)** cleanup deposits.
- C. Approve request for CPD Investigator, Kelvin Burdine, to attend “Cell Phone Investigations Training” to be held in Tupelo, MS, and approve payment of \$295.00 for registration fees.
- D. Approve request to apply for a notary commission for the CID Administrative Assistant and to purchase necessary supplies.
- E. Approve request for CPD Investigator, Reginald Adams, to attend an “Instructor Development Workshop” to be held in Anniston, Alabama, and approve reimbursement for meal expenses.
- F. Accept letter of resignation from Fire and Rescue Firefighter, Robert T. Moore, effective December 29, 2018.

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Council Member Taylor made a motion to approve the Consent 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.

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

A. General Comments from the Mayor and Council Members

Mayor Smith made the following announcements/observations:

The Ceremony Dedicating a portion of Mississippi Highway 182 Lowndes County as the Representative Esther M. Harrison Memorial Highway will be held December 19, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Smith wished all citizens a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

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

- Donald Buckner

Mayor Smith read the Oath of Office and swore in Donald Buckner as he recited the Oath. The Fire and Rescue Command Staff were also present.

C. Monthly Report from the Columbus Fire & Rescue Department for November 2018.

The Monthly Report from the Columbus Fire and Rescue Department for November 2018 was presented. Council Member Gavin questioned Chief Andrews about the F & R Budget, to include overtime and annual physicals. Chief Andrews came forward and discussed measures that he has implemented to reduce the Fire and Rescue's overtime cost. No further action was taken.

D. Monthly Report from the Municipal Court Division for November 2018

The Monthly Report for the Municipal Court Division for November 2018 was presented. No action was taken.

E. Monthly Report from the Public Works Department for November 2018

The Monthly Report from the Public Works Department for November 2018 was presented. No action was taken.

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F. Monthly Report from the City Planning and Community Development Department for November 2018

The Monthly Report from the City Planning and Community Development Department for November 2018 was presented. No action was taken.

G. Monthly Report from the Code Enforcement Division for November 2018

The Monthly Report from the Code Enforcement Division for November 2018 was presented. No action was taken.

H. Monthly Report from the Columbus Recreation Department for November 2018

The Monthly Report from the Columbus Recreation Department for November 2018 was presented. No action was taken.

I. Monthly Report from the Columbus Police Department for November 2018

The Monthly Report from the Columbus Police Department for November 2018 was presented. Chief Shelton was asked to come forward and was questioned about the Police Department's overtime budget. Chief Shelton offered an explanation, stating that he was asked to provide police protection at special events, which contributes to overtime. No further action was taken. Council Member Mickens asked if businesses can contribute to some of the cost.

J. Monthly Report from the Building Inspection Department for November 2018

The Monthly Report from the Building Inspection Department for November 2018 was presented. No action was taken.

K. Monthly Financial Report

Milton Rawle Jr. distributed the Monthly Financial Report and remarked that sales taxes increased by \$10,352.59, compared to the same time last year. Mr. Rawle, Jr. also discussed the General Fund balance, the difference between the Revenue and Expenses and explained the difference in some of the department budgets. No further action was taken.

L. Board Vacancies

David Armstrong, COO, announced vacancies on various boards and remarked that some appointments can be made tonight.

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CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

- 1 Vacancy, 3-Year Term, Expired 12/1/2018.
- Jason Bigelow is not seeking reappointment.
- Appointment can be made immediately.

APPLICANT

- **Sheri Lipsey**

Council Member Taylor made a motion to appoint Sheri Lipsey to the City Planning Commission Board for a 3-Year Term, until 12/1/2021. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT & APPEALS OF DEVELOPMENT CODES

- 1 Vacancy, Joey Henderson's 4-Year Term Expires 12/16/2018 (Registered Design Professional w/Architectural or Structural Experience).
- 1 Vacancy, 5-Year Unexpired Term Expires 4/7/2020 (Registered Architect or Builder). Major Andrews IV resigned due to change of address.
- 1 Vacancy, Mike Gibson's 1-Year Term Expires 12/19/2018 (Fire Protection Engineer or Contractor).
- Appointments can be made December 18, 2018.
- No applicants at this time

TREE BOARD

- 2 Vacancies
- Kerry Pittman's and Barbara Bigelow's 3-Year Terms Expire 12/15/2018.
- Appointments will be made December 18, 2018.

