

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

**SEPTEMBER 6, 2022
5:00 P.M.**

The Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 6, 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 COO, 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 Rev. Doran Johnson, Pastor of Greater Mt. Zion M. B. Church, to offer the Invocation.

II. CONFIRMATION OF/OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Council Member Beard 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

A. Approve Minutes from Meeting of August 16, 2022

Council Member Diccio made a motion to approve the Minutes for the Meeting of August 16, 2022. Council Member Mickens seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve request for Mayor Gaskin and Municipal Court Administrator, Wendy Blunt, to attend the Mississippi Municipal League Fall Board of Director's

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Meeting in Greenwood, MS on September 30, 2022, and approve payment registration, travel and reimbursement of meal expenses in the estimated amount of \$696.00.

- B. Approve permit request submitted by Jerry Fortenberry, on behalf of Tennessee Williams Tribute, to host the "*Stella Shouting Contest*" to be held on September 9, 2022 from 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at 204 5th Street South, blocking one-half (1/2) block of 5th Street South, South of College Street in front of Hollyhocks and WCBI-TV.
- C. Approve permit request submitted by L. C. Cockrell, on behalf of St. James United Methodist Church, to host a "*Community Health Fair*" to be held on September 10, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at 722 Military Road, blocking 8th Avenue North at Military Road and 12th Street North. (See *attached map*).
- D. Approve request for CPD Interim Chief to attend the "*Meeting the Leadership Challenges of Law Enforcement Seminar*" to be held in Hattiesburg, MS, and approve payment of \$350.00 for registration, \$238.00 for lodging and use of the City vehicle for travel.
- E. Approve request for CPD Officers: Raymond Lee, Lance Luckey, and Justin Robinson to attend a "*Surveillance for Drug Enforcement Training*" to be held in Meridian, MS, at no cost to the City.
- F. Approve permit request submitted by Jeannette Gholar, on behalf of Gholar's Academy, to host a "*Harvest Festival*" to be held on October 29, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., blocking 2nd Avenue North at 14th Street North and 15th Street North. .
- G. Approve request for four (4) Forensic Scientists to attend an on-line webinar entitled "*Collecting and Preserving Entomological Evidence at a Death Scene*" with registration fees of \$316.00.
- H. Approve request for two (2) Forensic Scientists to attend an on-line webinar entitled "*Introduction to Pettler's Staging Taxonomy for Staged Murders*" with registration fees of \$158.00.
- I. Accept letter of retirement from Columbus Fire and Rescue Battalion Chief, Mike Gibson, effective October 1, 2022, and approve compensation of any unused vacation leave up to 240 hours and remit unused sick leave to PERS, and permit the purchase of his service firearm for \$10.00.
- J. Approve request to reimburse Howard Cross the per diem amount of \$45.50.

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- K. Approve request for Columbus Fire and Rescue personnel, Clayton Aldridge, to attend *"Confined Space"* to be held at Alabama Fire College, AL, at no cost to the City.
- L. Approve request for Columbus Fire and Rescue personnel, Mike Chandler, to attend *"Fire Service Financial Management (R0333)"* to be held at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, MD and approve payment of registration, travel and reimbursement of meal expenses in the estimated amount of \$300.00.
- M. Approve request for four (4) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend *"Graduation"* at the State Fire Academy, to be held in Pearl, MS, and permission to use the City vehicle.
- N. Approve request for Columbus Fire and Rescue personnel, Landon Hill, to attend *"NREMT Registry Exam"* to be held in Tuscaloosa, AL, and approve payment of \$25.00 for registration and permission to use the City vehicle.
- O. Approve permit request submitted by Representative Kabir Karriem, on behalf of the 7th Avenue Heritage Festival Committee, to host the *"7th Avenue Heritage Festival"* to be held on September 30, 2022 – October 1, 2022, from 12:00 noon on September 30 until 10:00 p.m. on October 1, 2022.
- P. Approve permit request submitted by Salem Gibson, on behalf of the Columbus Arts Council, Inc. and Munson Brothers, to host an *"Oktoberfest/Burns Bottom Arts Festival"* to be held on October 1, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., blocking the corner of 2nd Avenue North and 3rd Street North to 5th Avenue North. This event includes a 5K Fun Run. *See attached map.*
- Q. Approve permit request submitted by Barbara Bigelow and Salem Gibson, on behalf of Main Street Columbus, Inc. and the Columbus Arts Council, to host a *"Downtown Art Walk"* to be held on September 23, 2022 from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. on Main Street and 5th Street of Downtown Columbus.
- R. Accept letter of resignation from Public Works employee, Eddie Isaac, effective September 8, 2022, and authorize the H R Director to begin the normal recruitment process.
- S. Approve request for the Public Works Director, Casey Bush, and Landfill Scale Operator, Roger Lewis, to attend the *"Solid Waste Fall Conference"* to be held in Natchez, MS on October 11-13, 2022 and approve payment of registration, travel and reimbursement of meal expenses in the estimated amount of \$2,236.29.

