

MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS

**May 3, 2022
5:00 P.M.**

The Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in the Court Chambers of the Municipal Complex. Mayor Keith Gaskin presided over the meeting, and all Council Members were present. Also present were the General Counsel, the CFO, Police Chief, Assistant Police Chief, HR Director, and all other Department Heads.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

Mayor Gaskin called the meeting to order and called upon Elder Casey Bush of Greater Mt. Zion M. B. Church, Columbus, MS, to offer the Invocation.

II. CONFIRMATION OF/OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Council Member Stewart made a motion to adopt the Agenda as presented. Council Member Greene seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

III. APPROVE MINUTES FOR PREVIOUS MEETING

Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the Minutes for the Meeting of April 19, 2022. Council Member Diccio seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve request for two (2) Fire and Rescue personnel: Kaelan Brownstein and Sally Kerstetter, to attend "MS Trainee Agility Test" to be held in Tupelo, MS, and approve payment of \$60.00 for registration and \$50.00 for travel expenses.

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- B. Approve request for two (2) Fire and Rescue personnel: Brandon Wade and Kameron Pearson, to attend "Rope Awareness/Operations" to be held in Pearl, MS, and approve payment of \$720.00 for registration, \$50.00 for travel and reimbursement of meal expenses, total cost \$1,180.00.
- C. Approve request for two (2) Fire and Rescue personnel: Jason Pool and Josh Reynolds, to attend "National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1021 Officer II re-test" to be held in Pearl, MS and approve payment of \$100.00 for registration, \$50.00 for travel and reimbursement of meal expenses, total cost \$200.00.
- D. Approve request for Fire and Rescue personnel, Onterrio Lowery, to attend "CPR Instructor Training" to be held in Columbus, MS, and approve payment of \$360.00 for course fee.
- E. Approve request for Fire and Rescue Training Chief, Mike Chandler, to attend "Accreditation Site Visit" for one week, to be held in Greensboro, NC, at no cost to the City.
- F. Approve request to ratify Fire and Rescue Administrative Assistant, Dorothea Tompkins, to attend "Intermediate Excel Financial Reporting on-line course" and approve payment of the OnDemand Webinar in the amount of \$218.00.
- G. Approve permit request submitted by Judy Williams to host a "High School Graduation Party" to be held on May 21, 2022 from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at 151 Poplar Street, blocking Poplar Street at Maple Street and Beech Street.
- H. Ratify permit request submitted by Sammie Williams on behalf of Northside M. B. Church, to host "Northside m. B. Church Fund Day" held on April 23, 2022 from 7:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., blocking 15th Street North at 9th and 10th Avenue North.
- I. Ratify permit request submitted by Alex Romans, on behalf of Sweet Paws Rescue/Oktibbeha Humane Society to host "Free Pet Vaccines" held on April 26, 2022 from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. and approve for "Free Pet Vaccines" to be held on May 12, 2022 from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. in the parking lot of the Columbus Police Department, 1501 Main Street.
- J. Accept letter of resignation from Columbus Police Department Reserve Police Officer, Lyn Herron. Reserve Officer's request to purchase service weapon cannot be approved per State Law.
- K. Accept letter of resignation from CPD Officer, Joshua Birchfield, effective May 11, 2022.

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- L. Approve permit request submitted by Janie Shields, on behalf of Snap House, to host a "Birthday Celebration" to be held on May 13, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. at 411 Main Street, blocking the sidewalk and three (3) parking spaces in front of the building.
- M. Accept letter of retirement from Public Works Department Operator, Jimmie Nance, effective April 28, 2022, approve payment of 240 hours of accrued vacation leave and authorize the HR Director to begin the normal recruitment process.
- N. Approve the Townsend Center Seniors Field Trip to the Black Prairie Museum in West Point, MS and Mississippi State University Campus on May 10, 2022.

Council Member Diccico made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Council Member Jones 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. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS

Council Member Stewart made a motion to approve the Docket of Claims for May 3, 2022, in the amount of \$416,164.70. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA

Mayor Gaskin asked if any Council Members had any comments/announcements.

Vice-Mayor Mickens requested to add an item to the Policy Agenda for discussion: Discuss the Public Information Officer's Contract.

