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MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS March 3, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

II. APPROVE MINUTES FOR PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

- A. MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 18, 2020

III. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

- A. [DOCKET OF CLAIMS FOR MARCH 3, 2020](#)

IV. CONFIRMATION OF/OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- M. Andrews** A. [Approve request for one \(1\) Fire and Rescue Engineer to attend the "2020 National Network of Canine Detection Services Seminar and Testing" to be held in Holly Springs, MS, and approve payment of registration, travel, and meal expenses.](#)
- M. Andrews** B. [Approve request for one \(3\) Fire and Rescue Firefighters to attend the "NFPA 1001-I-II Firefighter Certification" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, travel, and meal expenses.](#)
- M. Andrews** C. [Approve request for one \(1\) Fire and Rescue Chief of Training to attend the "MS EMT License Certification/CEU Updates" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of fuel.](#)
- F. Shelton** D. Accept letter of resignation from one (1) CPD Officer, effective February 27, 2020, and approve compensation for any unused vacation leave and unused sick leave.
- W. Blunt** E. [Approve the request for Municipal Court Clerk to attend the "Planning Meeting of The Mississippi Municipal Court Clerks 2020 Summer Conference" to be held in Biloxi, MS, at no cost to the City.](#)

- R. Bonner** F. [Approve request to refund one \(1\) citizen for Trotter rental fees.](#)
- C. Bush** G. Accept letter of retirement from one (1) Public Works employee, effective March 3, 2020, and authorize the HR Director to begin the normal recruitment process.
- F. Shelton** H. [Approve request for the Director of Training and a CPD Sergeant to attend the "East Mississippi Community College Job Fair" to be held in Mayhew, MS, at no cost to the City.](#)
- F. Shelton** I. [Approve request for one \(1\) CPD Officer to attend the "Patrol Officers Response to Street Drugs" to be held in Meridian, MS, at no cost to the City.](#)
- F. Shelton** J. [Approve permit request submitted by Nancy Carpenter, on behalf of Columbus Cultural Heritage Foundation to host "The W/Pilgrimage 5K Run" to be held on April 4, 2020 from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. See attached map.](#)
- F. Shelton** K. [Approve permit request submitted by Glenn Lautzenhiser, on behalf of Christian Community in Prayer, to host the "National Day of Prayer" to be held on May 7, 2020 from 12:00 noon until 1:00 p.m. in front of the Lowndes County Courthouse, blocking Second Avenue North in front of the Courthouse from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.](#)

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

- R. Smith** A. General Comments from the Mayor and Council Members
- F. Shelton** B. [Presentation of Commendation to CPD Officer Kevin McCrary](#)
- G. Lewis** C. Presentation of Awards to two (2) Columbus Recreation Department Participants
- Annie Barry
 - Sallie Gray
- D. Armstrong** D. [Board Vacancies](#)

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT & APPEALS

- 2 Vacancies, 3-Year Terms for Chris Chain and Rob Graham Expire 2/21/2020.
- Appointments will be made March 3, 2020.

APPLICANTS

- Chris Chain
- Rob Graham

CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

- 2 Vacancies, 3-Year Terms for Whirlie Byrd and Nadia Colom Expire 3/1/2020.
- Appointments for the 3-Year Terms will be made March 3, 2020.
- 1 Vacancy to fill the remainder of the 4-Year Unexpired Term for Maj. Gen. Thomas Moore. This Term will Expire 10/1/2022.
- Maj. Gen. Moore resigned on 1/27/2020 as the CVB Joint Appointee by the Mayor and President of the Board of Supervisors.

APPLICANTS

- Whirlie Byrd
- Quinn Brislin
- Melodie Cunningham
- Richard "Sonic" Johnson

COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

- 1 Vacancy, 5-Year Term for Telisa Clay Young Expires 3/3/2020.
- Appointment will be made March 3, 2020.

APPLICANT

- Telisa Clay Young

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT & APPEAL OF DEVELOPMENT CODES

- 1 Vacancy, 1-Year Term for Kevin Stafford Expires 3/6/2020.
- Appointment will be made March 3, 2020.

APPLICANT

- Kevin Stafford

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

- Paul Swain - Old Train Update

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

- J. Dillon** A. Discuss FEMA and Good News Update.
- J. Dillon** B. Discuss SeeClicFix Update.
- F. Shelton** C. Discuss/Approve permission request from Colin Krieger, on behalf of Zachary's and the Columbus/Lowndes Humane Society, to serve beer at the St. Patty's Pawty from 12 noon until 7 p. m. at the blocked portion of the street next to the event at Zachary's. The St. Patty's Pawty was previously approved by the Council on February 4, 2020.
- G. Irby** D. Discuss/Approve request to accept the lowest lump-sum bid for the BEP Program.
- M. Andrews** E. Discuss/Approve promotion of one (1) Fire and Rescue Captain to Battalion Chief.
- C. Bush** F. Discuss/Approve hiring one (1) Concrete Finisher, contingent upon a successful completion of a pre-employment physical exam and drug screen.
- G. Lewis** G. Discuss/Approve request to advertise for two (2) Grounds Maintenance Laborers.
- G. Lewis** H. Discuss/Approve request to advertise for seven (7) Seasonal workers.
- S. James** I. Discuss/Approve Derelict Property Docket.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. Prospective Litigation (1)