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- T. Approve permit request submitted by Katrina Sunivelle, on behalf of Contact Helpline, to host a *“SAVE JUST ONE Suicide Awareness 5K Run/Kids Fun Run/Memory Walk”* to be held on September 10, 2022 from 6:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon. *See attached map.*
- U. Approve request for Parks and Recreation Director, Greg Lewis, and Director of Programs, Chanda Williams, to attend the *“Mississippi Recreation & Park Association Annual Conference”* and approve payment of \$255.00 each for registration, \$307.38 each for lodging, use of the City vehicle and reimbursement of meal expenses.
- V. Approve request from Columbus Light and Water to host its *“Holiday Celebration”* at the James M. Trotter Convention Center on December 16, 2022.
- W. Approve request for Ward IV Councilman, Pierre Beard, and any other elected official who would like to attend, to attend the *“29th Annual True South Basic Development Course*, to be held September 19 – 22, 2022, and approve payment of registration, travel, lodging and reimbursement of meal expenses in the estimated amount of \$1,797.50.
- X. Approve request for Chief Operating Officer, Jammie Garrett, to attend the MML & BCI webinar: *“Why Implementing Managed Cybersecurity Services from an Established, Proven, and Trusted IT Partner like BCI is Vital to All MML Members”* to be held September 13th and approve payment of registration in the amount of \$25.00.
- Y. Accept letter of resignation from Parks & Recreation Maintenance Technician, Alexander Lipscomb, effective September 8, 2022, and authorize the H. R. Director to begin the normal recruitment process.
- Z. Accept letter of resignation from part-time Trotter Convention Center Maintenance Technician and authorize the H. R. Director to begin the normal recruitment process.
- AA. Approve a request for the Planning and Community Development Director, George Irby, and Councilwoman, Ethel Stewart, to attend the *“Congressional Black Caucus Foundation 51st Annual Legislative Conference”* to be held in Washington, DC, September 28 – October 1, 2022, and approve payment of registration, airfare, travel and reimbursement of meal expenses in the estimated cost of \$2,209.00.

Council Member Beard made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Council Member Mickens 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 September 6, 2022, in the amount of \$721,122.34. Council Member Mickens seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA

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

Council Member Mickens requested the Director of Parks & Recreation, Greg Lewis, to come forward and give an update on repairs and upgrades to the East Columbus Gym. Greg Lewis reported that the East Columbus Gym upgrade project is 75% complete and the repairs and exterior painting of the structure has enhanced the facility tremendously. Council Member Mickens thanked the Council for making this happen.

Mayor Gaskin made the following announcements/observations:

- Mayor Gaskin began by stating that he hopes that everyone had a safe Labor Day weekend. Since we last met, I want to thank all who participated in, sponsored, organized and volunteered for the United Way Kick-Off that was held on August 25, as well as the Roast n Boast Grill that was held on August 27.
- We thank the citizens who came out to our budget town hall meeting and budget hearings that were held last week. We thank you for your patience as we work and learn to streamline this process better.
- We also thank the parents and students who applied for the Mayor's Youth Council. That deadline was September 2 and we are looking forward to this council. Thank you to Judah Bennett and Emily Liner for their work.

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- On September 8, Visit Columbus is hosting a Coffee with a Cop event from 7:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. at 117 3rd Street South.
- On September 9, the 16th Annual Salute to Lowndes County Finest will be held at the American Legion from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. We are asking people to join us as we honor our first responders in Lowndes County as we observe 9/11.
- On September 10, Contact Helpline will sponsor the 5K Race and Memory Walk at 8:00 a.m. at the Soccer Complex as part of World Suicide Prevention Day.
- The United Way, Lowndes County Sheriff Department and City of Columbus are working to fill an 18-wheeler with water to head to Jackson, MS on September 9 to help with the water crisis.
- Pick It Up Possum Town will have its next community clean-up event on Saturday, September 17, from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. The focus will be on Hwy. 45 business corridor area. I would like to add that Keep Columbus Beautiful and PIUPT are working together to spearhead efforts to clean our city.
- The Mayor/Council's next work session/budget hearing will be Thursday, September 15 at 10:30 at City Hall.
- A reminder that forms, such as citizen's input, board applications, job applications are found on our website at thecityofcolumbusms.org and can be picked up from the table at the front entrance of City Hall. Permits to hold community events/block streets are also on our website and can be picked up from the Police Department.
- **Columbus Fire and Rescue wishes to recognize three (3) citizens that have gone above and beyond in supporting Columbus Fire and Rescue in our community service efforts.**

B. Board vacancies

Ms. Jammie Garrett, COO, announced vacancies on various boards and remarked that one (1) appointment will be made tonight.