Mayor Gaskin made the following announcements and read excerpts from three (3) Proclamations:

- Thanks to all who participated/volunteered in the Earth Day Clean-Up project last week, as well as those who took advantage of the Hazardous Waste Day.
- Please be advised that the Columbus-Lowndes County Emergency Management Office will test tornado sirens tomorrow, May 4, at 10:00 a.m.
- National Day of Prayer Event will be Thursday, May 5 at noon at the Lowndes County Courthouse.

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- MUW will recognize spring graduates with ceremonies Friday, May 6 and Saturday, May 7, 2022. Congratulations to all MUW graduates.
- The Market Street Festival will begin Friday, May 6 and last through Saturday, May 7. We thank Main Street Columbus, its volunteers, sponsors and vendors for this great event. We hope everyone can come out and enjoy themselves!
- There will be another community prayer walk on Saturday morning, May 7 at 10:00 a.m., beginning at the Columbus Police Station.
- Also, on Saturday, May 7, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., there will be a Veteran Resource Fair at the Soccer Complex. This is part of the Recovery Ruck Event hosted by Operation Continue Service and the goal is to bring awareness to Veterans suicide and mental health issues.
- The City, along with MSMS, will sponsor the annual 8th of May Emancipation Celebration, to be held on Monday, May 9, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in Sandfield Cemetery.
- Columbus will have its Law Enforcement Torch Run for the Special Olympics on Tuesday, May 10 at 10:00 a.m. The walk/run will begin at 6th Street North and Main Street and go to the Police Station. Please be mindful that streets will be blocked off for this event, but they shouldn't be blocked for long.
- Mayor Gaskin then read excerpt from three (3) Proclamations:
- **SKILLED NURSING CARE WEEK**
WHEREAS, we honor and respect our elders and citizens of any age with physical or intellectual disabilities who reside in skilled nursing care centers in Columbus, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, skilled nursing care centers throughout our area are holding special activities in observance of National Skilled Nursing Care Week, May 8-14, 2022, using this year's theme of "Creating and Nurturing CONNECTIONS";

NOW, THEREFORE, I Keith Gaskin, Mayor of the City of Columbus, do hereby declare the week of May 8 – 14, 2022 as NATIONAL SKILLED NURSING CARE WEEK, a week to honor both our vulnerable citizens who receive care and their compassionate caregivers.

Dandy-Walker Syndrome and Hydrocephalus Awareness Month

This year, hundreds of thousands of people across the United States will observe the 16th **Dandy-Walker Syndrome and Hydrocephalus Awareness**

Month to raise awareness of this congenital brain defect and condition as well as the special challenges encountered by those affected. We respectfully ask you to proclaim May 2022 as **Dandy-Walker Syndrome and Hydrocephalus Awareness Month** in Columbus on the basis that:

WHEREAS: Columbus encourages all Americans to learn about Dandy-Walker Syndrome and Hydrocephalus and recognize the achievements of all Americans with a disability . . .and the important role that Americans with disabilities played throughout the entire history of the United States and the wonderful scientific, literary and social impact that Americans living with a disability have on our world today.

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK 2022, MAY 11 – 17

To recognize National Police Week 2022 and to honor the service and sacrifice of those law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty while protecting our communities and safeguarding our democracy.

WHEREAS, there are more than 800,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Columbus Police Department;

WHEREAS, the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the National Law Enforcement Officers memorial Fund's 34th Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 13, 2022;

WHEREAS, the Candlelight Vigil is part of National Police Week, which will be observed this year May 11 – 17;

WHEREAS, May 15 is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen officers and their families and U. S. flags should be flown at half-staff;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council will observe May 11 – 17, 2022, as National Police Week in Columbus, Mississippi, and publicly salutes the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.

Lastly, Mother's Day is this weekend so the Council and I say Happy Mother's Day!!

Financial Update, CFO

James Brigham, CFO, came before the Mayor and Council and gave a financial update. The Cash balances for March 2022 was \$4,585,854.67, which is a decrease of \$93,861.76 compared to the same period in 2021. The Reserve Fund balance is \$1,505,884.39, which includes \$553,695.84 of Cares dollars. This is an increase of \$4,543.09 compared to the same period in 2021 and the

current total General Fund balance is \$6,091,739.06, a decrease of \$89,318.67 compared to the same period in 2021. ARPA Funds available are \$2,897,654.12. FEMA Recommendations include Close-out Projects of \$21,480.19 for the Columbus Riverwalk, \$45,666.32 for Terry Brown Amphitheater. Plans are to file Project Z for Administrative Costs, which is 5% of subawards or approximately \$32,000. Mr. Brigham answered questions about the City's finances.