APPLICANT

- Barbara Bigelow

Council Member Box made a motion to reappoint Barbara Bigelow to the Tree Board for a 3-Year term, until December 15, 2021. Council Member Gavin seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

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The motion carried.

GT REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT

- 1 Vacancy, Julie Goodin's 4-Year Term Expires 12/31/2018.
- Appointment will be made December 18, 2018.

APPLICANT

- Julie Goodin

Council Member Taylor made a motion to reappoint Julie Goodin to the Golden Triangle Regional Waste Management Board for a 4-Year Term, until December 31, 2022. Council Member Gavin seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA:

Brandy Gardner – Mayor's Youth Council Presentation

Brandy Gardner, Mayor's Youth Council Coordinator, came forward and presented the 2018-2019 Mayor's Youth Council. Each member made an introduction and apprised the Mayor and Council of events they participated in during the year. The Mayor's Youth Council, made up of 53 area high students, ended their presentation by stating how the organization has impacted their lives and thanked the Mayor and City Council for the opportunity to serve.

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

A. Discuss/Approve promotion of a Firefighter to Engineer.

Council Member Jones made a motion to promote Firefighter Joseph Denton to the position of Fire Engineer with a rate increase to \$12.48 per hour, effective immediately. Council Member Taylor seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

B. Discuss/Approve promotion of one (1) F & R Engineer to Captain.

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Council Member Jones made a motion to promote Firefighter Marco Rodriguez to the position of Fire Captain at a rate of \$14.83 per hour, effective immediately. Council Member Mickens seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

C. Discuss/Approve hiring two (2) Entry Level Firefighters, contingent upon a successful drug screen and pre-employment physical.

Council Member Taylor made a motion to hire **COLBY BRANTLEY** and **JOSHUA CONNORS** as entry-level Firefighters, contingent on successful completion of a pre-employment medical exam and drug screen. Council Member Box seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

D. Discuss/Approve adoption of Section 3 Action Plan.

Council Member Gavin made a motion to approve the Resolution Adopting the Section 3 Action Plan. Said motion was seconded by Council Member Taylor.

The Mayor then recorded the votes 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>
Council Member Gavin	voted: <u>YES</u>

Having received a majority vote, the Mayor declared that the Resolution passed as set forth above and was so Resolved and Ordered by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus, Mississippi on this the 18th day of December, 2018.

THE RESOLUTION FOLLOWS:

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VIII.D

ATTACHMENT A
SECTION 3 ACTION PLAN

The City of Columbus agrees to develop local procedures designed to implement the following steps to increase opportunities for training and employment for lower income residents of the Section 3 covered area, and increase the utilization of business concerns within the Section 3 covered area or owned by Section 3 area residents.

A. To identify projected employment, training and contracting opportunities as the recipient of federal funds and to facilitate the training and employment of Section 3 residents and contracting with Section 3 businesses.

B. To recruit Section 3 residents for available opportunities through: local advertising media; posted signs; community organizations and public and private institutions operating within or serving the project area.

C. To identify eligible business concerns for federal funded contracts through: the Chamber of Commerce, business associations, and local advertising media including newspapers; public signage; citizen advisory boards; and all other appropriate referral sources.

D. To maintain a list of eligible business concerns for utilization in federally funded procurements, to notify appropriate project area business concerns of pending contractual opportunities, and to make available this list for procurement needs.

E. To include Section 3 information in procurement solicitations, incorporate Section 3 clauses in contractual documents, and review Section 3 information at the preconstruction conference and then monitor contractor compliance.

F. To maintain records, including copies of correspondence, memoranda, reports, contracts, etc., which document that the above action steps have been taken and any barriers encountered. To submit reports on accomplishments as required.

G. To designate the Office of Planning & Community Development to coordinate implementation of this Section 3 Plan.

H. To the extent feasible, additional affirmative steps will be taken to encourage and utilize Section 3 residents and businesses and to reach employment, training and contracting goals.

As the chief local official, I have read and fully agree to this Section 3 Action Plan and agree to actively pursue full implementation of this program.