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD

1 Vacancy, 4-Year Term, Mark G. Alexander Sr.'s Term Expires 9/05/2022.
Appointment will be made September 6, 2022.

APPLICANTS:

- Joseph Bragg
- Jerry Fortenberry
- Jason Spears
- Matt Bogue
- Eric Thomas

Each applicant was extended the opportunity to come before the Council and discuss his credentials.

Mr. Bogue and Mr. Spears came forward.

After listening to the applicants for this Board, Council Member Beard made a motion to appoint Jason Spears to the Redevelopment Authority Board for a 5-Year Term, until September 5, 2027. Council Member Stewart seconded the motion.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Council Member Greene made a substitute motion to appoint Matt Bogue to the Redevelopment Authority Board for a 5-Year Term, until September 5, 2027. Council Member Diccico seconded the motion.

Council Members Greene and Diccico voted in favor of the motion. Council Members Stewart, Mickens, Beard and Jones opposed the motion.

The motion failed 2/4.

Council Members Stewart, Mickens, Beard and Jones voted in favor of the initial motion to appoint Jason Spears to the Redevelopment Authority Board for a 5-Year Term, until September 5, 2027. Council Members Greene and Diccico opposed the motion.

The motion carried 4/2.

COLUMBUS-LOWNDES LIBRARY BOARD

1 Vacancy, 5-Year Term, Clyde Hollis' Term Expires 9/30/2022.
Appointment will be made October 4, 2022.

There are no applicants at this time.

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

2 Vacancies, 3-Year Terms, Chuck Bigelow's & MacArthur Inge's Terms Expire on 10/04/2022.
Appointments will be made on October 4, 2022.

There are no applicants at this time.

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

A. Angella Baker, Team Starkville, Preliminary Competition for Miss Mississippi

Ms. Angella Baker came before the Council seeking financial support for education and their scholarship program. The preliminary Miss Mississippi Competition pageant will be held at New Hope on September 17, 2022. Currently, there is no Team Columbus or Team Friendly City, but a team will be named if Columbus supports their endeavors. Council Member Greene made a motion to table this request for further discussion. Council Member Mickens seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

VIII. POLICY AGENDA

A. Discuss/Approve Derelict Property Docket

DISMUKE DEVELOPMENT

1319 9th Avenue North

CASE NUMBER: 22-0209 OVERGROWN LOT

The General Counsel called cause number **22-0209**. No one appeared. Code Enforcement Officer Sasha James 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 Greene 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. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

JONES AND DAUGHTER ENTERPRIZE LLC

824 13th Street North

CASE NUMBER: 22-0212 ACCUMULATION OF RUBBISH AND GARBAGE

The General Counsel called cause number **22-0212**. No one appeared. Code Enforcement Officer Sasha James stated the property has been **remediated** by the owner, and it is her recommendation to enter the proposed Order under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code, finding that this property was in such a state of uncleanliness as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community. This Order should provide for such re-entry as the Statute allows. Council Member Jones made a motion in accordance with Section 21-19-11, and for an Order stating the City may remediate the property with respect to 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 Greene seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

LIFE ESTATE OF JAMES R. CLARKE &

ANN D. CLARKE

702 Cypress Street

CASE NUMBER: 22-0163 OVERGROWN LOT

The General Counsel called cause number **22-0193**. No one appeared. Code Enforcement Officer Sasha James stated the property has been **remediated** by the owner, and it is her recommendation to enter the proposed Order under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code, finding that this property was in such a state of uncleanliness as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community. This Order should provide for such re-entry as the Statute allows. Council Member Jones made a motion in accordance with Section 21-19-11, and for an Order stating the City may remediate the property with respect to 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 Greene seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

B. Discuss/Approve designating the Code Enforcement Officer and Assistant Code Enforcement Officer to enforce clean-up of derelict property when the cost to remediate is less than \$250.00.