REDISTRICTING UPDATE:

General Counsel Turnage reported that Chris Watson of Bridge and Watson Consultants will attend the next Work Session scheduled for Thursday, May 12 to discuss Redistricting.

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

A. Ms. Cequeila Bigbee, Adopt-A-Block Outreach Program (Request for East Columbus Gym).

(Council Member Beard recused himself and temporarily exited the meeting).

Ms. Bigbee requested approval to use the East Columbus Gym, at no charge, to host an Adopt-A-Block Outreach Program in an effort to mentor and protect youth and give them something to do and to help keep the community safe. Council Member Mickens made a motion to table this request for further discussion. Council Member Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 5/0.

Council Member Beard returned to the meeting.

B. Mr. Jim Mauldin, Application for Ad Valorem Tax Exemption for 304 – 5th Street South, U-Stor inside

Mr. Mauldin came before the Mayor and Council and requested approval for Ad Valorem Tax Exemption for 304 – 5th Street South, U-Stor inside, stating that he has spent more than \$800,000.00 renovating the building and bringing it up to code, which now adds to the aesthetics of downtown. Mr. Mauldin estimated the taxes to be approximately \$2,000.00 annually. Council Member Jones made a motion to grant the request of Ad Valorem Tax Exemption for 304 – 5th Street South, U-Stor inside for eight (8) years. Council Member Greene seconded the motion.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Council Member Stewart made a substitute motion to deny an Ad Valorem Tax Exemption to Mr. Jim Mauldin for 304 – 5th Street South, U-Stor inside. Council Member Mickens seconded the motion.

Council Members Stewart, Mickens and Beard voted in favor of the motion to deny the request of an Ad Valorem Tax Exemption. Council Members Greene, Jones and Diccico opposed the motion to deny the request of an Ad Valorem Tax Exemption, which presented a tie vote.

Mayor Gaskin broke the tie vote in favor of granting Mr. Jim Mauldin an Ad Valorem Tax Exemption for 304 – 5th Street South, U-Stor inside. Mayor Gaskin also requested other businesses or entrepreneurs that may be considering requests that they come before the Mayor and Council prior to performing the work.

Vice-Mayor Mickens requested the General Council to prepare a policy, at his discretion, for review and adoption.

C. Worth Thomas, Lobbyist Update on work being done on behalf of the City

Mr. Thomas and Staff Member, Ms. Jackie Anderson, came forward and updated the Mayor and Council on projects that he is working on. Ms. Development Authority requests a letter for the Amphitheater indicating the impact it will have on Columbus in terms of revenue, jobs and tourism. The City received \$1.425 million dollars for City Hall and related purposes.

VIII. POLICY AGENDA

A. Discuss/Approve Authorized Bank Signers

The City of Columbus has been requested to update its authorized signers with the current bank depository. Council Member Mickens made a motion to approve the request to delegate the power to conduct business on behalf of the City of Columbus and appoint ONLY the following individuals as signers: Mayor Keith Gaskin, CFO James “Jim” Brigham, COO Jammie Garrett and Deputy Clerk Pat Mitchell. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENT FOLLOWS:

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KEITH GASKIN

CITY COUNCIL

PAUL STEWART
JOSIE BROWN, MAYOR'S DEPUTY
RICKY GRIFFIN
MARK J. HENDERSON
KEITH JONES
JACQUELINE GORDON

CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER
JAMIE GARRETT

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CLERK/CLERK-TREASURER
JAMES "JIM" BRIGHAM

POLICE CHIEF
FREDERICK SHELTON

INTERIM FIRE CHIEF
TOMMY HUGHES

HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR
PATRICIA MITCHELL

**DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**
GEORGE IRBY

May 2, 2022

Mayor Keith Gaskin and
Members of the City Council
City of Columbus, MS

RE: AUTHORIZED SIGNERS FOR BANK OF COMMERCE

Dear Mayor and Council:

The City of Columbus received a request from the Bank of Commerce to update its list of authorized signers.