Robert E. Smith, Sr.
Mayor

Date

CITY OF COLUMBUS
SECTION 3 PLAN RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus, Mississippi, submitted a 2018 HOME application and was awarded funding from the Mississippi Home Corporation. The City of Columbus is required by the Mississippi Home Corporation and Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 to adopt a Section 3 Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Section 3 Plan is intended to ensure, to the greatest extent feasible, that training and employment opportunities generated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the City of Columbus to implement its HOME project in accordance with all program regulations including the said Section 3 requirements.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Columbus adopts the HOME Section 3 Plan which is attached hereto as "Attachment A" and made a part hereof.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION as moved by Council Member _____, seconded by Council Member _____, and the vote to adopt was as follows:

Council Member	AYE	NAY
Ward I – Gene Taylor		
Ward 2 – Joseph Mickens, Sr.		
Ward 3 – Charlie Box		
Ward 4 – Fredrick Jackson		
Ward 5 – Stephen Jones		
Ward 6 – Bill Gavin		

ADOPTED, this 18th day of December, 2018.

ROBERT E. SMITH, SR.,
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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E. Discuss/Approve hiring five (5) CPD Officers, contingent upon a successful drug screen and pre-employment physical.

Council Member Mickens made a motion to hire five (5) Entry-Level Police Officers: **NICHOLAS HAIRSTON, RACHEL MCCORD, MECCA SULLIVAN-SHABAZZ, QUARTEZ TEMPLE AND JOSEPH WILLIAMS**, contingent on successful completion of a pre-employment medical exam and drug screen. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

F. Discuss/Approve Derelict Property Docket.

Maxie Junction, LLC
808 9th Avenue South

Case Number 18-0392 Structure/Property Maintenance Code

The General Counsel called cause number **18-0392**. No one appeared. Code Enforcement Officer Tomarris Jones stated the property was in such a state of uncleanliness as to be a menace to the public under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code and asked the Mayor and Council to adjudicate the property as such and that an Order be entered to such effect, requested **immediate abatement** and that an Order be issued for the property. Council Member Taylor made a motion in accordance with Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code, and for an Order stating the City may remove dilapidated buildings or dilapidated fences up to six (6) more times in the twelve (12) month period immediately following the Order and cutting grass and weeds and removing rubbish, personal property and other debris no more than twelve (12) times in a twenty-four (24) month period immediately following the Order, with further notice to the owner as required by law. Costs are to be assessed as allowed under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code. Council Member Gavin seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

G. Discuss/Approve Cooperation Agreement Among the City, Lowndes County and the CVB and the Joint Resolution Approving Same.

Council Member Taylor made a motion to approve the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement by and between The City of Columbus, and The County of Lowndes, Mississippi on the One Hand and the Columbus Lowndes Convention

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and Visitors Bureau on the Other Hand. Council Member Gavin seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The Motion carried.

THE AGREEMENT FOLLOWS:

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**INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN
THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, AND THE COUNTY OF LOWNDES, MISSISSIPPI
ON THE ONE HAND AND THE COLUMBUS LOWNDES CONVENTION AND
VISITORS BUREAU ON THE OTHER HAND**

This Agreement is made and entered into this date by and between the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus, Mississippi ("City") and Lowndes County Mississippi ("County") on the one hand and the Columbus Lowndes Convention and Visitors Bureau on the other hand.

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 December ____, 2018, and did unanimously adopt a resolution authorizing the adoption and delivery of this Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of Columbus, Mississippi and the Columbus Lowndes Convention and Visitors Bureau, Columbus Mississippi and

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Supervisors of Lowndes County, Mississippi, acting for and on behalf of Lowndes County Mississippi adopted a resolution at a lawfully called meeting duly convened on December ____, 2018, and did unanimously adopt a resolution authorizing the adoption and delivery of this Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Lowndes County, Mississippi and the Columbus Lowndes Convention and Visitors Bureau, Columbus, Mississippi; 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 lawfully called meeting duly convened on December ____, 2018, and did unanimously adopt a resolution authorizing the adoption and delivery of this Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Columbus, Mississippi and Lowndes County Mississippi, on the one hand and and the Columbus Lowndes Convention and Visitors Bureau on the other hand (collectively the "Parties");

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 after passage of same during the Regular Session of the 2019 Mississippi Legislature, 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 it is to the benefit of the Parties to take cooperative action to support certain special events and festivals in the City and the County which have grown and become popular in the region as major tourism events.

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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 and supporting specified special events in the City and the County with the ultimate goal of increasing tourism revenue and enhancing quality of life for the citizens of Columbus and visitors thereof and to advertise and bring into favorable notice the opportunities, possibilities and resources of the City and the County leading up to and including when such events take place as authorized by Section 17-3-1 of the Mississippi Code.