Council Member Mickens made a motion to approve the request to designate the Code Enforcement Officer and Assistant Code Enforcement Officer to enforce clean-up of derelict property when the cost to remediate is less than \$250.00. Council Member Beard seconded the motion. General Counsel Turnage elaborated on this process, stating that 21-19-11 has a process that permits the Code Enforcement Officer/department to enforce clean-up when the cost to remediate the property is less than \$250.00 by giving the property owner seven (7) days' notice. This process will expedite the case load.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

C. Discuss/Approve Amendment to Interlocal Cooperative Agreement regarding the City of Columbus Use of Lowndes County Adult Detention Center.

General Counsel Turnage presented the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement By and Between the City of Columbus, and the County of Lowndes, Mississippi. City officials and Lowndes County officials met to discuss this agreement about the jail and housing of prisoners, which was originally adopted in 1996. Council Member Jones made a motion to amend the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement regarding the City of Columbus Use of Lowndes County Adult Detention Center pursuant to the term mentioned in the agreement. Council Member Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

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**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"), together referred to as "The Parties" each have certain responsibilities for the safety of the public including the housing of prisoners; and

WHEREAS, the County owns and operates a jail and has the capacity and the need for the City to make use of the jail for certain monetary consideration of the City and the City has a need by virtue of having no City jail facilities in which to house its prisoners; and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to enter into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement to provide for the cooperative undertaking for the joint use of the services and facilities offered by the County via the attached Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for the City use of the County jail and County services set forth in the Agreement attached hereto;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that under the provisions of *Miss. Code Ann.* 1972, §§17-13-1 et. seq., including specifically §17-13-7, 19-3-41, 21-17-1 et. seq. and the authorities cited in the attached Interlocal Cooperation Agreement, that Trip Hairston, President of the Lowndes County Board of Supervisors and Keith Gaskin, Mayor of the City of Columbus, Mississippi, 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 Lowndes County Board of Supervisors and by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus, that a copy of this Resolution and the Intergovernmental Agreement be forwarded to the Attorney General of the State of Mississippi for review and approval, and thereafter a copy of the same be forwarded to the Chancery Clerk of Lowndes County, Mississippi and the Secretary of State of Mississippi in accordance with §17-13-11 of the Mississippi Code and that once said filing is completed, that any prior Interlocal Cooperation Agreements between the parties related to the same subject shall be considered superseded and supplanted by the terms and provisions of this Agreement.

SO RESOLVED, this the _____ day of _____, 2022.

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
TRIP HAIRSTON, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

CINDY EGGER GOODE,
CHANCERY CLERK

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SO RESOLVED, this the _____ day of _____, 2022.

CITY OF COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI

By: 

KEITH GASKIN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



JAMES BRIGHAM, MUNICIPAL CLERK
AND SECRETARY/TREASURER

COUNTY 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 regular meeting assembled on this the ____ day of _____, 2022, as the same appears of record in the official minutes of record in my office.

This the ____ day of _____, 2022.

CINDY EGGER GOODE, CHANCERY CLERK

COUNTY SEAL

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MUNICIPAL 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 Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus, Mississippi, in a regular meeting assembled on this the 7th day of September, 2022, as the same appears of record in the official minutes of record in my office.

This 7th day of September, 2022.


JAMES BRIGHAM, MUNICIPAL CLERK,
AND SECRETARY/TREASURER

CITY SEAL



**INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN
THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, AND THE COUNTY OF LOWNDES, MISSISSIPPI**

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").

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 September ____, 2022, and did unanimously adopt a resolution authorizing the adoption and delivery of this Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of Columbus, Mississippi and Lowndes County 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 September ____, 2022, and did unanimously adopt a resolution authorizing the adoption and delivery of this Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Lowndes County, Mississippi and the City of Columbus;

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 indefinitely, subject to the ability of each to terminate upon the swearing in of a new administration.

II. PURPOSES

The Parties agree that it is to the benefit of the Parties to take cooperative action to support their respective interests in housing arrestees of the City and the County in a cost-effective and cooperative manner.

The Parties agree that their purposes in entering into this Interlocal Cooperation Agreement are to concentrate their assets in furtherance of the purposes cooperative action for the provision of jail facilities and jail services as authorized in Section 21-17-7(4) of the Mississippi Code.