The City requests approval to delegate the power to conduct the following business on its behalf:

- Account Opening and Maintenance
- Make Deposits and Withdrawals
- Endorsements
- Transfer Funds
- Approve Endorse, Guarantee and Identify Payees,
- Delegate Authority,
- Safe Deposit Box, Lock Box
- Night Depository
- Cash Management
- Other Deposit Powers

Request approval to appoint the individuals listed below ONLY as authorized signers:

- Leonard Keith Gaskin, Mayor
- James "Jim" Brigham, CFO/Secretary Treasurer/City Clerk
- Jamie Garrett, Chief Operating Officer (COO)
- Patricia Mitchell/H R Director/Deputy Clerk

Sincerely,


Jim Brigham
Chief Financial Officer

B. Discuss/Approve Cost of Property Clean-Up on Dilapidated Properties that have been previously heard by Council, totaling \$9,567.50.

Council Member Jones made a motion to adjudicate property previously heard by the Mayor and City Council and for which remediation has been completed. Council Member Beard seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

THE ADJUDICATED LIST FOLLOWS:

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Invoice

BREWER VARNELL/CHARLES
2214 S 4TH AVE
COLUMBUS, MS 39701

Invoice #: 20-0153-0428
Date: April 28, 2022

Address:	2214 4TH AVE S
APN:	61W12-00-13800
Case No:	CE-20-0153
Violation:	Property Maintenance

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, THE CITY HAS INCURRED THE EXPENSES NOTED BELOW IN REMEDIATING THE UNACCEPTABLE CONDITION OF YOUR PROPERTY. A LIEN HAS BEEN FILED AGAINST THE PROPERTY IN THE OFFICE OF THE LOWNDES COUNTY CIRCUIT CLERK.

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QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
	Admin Fee		12.50
	Public Works		615.00
	Public Works		468.00
	Admin Fee		12.50
DATE HEARD BY CITY COUNCIL		09/01/2020	
SUBTOTAL			1108.00
TAX RATE			
SALES TAX			
SHIPPING & HANDLING			
TOTAL			1108.00

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WILLIAMS HILBERT
101 ALABAMA ST
COLUMBUS, MS 39702

Invoice #: 20-0206-0428
Date: April 28, 2022

Address:	1611 4TH AVE S
APN:	61W11-02-08300
Case No:	CE-20-0206
Violation:	Property Maintenance

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QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
	Admin Fee		12.50
	Public Works		147.00
	Public Works		262.00
	Admin Fee		12.50
DATE HEARD BY CITY COUNCIL		10/06/2020	
SUBTOTAL			434.00
TAX RATE			
SALES TAX			
SHIPPING & HANDLING			
TOTAL			434.00

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VALENTINE ADA/JOHN M
1927 CHERRY ST
COLUMBUS, MS 39701

Invoice #: 20-0187-0428
Date: April 28, 2022

Address:	2004 13TH AVE N
APN:	56W19-02-15000
Case No:	CE-20-0187
Violation:	Property Maintenance

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QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
	Admin Fee		12.50
	Public Works		468.00
	DATE HEARD BY CITY COUNCIL	09/01/2020	
		SUBTOTAL	480.50
		TAX RATE	
		SALES TAX	
		SHIPPING & HANDLING	
		TOTAL	480.50

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MS STATE OF/TAX SALE SEC OF STATE/PUBLIC
LANDS
P O BOX 136
JACKSON, MS 39205

Address:	2211 7TH AVE N
APN:	61W05-01-08300
Case No:	CE-17-0137
Violation:	Property Maintenance

Invoice #: 17-0137-0428

Date: April 28, 2022

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	Admin Fee		12.50
	Public Works		102.50
	Public Works		168.00
	Public Works		98.00
	Admin Fee		12.50
	Public Works		213.00
	Public Works		369.00
	Public Works		86.50
DATE HEARD BY CITY COUNCIL		08/01/2017	
SUBTOTAL			1062.00
TAX RATE			
SALES TAX			
SHIPPING & HANDLING			
TOTAL			1062.00

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MS STATE OF/TAX SALE/SEC OF STATE
PO BOX 136
JACKSON, MS 39205

Invoice #: 19-0190-0428
Date: April 28, 2022

Address:	504 PEACH ST
APN:	61W06-03-05300
Case No:	CE-19-0190
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	Admin Fee		12.50
	Public Works		74.00
	Public Works		136.00
	Admin Fee		12.50
DATE HEARD BY CITY COUNCIL		06/04/2019	
SUBTOTAL			235.00
TAX RATE			
SALES TAX			
SHIPPING & HANDLING			
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LENOIR WILLIAM/ALICE R
2002 13 AVE N
COLUMBUS, MS 39701

