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**MEETING OF  
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS  
August 18, 2020**

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION**

**II. APPROVE MINUTES FOR PREVIOUS MEETINGS.**

A. MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF AUGUST 4, 2020

**III. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.**

A. [DOCKET OF CLAIMS FOR AUGUST 18, 2020](#)

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

**V. CONSENT AGENDA**

- M. Andrews** A. [Approve request for three \(3\) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend “Haz-Mat Orientation” to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of travel and meal expenses.](#)
- M. Andrews** B. [Approve request for one \(1\) Fire and Rescue Chief of Training to attend “MS Minimum Standards & Certification Board Meeting” to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of travel and meal expenses.](#)
- M. Andrews** C. [Approve request for three \(3\) Fire and Rescue Personnel to attend “CPAT-E” to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, hotel, travel, and meal expenses.](#)
- M. Andrews** D. Accept letter of resignation from one (1) Fire and Rescue Administrative Assistant, effective August 25, 2019, and approve compensation for any unused leave with the balance to be transferred to PERS.
- C. Bush** E. Accept letter of resignation from one (1) Public Works employee, effective July 29, 2020.
- F. Shelton** F. Accept letters of resignation from two (2) CPD Officers, effective August 15, 2020 and August 17, 2020, and approve compensation for any unused vacation leave and any

unused sick leave to be certified to PERS.

- F. Shelton** G. [Approve permit request submitted by Barbara Bigelow and Jan Miller, on behalf of Main Street Columbus and Columbus Arts Council, to host a "Downtown Art Walk" to be held on September 24, 2020 from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. See attached map.](#)
- G. Drake** H. [Ratify Homeland Security Grant application submitted 8-6-2020. This is no matching funds required for this grant.](#)

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

- A. General Comments from the Mayor and Council Members
- F. Shelton** B. Swearing in of five (5) CPD Officers
- Laketa Williams
  - Bryan Moore
  - Patrick Ghoston
  - Shalonda Hill
  - Jarred Bell
- M. Andrews** C. [Monthly Report from the Columbus Fire and Rescue Department for July 2020](#)
- W. Blunt** D. [Monthly Report from the Municipal Court Department for July 2020](#)
- C. Bush** E. [Monthly report from Public Works Department for July 2020](#)
- G. Irby** F. [Monthly Report from the Office of Planning & Community Development Department for July 2020](#)
- S. James** G. [Monthly Report from the Code Enforcement Department for July 2020](#)
- G. Lewis** H. [Monthly Report from the Columbus Recreation Department for July 2020](#)
- F. Shelton** I. [Monthly Report from the Columbus Police Department for July 2020](#)
- K. Wiegel** J. [Monthly Report from the Building Inspection Dept for July 2020](#)
- D. Vaughn** K. [Financial Report](#)
- D. Armstrong** L. [Board Vacancies](#)

### **CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**

- 1 Vacancy, Maj. Gen. (Ret) Thomas Moore's 4-Year Term Expires 8/16/2020.

- Appointment will be made August 18, 2020.

#### **APPLICANT**

- Maj. Gen. (Ret) Thomas L. Moore, Jr.

#### **CITY PLANNING COMMISSION**

- 1 Vacancy, Remainder of Quincy Harris' 3-Year Term Expires 11/19/2022.
- Mr. Harris resigned July 15, 2020 due to Military Assignment.
- Appointment will be made September 1, 2020.

#### **APPLICANTS**

- Jermaine Shanklin
- Jarvis Fenster

#### **REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD**

- 1 Vacancy, 5-Year Term, Expires 9/15/2020.
- Chris Chain was appointed 5/19/2020 to fill the remainder of this term previously held by John Acker who passed away on 3/31/2020..
- Appointment will be made September 15, 2020.
- No Applicants at this time

#### **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

- 1 Vacancy, Carolyn Burns Kaye's 4-Year Term Expires 9/20/2020.
- Appointment will be made September 15, 2020.
- No Applicants at this time.

### **VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA**

### **VIII. POLICY AGENDA:**

**D. Armstrong** A. Discuss/Approve HVAC Service Agreement for City Hall.

**G. Lewis** B. Discuss/Approve request to hire for the vacant position of the Recreation Department

Office Clerk and approve the HR Director to begin the normal recruitment process.

- F. Shelton** C. Discuss/Approve re-hiring one (1) CPD Officer, contingent upon a successful drug screen and pre- employment physical.
- F. Shelton** D. Discuss/Approve adding a towing company to the wrecker rotation.
- K. Wiegel** E. Discuss/Approve recommendations from the August 10, 2020 Planning Commission meeting.
- S. James** F. Discuss/Approve Derelict Property Docket.

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- A. Personnel Matter (1)