III. CITATION OF AUTHORITY

The City of Columbus is authorized to exercise powers pursuant to Sections 21-17-1 and 17-3-1 of the Mississippi Code and has express authority, pursuant to Section 47-1-39 to contract with a county for use of a county jail. Lowndes County is authorized to exercise powers pursuant to Sections 19-3-40 and 17-3-1 of the Mississippi Code. 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 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 Parties hereto agree, to the following terms and provisions:

- (a) (i) The City shall pay the County thirty dollars (\$30.00) per day or any fraction of a day for incarceration of each City Prisoner for a twelve month period beginning upon this Agreement becoming effective. (ii) The City shall pay the County thirty five dollars (\$35.00) per day or any fraction of a day for incarceration of each City Prisoner for twelve month period beginning upon the expiration of one year from the date this Agreement becomes effective. (iii) The City shall pay the County forty five dollars (\$45) per day or any fraction of a day for incarceration of each City Prisoner for twelve month period beginning upon the expiration of the second year from the date this Agreement becomes effective and from thereafter until this Agreement is terminated or amended.
- (b) A "day" is defined to be a period beginning at twelve o'clock (12:00) midnight until twelve o'clock (12:00) midnight the following calendar day.
- (c) The City shall pay the expense and bear responsibility for all medical and dental expenses incurred upon a City prisoner which the prisoner is unable to pay himself. The City shall not be required to pay for medical treatment paid for by Medicaid or private insurance. Additionally the City should check with Medicaid to see if the Medicaid State Plan would cover the City prisoner's medical expenses. Once the City prisoner is bound over to the grand jury or waives preliminary hearing, the responsibility for medical and dental expenses shall not be the responsibility of the City and shall fall to the County, to the extent an indigent prisoner is unable to pay himself.
- (d) The City shall pay the expense and bear the responsibility for the initial transportation of the City prisoner to the County Jail for initial processing. The City shall bear the expense and responsibility of transportation of City prisoners to Court, until such

- prisoner is bound over to the grand jury or waives preliminary hearing, at which time the County shall transport such prisoners and the County's cost.
- (e) The City shall not owe the County any compensation unless or until an arrestee is transported to and processed in at the County jail.
 - (f) The City shall not have any financial obligation for jail operations or expenses, other than as expressly set forth herein.

**V. MANNER OF FINANCING, STAFFING AND SUPPLYING
THE COOPERATIVE UNDERTAKING AND
ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING A
BUDGET THEREFORE;
ACCOUNTING FOR SAME**

The County shall finance the cooperative undertaking as specified above. The County Sheriff, or his designee, shall submit to the City a monthly itemized statement of charges for housing City Prisoners, which City shall review and place on its docket of claims for consideration within 20 days of receipt of same. In the event of a dispute about specific charges, the City shall promptly notify the County of those charges that are in dispute, but shall remit according to this Agreement the undisputed charges as set forth above. If the Parties are unable to resolve a disputed charge, they may resolve their dispute through negotiation or litigation if necessary. The City shall contribute to the cooperative undertaking as specified above. The Secretary/Treasurer of the City shall be designated to receive, consider the validity and/or disburse the funds to be paid by the City to the County under this Agreement.

**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 with sixty (60) days advance notice.. Once terminated, all the property of the City shall remain that of the City and all property of the County shall remain that of the County. The Parties shall not purchase any jointly owned property, so upon termination of this Agreement, each Party shall continue to own its separate 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 County shall maintain itemized records of prisoner daily charges authorized under this agreement as specified hereinabove. The Mayor and City Council of the City shall administer the expenditure of the funds described herein as specified hereinabove.

**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 County 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.

F. Prior Agreements Cancelled.

This Interlocal Cooperation Agreement shall supersede all prior agreements and understandings, and contains the entire Agreement of the Parties hereto.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus, Mississippi, and the Lowndes County Board of Supervisors 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 September, 2022 for the County, and as of the _____ day of September, 2022 for the City.

CITY OF COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI



KEITH GASKIN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



JAMES BRIGHAM, SECRETARY/TREASURER (CLERK)

(S E A L)



LOWNDES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

TRIP HAIRSTON, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

CINDY EGGER GOODE, CHANCERY CLERK

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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 KEITH GASKIN., who acknowledged that he is the Mayor of the City of Columbus, Mississippi, and attested by JAMES BRIGHAM, 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 7th day of September, 2022.

(SEAL)

My Commission Expires:
4-15-2025



Penny Y. Law
NOTARY PUBLIC

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 TRIP HAIRSTON, who acknowledged that he is the PRESIDENT of the LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, and attested by CINDY EGGER GOODE, 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 September, 2022.

(SEAL)

My Commission Expires:

NOTARY PUBLIC

D. Discuss/Approve Acceptance of MDOT Matching Grant in the amount of \$22,186.00 for the Columbus/Lowndes County Airport Parallel Taxiway Project.

Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the request to apply for FY 2022 Edward Byrnes Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$12,852.00, authorize the Mayor to sign all pertinent documentation concerning the grant and adopt a Resolution and an Inter-local Agreement between the City of Columbus and the County of Lowndes, Mississippi once the grant is awarded. No matching funds are required for this grant. The grant will be used to assist the Columbus Police Department in purchasing 12-gauge tactical shotguns. Council Member Beard seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

(The signed MDOT Matching Grant documents will be included in the official minutes of the Mayor and City Council when all signatures have been gathered).

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August 10, 2022

Mr. Mark Alexander
City of Columbus
P.O. Box 1408
Columbus, MS 39703

Re: MDOT Matching Grant
Columbus-Lowndes County Airport
AIP Project No. 3-28-0019-025-2022

Dear Mr. Alexander:

Enclosed are three copies of an Airport Agreement to provide \$22,186, which is one-half of the local share of the referenced project cost (5% of the total cost). If there are any cost overruns on the project you will be responsible for funding the 10% local share of the additional cost.

There is a state requirement that all recipients of state funds be enrolled in E-Verify Program. This is not your Tax ID number or your CCR number. If you have not already enrolled to get your EV number, please go to www.uscis.gov and follow the links.

If you find the offer satisfactory, please complete Part II Acceptance and the E-Verify Certification in Attachment C, and return all unfolded original executed agreements by **September 15, 2022** to the following mailing address:

MDOT – Aeronautics
P.O. Box 1850
Jackson, MS 39215-1850

Upon receipt, the Executive Director will execute the grant and an original will be mailed back to you.

If you have any questions, please call me at (601) 359-7850 or email at jstubbs@mdot.ms.gov.

Sincerely,

Josh Stubbs, P.E.
Director of Aeronautics and Rails

Enclosures

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**MISSISSIPPI TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
AIRPORT FEDERAL MATCHING GRANT AGREEMENT
Project No. AIP-3-28-0019-025-2022
Columbus-Lowndes County Airport**

PART I - OFFER

TO: City of Columbus and Lowndes County, Mississippi
(hereinafter referred to as the RECIPIENT)

FROM: The Mississippi Transportation Commission
(hereinafter referred to as the COMMISSION)

WHEREAS, Title 61 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, authorizes the COMMISSION, subject to the limitations and conditions stated therein, to render financial aid in the acquisition, development, operation or maintenance of airports and to aid in the establishment, development, and maintenance of the civil air patrol program; and,

WHEREAS, The RECIPIENT submitted an Application for Federal Assistance (hereinafter referred to as Application) to the Federal Aviation Administration (hereinafter referred to as FAA) for federal financial assistance for development of the Columbus-Lowndes County Airport (hereinafter referred to as Airport), and the FAA subsequently issued a Grant Offer of federal funds, dated June 6, 2022 for Airport Improvement Project No. 3-28-0019-025-2022 (hereinafter referred to as Project) consisting of the following:

Rehabilitate parallel taxiway

all as more particularly described in the plans and specifications for the Project which were approved by the FAA; and,

WHEREAS, the Application included a request to the COMMISSION for financial assistance in payment of the RECIPIENT'S ten percent (10%) share of the Project costs;

NOW, THEREFORE, The COMMISSION hereby offers and agrees to pay as the COMMISSION'S share, **\$22,186**, of the eligible costs incurred in accomplishing the Project, subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. The maximum obligation of the COMMISSION payable under this offer shall be fifty (50%) of the RECIPIENT'S share of the final eligible Project costs.
2. The RECIPIENT shall:
 - a. expend an amount equal to, or greater than, five percent (5%) of the final Project costs.
 - b. carry out and complete the project **by December 30, 2026**, and in accordance with the approved plans and specifications or contracts for the project, incorporated herein by reference, and any revisions or modifications approved by the COMMISSION.

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3. The RECIPIENT is obligated to pay the full 10% recipient share of any FAA Grant Amendments to increase the FAA funding participation in the Project.
4. Project payments pursuant to this Grant will be made for eligible costs documented by invoices for the work or services incurred in accomplishing the project within the period set forth in 2(b) above. Final payment will be made after final review and approval of the completed Project by the FAA and the COMMISSION and after all conditions relating to the Project have been satisfied.
5. The COMMISSION reserves the right to amend or withdraw this Offer at any time prior to its acceptance by the RECIPIENT.
6. The RECIPIENT shall establish and maintain financial records of the Project in accordance with applicable State audit requirements and will make them available to personnel of the COMMISSION upon request.
7. All terms, conditions, and assurances contained in the FAA Grant Agreement for the project are incorporated herein by reference.
8. The RECIPIENT shall carry out and complete (physical and financial) the project without undue delays and in accordance with the terms herein.
9. The RECIPIENT will comply with the E-Verify Program described in the attached Supplemental Condition and by executing the form in Attachment C.