Invoice #: 20-0186-0428
Date: April 28, 2022

Address:	2002 13TH AVE N
APN:	56W19-02-14900
Case No:	CE-20-0186
Violation:	Property Maintenance

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QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
	Admin Fee		12.50
	Asbestos Removal		250.00
	Public Works		513.00
	Admin Fee		12.50
DATE HEARD BY CITY COUNCIL		09/15/2020	
SUBTOTAL			788.00
TAX RATE			
SALES TAX			
SHIPPING & HANDLING			
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GIVHAN SAMUEL D JR/DEBORAH
1508 3RD AVE N
COLUMBUS, MS 39701

Invoice #: 19-0348-0428
Date: April 28, 2022

Address:	1409 3RD AVE N
APN:	61W10-01-03100
Case No:	CE-19-0348
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	Admin Fee		12.50
	Public Works		2000.00
	Public Works		262.00
	Admin Fee		12.50
DATE HEARD BY CITY COUNCIL		10/01/2019	
SUBTOTAL			2287.00
TAX RATE			
SALES TAX			
SHIPPING & HANDLING			
TOTAL			2287.00

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FISHER ISAAC L
2900 KIRBY PKWY
MEMPHIS, TN 38119

Invoice #: 20-0195-0428
Date: April 28, 2022

Address:	712 12TH ST N
APN:	61W07-02-11300
Case No:	CE-20-0195
Violation:	Property Maintenance

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	Admin Fee		12.50
	Public Works		131.00
	Public Works		181.00
	Admin Fee		12.50
DATE HEARD BY CITY COUNCIL		09/01/2020	
SUBTOTAL			337.00
TAX RATE			
SALES TAX			
SHIPPING & HANDLING			
TOTAL			337.00

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PORTER KIMBERLY D
1106 16TH ST N
COLUMBUS, MS 39701

Invoice #: 19-0433-0428
Date: April 28, 2022

Address:	1106 16TH ST N
APN:	56W18-02-13300
Case No:	CE-19-0433
Violation:	Property Maintenance

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QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
	Admin Fee		12.50
	Public Works		131.00
	DATE HEARD BY CITY COUNCIL		11/05/2019
		SUBTOTAL	143.50
		TAX RATE	
		SALES TAX	
		SHIPPING & HANDLING	
		TOTAL	143.50

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FANT RICHARD L/WENDY
1103 WATERWORKS RD
COLUMBUS, MS 39701

Invoice #: 18-0043-0428
Date: April 28, 2022

Address: 1103 WATERWORKS RD
APN: 56W20-03-08500/ 56W20-03-08400
Case No: CE-18-0043
Violation: Property Maintenance

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QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
	Attorney Fees		150.00
	Public Works		221.00
	Admin Fee		12.50
	Public Works		156.00
	Admin Fee		12.50
DATE HEARD BY CITY COUNCIL		05/15/2018	
SUBTOTAL			552.00
TAX RATE			
SALES TAX			
SHIPPING & HANDLING			
TOTAL			552.00

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MEMPHIS, TN 38119

Invoice #: 19-0182-0428
Date: April 28, 2022

Address:	712 12TH ST N
APN:	61W07-02-11300
Case No:	CE-19-0182
Violation:	Property Maintenance

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QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
	Admin Fee		12.50
	Public Works		238.00
	Public Works		148.00
	Admin Fee		12.50
DATE HEARD BY CITY COUNCIL		07/02/2019	
SUBTOTAL			411.00
TAX RATE			
SALES TAX			
SHIPPING & HANDLING			
TOTAL			411.00

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HATCHER INVEST PROP LLC
604 3RD ST S
COLUMBUS, MS 39701

Invoice #: 19-0128-0428
Date: April 28, 2022

Address:	1621 4TH AVE N
APN:	61W06-03-14800
Case No:	CE-19-0128
Violation:	Property Maintenance

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QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
	Admin Fee		12.50
	Public Works		98.00
	Public Works		196.50
	Admin Fee		12.50
DATE HEARD BY CITY COUNCIL		05/06/2019	
SUBTOTAL			319.50
TAX RATE			
SALES TAX			
SHIPPING & HANDLING			
TOTAL			319.50