III. CITATION OF AUTHORITY

The City of Columbus is authorized to exercise powers pursuant to Section 21-17-1 of the Mississippi Code. Lowndes County 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, county and local tourism commissions and defines the "Governing Authority" to include the governing board of any city, the board of supervisors of any county 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

The CVB agrees, for the duration of this Agreement and upon request to the City by the entity hosting the special events and festivals identified in Article II hereinabove, in Columbus, to remit annually to the City for purposes of advertising municipal resources at such festivals where the hosting entity shall be required to promote, advertise and bring into favorable notice the opportunities, possibilities and resources of the City, as specified by the City in the following amounts:

- Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) for each of the following events: Juneteenth Festival, Southside Townsend Park Blues Festival, Seventh Avenue Heritage Festival and Market Street Festival, for a total of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) per year. Said sums will be payable by the CVB to the City within thirty (30) calendar days after the City notifies the CVB that the hosting entity has requested funds for such event and the City shall thereafter expend such funds as authorized by law, including as authorized under Section 17-3-1 of the Mississippi Code.

- The CVB agrees, for the duration of this Agreement, that it shall provide annual funding in the amount of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) per year to those entities hosting such special events and festivals designated and approved by the County Board of Supervisors as events that will promote increased tourism and visitation to Lowndes County.

**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 may contribute to the cooperative undertaking as specified above and may contribute additional funds in furtherance of the purposes of this Agreement for special events and festivals within the City, as noted in Article II herein as needed and as municipal funds are available. 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 Parties, this Agreement may be terminated only upon the joint approval of the City, the County and the CVB. Once terminated, all the property of the City shall remain that of the City. The Parties shall not purchase any jointly owned property, so upon termination of this Agreement, each Party shall continue to 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

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. Any jointly owned surplus personal property of any party shall be disposed of in accordance with law and the proceeds 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.

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 _____ day of December, 2018 for the CVB, and as of the _____ day of December, 2018 for the City, and as of the _____ day of December, 2018 for the County.

CITY OF COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI

ROBERT E. SMITH, SR., MAYOR

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ATTEST:

MILTON RAWLE, JR., SECRETARY/TREASURER

(S E A L)

LOWNDES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

HARRY SANDERS, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

LISA YOUNGER NEESE, CHANCERY CLERK

(S E A L)

COLUMBUS LOWNDES CONVENTION AND
VISITORS BUREAU

DeWitt T. Hicks, Chairman

ATTEST:

(S E A L)

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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 ____ day of DECEMBER, 2018.

NOTARY PUBLIC

(SEAL)

My Commission Expires:

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 HARRY SANDERS, who acknowledged that he is the PRESIDENT of the LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, and attested by LISA YOUNGER NEESE, who acknowledged that she is the CHANCERY CLERK OF LOWNDES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, and that for and on behalf of the said COUNTY, 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 Board of Supervisors so to do.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL on this the ____ day of DECEMBER, 2018.

NOTARY PUBLIC

(SEAL)

My Commission Expires:

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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 DeWitt T. Hicks, who acknowledged that he is the Chairman of the Columbus Lowndes Convention and Visitors Bureau, Columbus Mississippi, and attested by _____, who acknowledged that he/she is the _____ 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 Bureau so to do.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL on this the ____ day of DECEMBER, 2018.

NOTARY PUBLIC

(SEAL)

My Commission Expires:

**JOINT RESOLUTION APPROVING INTERLOCAL
COOPERATION AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus, Mississippi ("City") and the Board of Supervisors of Lowndes County Mississippi ("County") 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 promote the health, safety, welfare, happiness and quality of life within the City, and the County; and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to enter into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement to provide for a cooperative undertaking to advance tourism and special events, as more specifically provided in the attached Interlocal Cooperation Agreement;

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, Harry Sanders, President of the Board of Supervisors of Lowndes County 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 City, the County and the CVB, 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 that a copy of the same be forwarded to the Chancery Clerk of Lowndes County Mississippi and filed in accordance with §17-13-1 et seq.

SO RESOLVED, this the _____ day of _____, 2018.