The RECIPIENT'S acceptance of this Offer shall be evidenced by execution of this instrument by the RECIPIENT and said offer and acceptance shall comprise an Airport Development Agreement, as provided by the COMMISSION constituting the obligations and rights of the COMMISSION and the RECIPIENT with respect to the accomplishment of the Project. Such Airport Development Agreement shall become effective upon the RECIPIENT'S acceptance of this Offer.

The COMMISSION executes all its orders and directives through the personnel of the MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. All notices and correspondence with or to the COMMISSION pursuant to the Project identified in this Agreement shall be directed to the Director, Aeronautics Division, Mississippi Department of Transportation.

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This Agreement shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of Mississippi. Any term or provision or portion thereof which violates the laws of the State of Mississippi, shall be null and void.

Witness this my signature in execution hereof this the ____ day of _____, 2022.

MISSISSIPPI TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, BY
AND THROUGH THE DULY AUTHORIZED EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION

Brad White Bk ____, Pg ____

PART II - ACCEPTANCE

The **City of Columbus, Mississippi** does hereby accept said Offer and all terms and conditions contained therein.

Witness this my signature in execution hereof this the ____ day of _____, 2022.

City of Columbus, Mississippi

Attest: _____ By: _____

(Title) (Title)

Lowndes County, Mississippi does hereby accept said Offer and all terms and conditions contained therein.

Witness this my signature in execution hereof this the ____ day of _____, 2022.

Lowndes County, Mississippi

Attest: _____ By: _____

(Title) (Title)

SUPPLEMENTAL CONDITIONS

Immigrant Status Certification/ E-Verify

The RECIPIENT represents and warrants that it will ensure its compliance with the Mississippi Employment Protection Act, **Section 71-11-1, et seq. of the Mississippi Code Annotated (Supp 2008)**, and will register and participate in the status verification system for all newly hired employees. The term "employee" as used herein means any person that is hired to perform work within the State of Mississippi. As used herein, "status verification system" means the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigration Responsibility Act of 1996 that is operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security, also known as the E-Verify Program, or any other successor electronic verification system replacing the E-Verify Program. The RECIPIENT agrees to maintain records of such compliance and, upon request of the State and **approval of the Social Security Administration or Department of Homeland Security, where required**, to provide a copy of each such verification to the State. The RECIPIENT further represents and warrants that any person assigned to perform services hereunder meets the employment eligibility requirements of all immigration laws of the State of Mississippi. The RECIPIENT understands and agrees that any breach of these warranties may subject the RECIPIENT to the following: (a) termination of this GRANT and ineligibility for any State or public contract in Mississippi for up to three (3) years, with notice of such cancellation/termination being made public, or (b) the loss of any license, permit, certification or other document granted to the RECIPIENT by an agency, department or governmental entity for the right to do business in Mississippi for up to one (1) year, or (c) both. In the event of such termination/cancellation, the RECIPIENT would also be liable for any additional costs incurred by the State due to GRANT cancellation or loss of license or permit. **The RECIPIENT is required to provide the certification on Attachment "C" to this GRANT to the COMMISSION verifying that the RECIPIENT and SUB-RECIPIENTS (Contractors, Subcontractors, Consultants), if any, are registered and participating in E-Verify prior to execution of this GRANT.**

It is agreed by the parties that no person employed by the RECIPIENT pursuant to the provisions hereof will be considered an agent or employee of the COMMISSION or the Mississippi Department of Transportation.

It is further agreed by the parties that no provision of this GRANT is intended nor shall it be construed to give rise to a third party beneficiary claim on the person or entity not a party hereto.

ATTACHMENT C

CONSULTANT / CONTRACTOR EEV CERTIFICATION AND AGREEMENT

Columbus-Lowndes County Airport

By executing this Certification and Agreement, the undersigned verifies its compliance with the "Mississippi Employment Protection Act," Section 71-11-1 et seq. Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, and any rules or regulations promulgated by Mississippi Transportation Commission [MTC], Department of Employment Security, State Tax Commission, Secretary of State, Department of Human Services in accordance with the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Law (Section 25-43-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended), stating affirmatively that the individual, firm or corporation which is contracting with MTC has registered with and is participating in a Federal work authorization program* operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security to electronically verify information of newly hired employees pursuant to the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, Pub. L. 99-603,100, Stat 3359, as amended. The undersigned agrees to inform the MTC if the undersigned is no longer registered or participating in the program.