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ANDERSON AARON
388 E OCEAN BLVD #214
LONG BEACH, CA 90802

Invoice #: 19-0057-0428
Date: April 28, 2022

Address:	1401 4TH AVE N
APN:	61W07-04-01800
Case No:	CE-19-0057
Violation:	Property Maintenance

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	Admin Fee		12.50
	Public Works		159.00
	Admin Fee		12.50
	Public Works		262.00
	Admin Fee		12.50
	Public Works		262.00
DATE HEARD BY CITY COUNCIL		06/04/2019	
SUBTOTAL			720.50
TAX RATE			
SALES TAX			
SHIPPING & HANDLING			
TOTAL			720.50

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MIXON LEON/MATTIE S
448 WINTERSET DR
COLUMBUS, 39701

Invoice #: 20-0152-0428
Date: April 28, 2022

Address:	2212 4TH AVE S
APN:	61W12-00-13700
Case No:	CE-20-0152
Violation:	Property Maintenance

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QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
	Admin Fee		12.50
	Public Works		468.00
	DATE HEARD BY CITY COUNCIL		09/01/2020
	SUBTOTAL		480.50
	TAX RATE		
	SALES TAX		
	SHIPPING & HANDLING		
	TOTAL		480.50

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BLACKMAN NIA COLOM
305 CENTURY ST
RIPLEY, MS 38663

Invoice #: 20-0144-0428

Date: April 28, 2022

Address:	1103 5TH AVE N
APN:	61W07-03-10400
Case No:	CE-20-0144
Violation:	Property Maintenance

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QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
	Admin Fee		12.50
	Public Works		196.50
	DATE HEARD BY CITY COUNCIL	09/15/2020	
	SUBTOTAL		209.00
	TAX RATE		
	SALES TAX		
	SHIPPING & HANDLING		
	TOTAL		209.00

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C. Discuss/Approve request to hire one (1) Property & Evidence Custodian, contingent on successful completion of pre-employment medical exam and drug screen

Council Member Jones made to hire one (1) Property & Evidence Custodian at a pay range of \$28,000 - \$32,000 (\$13.47/hr - \$15.39/hr), contingent on successful completion of a pre-employment medical exam and drug screen. Council Member Beard seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

D. Discuss/Approve Design and Bidding Contract for Propst Park Youth Baseball Field Improvements

Kevin Stafford dba Neel-Schaffer, Inc. (NSI) presented the Propst Park Youth Baseball Improvements 5-Field Wheel Design and Bidding Contract. NSI proposed to perform the Scope of Work for the Civil Site Design Services, not to exceed a fee of \$103,800.00. Work will not begin prior to the end of FY 2021-2022. Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the Design and Bidding Contract for Propst Park Youth Baseball Field Improvements and approve NSI as the engineering firm. Council Member Beard seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

E. Discuss/Approve Submission of 2022 Emergency Road and Bridge Repair Fund Grant for Replacement of HWY 50 Bridge over Luxapalila

Kevin Stafford, dba NSI requested permission to apply for the 2022 MDOT Emergency Road & Bridge Repair Fund Program (ERBR Grant) for Replacement of Hwy. 50 Bridge over Luxapalila Creek and presented a Resolution for discussion/approval. Should the grant require some matching funds, it was suggested that the City of Columbus apply Use Tax Fund as a source of funding. Council Member Beard made a motion to authorize the City's Engineering Firm to apply for the 2022 RBR Program for replacement of Hwy. 50 Bridge over Luxapalila Creek and utilize Use Tax funds as a source of funding. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

THE RESOLUTION FOLLOWS:

**RESOLUTION OF
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI
REGARDING EMERGENCY ROAD & BRIDGE REPAIR FUND PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) is soliciting projects for the Emergency Road and Bridge Repair Fund (ERBRF) Program for emergency repairs to public roads and bridges in the state; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus, Mississippi, desires to submit an application for the 2022 Emergency Road and Bridge Repair Fund Grant for replacement of Hwy. 50 Bridge over Luxapalila Creek; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus, Mississippi, acknowledges that if the project is awarded, grant funding will not exceed the amount requested in the application or eligible project costs, whichever is less; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Columbus, Mississippi, authorizes the preparation and submission of applications for the Emergency Road and Bridge Repair Fund Program and authorizes the execution of such grants and/or related documents required for commencement of the project.