CITY OF COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI

By: _____
ROBERT E. SMITH, SR., MAYOR

ATTEST:

MILTON RAWLE, JR., SECRETARY/TREASURER

AND BY:

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOWNDES
COUNTY MISSISSIPPI

BY: _____
Harry Sanders, President

ATTEST:

Lisa Younger Neese, Chancery Clerk

AND BY:

COLUMBUS LOWNDES CONVENTION AND
VISITOR'S BUREAU

BY: _____
DeWitt Hicks, Chairman

ATTEST:

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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 ____ day of _____, 2018, as the same appears of record in the official minutes of record in my office.

This ____ day of _____, 2018.

MILTON RAWLE, JR.
CITY SECRETARY/TREASURER

CHANCERY CLERK'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 LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, in a regular meeting assembled on this the ____ day of _____, 2018, as the same appears of record in the official minutes of record in my office.

This ____ day of _____, 2018.

LISA YOUNGER NEESE
CHANCERY CLERK

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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 Columbus Lowndes Convention and Visitor’s Bureau, City of Columbus, Mississippi, in a regular meeting assembled on this the ____ day of _____, 2018, as the same appears of record in the official minutes of record in my office.

This ____ day of _____, 2018.

CVB SECRETARY/TREASURER

H. Discuss/Approve City Property and Casualty Insurance Renewal.

Pat Mitchell reported that the City's Insurance Committee met with Mr. Eddie Mauck, dba as Hopkins Insurance, and discussed the Property, Auto, General, Law Enforcement Liability, Public Officials Management Liability and Employment Practices Liability, and recommends renewing at a \$29,617.00 decrease in cost. Council Member Box made a motion to renew The City's Property, Auto, General, Law Enforcement Liability, Public Officials Management Liability and Employment Practices Liability at an estimated cost of \$390,269.00, effective December 31, 2018 – December 31, 2019. Council Member Mickens seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

I. Discuss/Approve New FBO Agreement for Columbus-Lowndes County Airport.

David Armstrong, COO, requested approval of the New FBO Agreement for Columbus-Lowndes County Airport and introduced the New FBO, Jared Rabren. The Agreement terms begins January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2024 at an amount of \$48,000.00 annually. Council Member Box made a motion to approve the New FBO Agreement for Columbus-Lowndes County Airport for a five (5) year term, January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2024, and appoint Jared Rabren as FBO at \$48,000.00 annually. Council Member Box seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion passed.

J. Discuss/Approve authorization of Chief LPA Official to request activation of the Main Street at 2nd Street Transportation Improvement Project.

Kevin Stafford, with Neel-Schaffer, Inc., came forward and requested approval of authorization of Chief LPA Official to activate the Main Street at 2nd Street Transportation Improvement Project (Round About on 2nd Street). Council Member Gavin made a motion to accept the Grant, approve authorization of Chief LPA Official to activate the Main Street at 2nd Street Transportation Improvement Project, authorize Mayor Smith to sign pertinent documents and assign David Armstrong as Project Director and Project Manager. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

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All Council Member voted in favor the motion.

The motion carried.

K. Discuss/Approve Preliminary Engineering Design Contract for the Main Street at 2nd Street Transportation Improvement Project.

Kevin Stafford requested approval of the Preliminary Engineering Design for the Main Street at 2nd Street Transportation Improvement Project and contract with Neel-Schaffer, Inc. for the design services not-to-exceed \$88,500.00. Council Member Gavin made a motion to approve the Preliminary Preliminary Engineering Design for the Main Street at 2nd Street Transportation Improvement Project and contract with Neel-Schaffer, Inc. for the design services not-to-exceed \$88,500.00. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

All Council members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

L. Discuss City Credit Cards

Council Member Jones added a request to discuss the City's Credit Cards. He remarked that he requested a list of credit cards users and was given a list with Department Heads names on the list that are no longer employed with the City. CFO, Milton Rawle, Jr. remarked that those individuals do not possess the cards, but the numbers remain the same. Councilman Jones requested that the City freeze Credit Cards usage for six (6) months until we can get a better handle on them. Mayor Smith then remarked that, since we are discussing freezing purchases, let's discuss LED lights and Speed Humps. These requests are made by Council Members and are not budgeted Items. Following a lengthy discussion of these matters, Council Member Mickens made a motion to freeze spending on everything for six (6) that has not been approved prior to now. Council Member Box seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried with a 4/2 vote.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There are no executive session matters to come before the Mayor and Council.

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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 Jackson 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

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

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