

# MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS JANUARY 15, 2019

The Mayor and City Council met in Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 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 Smith called the meeting to order and called upon Apostle Maxine Hall, Pastor of Full Gospel M. B. Church to offer the Invocation.

## **II. APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE MEETINGS OF DECEMBER 27, 2018, JANUARY 2 and 11, 2019.**

Council Member Gavin made a motion to approve the Minutes for the Meetings of December 27, 2018 and January 2 and 11, 2019. Council Member Taylor seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

## **III. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS FOR JANUARY 15, 2019.**

Council Member Taylor made a motion to approve the Docket of Claims for January 15, 2019 in the amount of \$874,972.70. Council Member Box seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

## **IV. CONFIRMATION OF/OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Add Item "I" – *Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue Captain to attend the "Drone Pilot License Class" to be held in Gulfport, MS, and approve payment for travel and meal expenses.*

Add Item "J" – *Approve request to refund citizens for seven (7) sports refunds and four (4) clean-up deposits.*

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**REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:**

Add Joey Henderson as an applicant to the Board of Adjustment & Appeals of Development Codes.

**POLICY AGENDA:**

Delete Item "A" –

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.

**V. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Approve request to refund Raymond Glispie the sum of \$375.00 and Leigh Ann Taylor the sum of \$370.00 for cancellation of Trotter Convention Center rental.
- B. Approve request for Fire and Rescue Administrative Assistant, Tabitha Barham, to attend the "MEMA Training Seminar" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of \$50.00 for travel and reimbursement for meal expenses.
- C. Approve request for one Fire and Rescue Engineer to attend "Fire Officer Training," to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of \$615.00 for registration, \$75.00 for travel and reimbursement for meal expenses.
- D. Approve request for Columbus Recreation Department Personnel, Greg Lewis and Chanda Williams to attend the "MSA State Soccer Meeting" to be held in Biloxi, MS, and approve payment of \$25.00 for registration, \$258.00 for lodging, \$297.89 for travel and reimbursement for meal expenses.
- E. Approve request for Columbus Recreation Department Personnel, Billy Craig, to attend the "State Youth Baseball Meeting" to be held in Grenada, MS, and approve payment of \$124.47 for travel and reimbursement for meal expenses.
- F. Approve request for CPD Chief, Fred Shelton, to attend the "Federal Equitable Sharing Training" to be held in Birmingham, AL, and approve payment for travel and meal expenses.
- G. Approve permit request submitted by Jason Trufant, on behalf of MUW, to host a "Rise and Shine 5K" to be held on February 2, 2019 from 8:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. See attached map.
- H. Approve request for Mayor Smith to meet with State Legislators to discuss funding for City infrastructure and projects and approve payment for \$129.00 for lodging, \$51.00 for travel and meal expenses.
- I. Approve request for Fire and Rescue Captain, Wes Mims, to attend the "Drone Pilot License Class" to be held in Gulfport, MS, and approve payment of \$75.00 for travel and reimbursement for meal expenses.

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- J. Approve request to refund citizens: Jessica Brock, Mary Weatherby, Demora Burgin, Teneka Jones, Shakymya Moody, Ebony Hopkins, and Tomarris Jones the sum of \$30.00 each for sports refunds and Alicia Roby, Chanta Sherrod, Martha Leech and Daphne James the sum of \$150.00 for clean-up deposits.

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

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

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

Mayor Smith announced that Martin Luther King, Jr. Day services will be held at the Trotter Convention Center on Monday, January 21, 2019, beginning at 8:00 a.m. and invited the public to attend.

**B. Monthly Report from the Columbus Fire & Rescue Department for December 2018**

The Monthly Report from the Columbus Fire & Rescue Department for December 2018 was presented. No action was taken.

**C. Monthly Report from the Municipal Court Division for December 2018**

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

**D. Monthly Report from the Public Works Department for December 2018**

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

**E. Monthly Report from the City Planning and Community Development Department for December 2018**

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

**F. Monthly Report from the Code Enforcement Division for December 2018**

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

**G. Monthly Report from the Columbus Recreation Department for December 2018**

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

**H. Monthly Report from the Columbus Police Department for December 2018**

The Monthly Report from the Columbus Police Department for December 2018 was presented. No action was taken.

**I. Monthly Report from the Building Inspection Department for December 2018**

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

**J. Monthly Financial Report**

Milton Rawle, Jr. reported that the sales taxes for January 2019 increased by \$10,152.93 compared to the same time the previous year. He also reported that \$50,000 was transferred to the General Fund, year-to-date; Police Department has used 36% of its overtime budget, Fire Department has used 43% of its overtime budget, Code Enforcement purchased uniforms, and Convention Center has spent \$53,613.18, \$50,000.00 was spent on the privacy wall.

**K. Board Vacancies:**

David Armstrong announced that the Board of Adjustment & Appeals of Development Codes has one (1) vacancy that can be filled tonight.

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT & APPEALS OF DEVELOPMENT CODES**

- 1 Vacancy, Joey Henderson's 4-Year Term Expired 12/16/2018 (Registered Design Professional w/Architectural or Structural Experience).
- Appointment can be made immediately.

**APPLICANT**

- **Joey Henderson**

Council Member Gavin made a motion to reappoint Joey Henderson to the Board of Adjustment & Appeals of Development Codes for a 4-Year Term, until December 16, 2022. Council Member Mickens seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

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The motion carried.

**VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA:**

No one signed up for the Citizens Input Agenda.

**VIII. POLICY AGENDA:**

~~A. Discuss/Approve Proposal for Streetlight Replacements and Energy Costs Savings. DELETED~~

**B. Discuss/Approve permission request to award the CLCA North & South Apron Tie Down Replacement project to the lowest bidder, contingent upon the Columbus-Lowndes County Airport Board's approval.**

Kevin Stafford, with Neel-Schaffer, Inc., came forward and remarked that the advertisement for bids for the Columbus/Lowndes County Airport North and South Apron Tie Down Replacement project is complete. Six (6) bids were received and have been reviewed. He recommends awarding the base bid and additive alternates to Byrum Construction Company in the amount of \$57,350.25. The engineering contract for engineering design, construction administration, and grant administration is \$13,200.00 for a total cost of \$70,550.25.

Council Member Taylor made a motion to award the Columbus/Lowndes County Airport North & South Apron Tie-Down Replacement Project base bid, plus additive alternates to Byrum Construction Company, the lowest bidder, in the amount of \$57,350.25. The engineering contract for engineering design, construction administration, and grant administration of \$13,200.00 for a total cost of \$70,550.25. The City and County portion is \$352.75 each. Council Member Gavin seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

There were no Executive Session matters to come before the Mayor and Council at this meeting.

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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 Taylor moved that the meeting be adjourned. Upon second by Council Member Jackson and unanimous vote, the Mayor announced that the meeting was ADJOURNED.

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Robert E. Smith, Sr., Mayor**

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

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