SO ORDERED this _____ 3rd day of _____ May _____, 2022.

City of Columbus, Mississippi

BY: _____

Keith Gaskin, Mayor

F. Discuss/Approve Supplemental Agreement #2 for Additional Construction Administration during Liquidated Damage Period

Kevin Stafford with NSI offered additional professional construction administration services due to the prolonged liquidated damage period for both the City street paving and the sidewalk and street improvement projects totaling \$67,500.00, with additional construction administration fees after contract time expired plus final inspection. These costs are \$56,146.19, leaving a balance of \$11,353.81 to be returned to the fund. Council Member Beard made a motion to approve Supplemental Agreement #2 for Additional Construction Administration during Liquidated Damage Period in the amount of \$56,146.19. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

G. Discuss/Approve Update for Beech Street Drainage Improvements (Use Tax Funds).

Kevin Stafford updated the Council on the Beech Street Drainage Improvement Project. After further study, NSI learned that 80% of the line is in good condition; therefore, the repair cost reduced considerably to \$84,850.00, which must be bid out. Mr. Stafford requested to proceed to Phase 2 of the project, which includes neighborhood drainage issues. The approximate cost of this project is \$136,500.00 and as originally requested, Use Tax Funds will be used to pay for this project. Council Member Mickens made a motion to authorize the bidding for Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Beech Street and Neighborhood Drainage Improvement projects. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

Vice-Mayor Mickens thanked the Council for approving this project and offering relief to flooding in this area.

H. Discuss/Approve East Columbus Gym Parking Lot Paving (Use Tax Funds)

Kevin Stafford presented a Pavement Maintenance Proposal for the Parking Lot at East Columbus Gym and proposed to install 2.5" of compacted thickness surface asphalt and compact with a vibratory steel drum roller and request authorization to proceed with this project. The estimate cost of this project is \$40,200.00. Council Member Mickens made a motion to approve the East Columbus Gym Parking Lot

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Paving project at an estimated cost of \$40,200.00 and pay for project out of Use Tax Funds. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

I. Discuss/Approve Imposing City-wide Nighttime Curfew (Ord of 7-20-99, Sec. 20-161, 20-162, 20-163, 20-164, 20-165, 20-166 and 20-167).

Vice-Mayor Mickens remarked that he has concerns with crimes being committed involving young people and asked the Police Chief about the Nighttime Curfew Ordinance. Chief Shelton came forward and remarked that the City has a City-wide nighttime Curfew Ordinance in place. One problem is the Juvenile Detention Center has limited space. The Council discussed this matter and requested the Chief to begin enforcing the policy immediately.

J. Joe Dillon, Public Information Officer

Council Member Mickens and other members of the Council asked Joe Dillon, Public Information Officer, a series of questions involving his position. Mr. Dillon offered comments in his defense and added that when he was appointed as FEMA Mitigation Coordinator, he inherited a mess, no records were kept and no specific accounts were set up for payment of storm-related invoices. He was instrumental in the City being reimbursed some FEMA funds. He admitted that he does have keys to CPD and City Hall. Mayor Gaskin responded that Mr. Dillon has been an asset to the City and was a great help to him when he was elected. After a lengthy discussion of the PIO Officer, his contract and duties, Council Mickens made a motion to table this matter until the Council has an opportunity to review his contract. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

CLOSED DETERMINATION:

Council Member Beard made a motion to go into closed session to determine whether it is necessary to go into Executive Session. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

All members of the public, with the exception of the Mayor, the Council, the General Counsel, the COO, the Police Chief, and the HR Director, exited the meeting.

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Mayor Gaskin apprised the Council of two (2) personnel matters, one (1) involving the job performance of an employee in the Public Works Department and one (1) involving non-City personnel in City Hall and concluded that these matters warrant being heard in Executive Session. Council Member Mickens made a motion to go in Executive Session to discuss two (2) personnel matters. Council Member Beard seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

It was announced to the general public outside the Council Chambers that the Council was going into Executive Session to discuss two (2) personnel matters.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Mayor then asked if there was any other business to come before the Mayor and City Council. There being none, Council Member Greene moved that the meeting be adjourned. Upon second by Council Member Diccio and unanimous vote, the Mayor announced that the meeting was ADJOURNED.

Approved by: _____
Keith Gaskin, Mayor

James "Jim" Brigham
CFO/Secretary-Treasurer/City Clerk

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