The undersigned agrees that, should it employ or contract with any sub-consultant(s) and/or subcontractor(s) in connection with the performance of this GRANT, the undersigned will secure from such sub-consultant(s) and/or subcontractor(s) verification of compliance with the Mississippi Employment Protection Act. The undersigned further agrees to maintain records of such compliance and provide a copy of each such verification to MTC, if requested, for the benefit of the MTC or this GRANT.

EV* Company Identification Number [Required]

The undersigned certifies that the above information is complete, true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. The undersigned acknowledges that any violation may be subject to the cancellation of the GRANT, ineligibility for any State or public contract for up to three (3) years, the loss of any license, permit, certificate or other document granted by any agency, department or government entity for the right to do business in Mississippi for up to one (1) year, or both, any and all additional costs incurred because of the GRANT cancellation or the loss of any license or permit, and may be subject to additional felony prosecution for knowingly or recklessly accepting employment for compensation from an unauthorized alien as defined by 8 U.S.C §1324a(h)(3), said action punishable by imprisonment for not less than one (1) year nor more than five (5) years, a fine of not less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) nor more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), or both, in addition to such prosecution and penalties as provided by Federal law.

BY: _____, Authorized Officer or Agent _____ Date

Printed Name of Authorized Officer or Agent of the RECIPIENT Title of Authorized Officer or Agent of the RECIPIENT

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me on this the ____ day of _____, 20__.

NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires: _____

* As of the effective date of the Mississippi Employment Protection Act, the applicable Federal work authorization program is E-Verify™ operated by the U. S. Citizenship and Immigration Services of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, in conjunction with the Social Security Administration.

E. Discuss/Approve Speed Hump for Tuckaho Drive

Council Member Greene made a motion to approve the request to install a speed hump on Tuckaho Drive as recommended by the City Engineers. Council Member Diccico seconded the motion. The Council engaged in a discussion of the cost of speed humps and the number being installed throughout the City.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

F. Discuss/Approve Speed Hump for Williamsburg Road

Council Member Diccico made a motion to approve the request to install a speed hump on Williamsburg Road as recommended by the City Engineers. Council Member Greene seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

G. Discuss/Approve Speed Hump for 21st Avenue North

Council Member Beard made a motion to approve the request to install a speed hump on 21ST Avenue North as recommended by the City Engineers. Council Member Diccico seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

H. Discuss/Approve Lowest Quote for CPD and Strip Mall Roof Patch Repairs

Zach Foster, dba Neel-Schaffer, Inc., reported that he received two quotes for patching the roofs at CPD and the Strip Mall and the lowest quote was from Graham Roofing in the amount of \$37,350.00. Council Member Beard made a motion to accept the lowest quote from Graham Roofing in the amount of \$37,500.00 for Roof Patch Repairs to CPD and the Strip Mall. Council Member Diccico seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

I. Discuss/Approve Medical, Dental, and Life Insurance Renewal for FY2022-2023

Human Resources Director, Pat Mitchell, reported that the City's Insurance Committee recently met and discussed insurance claims and costs that were projected for 2022. The Committee recommends renewing Medical insurance with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Mississippi with a rate hold, Dental insurance with Delta Dental with a 5% increase and remaining with SunLife Insurance Company for Ancillary products, as well as remaining with Agent of Record, Tim Cox and Christian Heinkel with Cox Consulting Services, Inc. and W. Russell Brown with Brown, Boyd, Brown Insurance. Council Member Beard made a motion to renew the City's Medical insurance, Dental insurance and ancillary products for FY2022-2023 pursuant to the information above. Council Member Diccio seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

J. Discuss/Approve Acceptance of Children's Foundation of Mississippi Early Childhood Planning grant in the amount of \$2,000.00 to support the Mayor's Coalition for Early Childhood Education

Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the acceptance of Children's Foundation of Mississippi Early Childhood Planning grant in the amount of \$2,000.00 to support the Mayor's Coalition for Early Childhood Education. Council Member Greene seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

K. Discuss/Approve request to fill two (2) part-time Maintenance Technician position for the Trotter Convention Center/Regal Hall and authorize the Human Resources Director to begin the normal recruitment process.

Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the request to fill two (2) part-time Maintenance Technician positions for the Trotter Convention Center/Regal Hall and authorize the Human Resources Director to begin the normal recruitment process. Council Member Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

L. Discuss/Approve Public Hearing and Special Meeting to adopt the Proposed Budget and Tax Levies for FY 2022-2023, to be held on September 15, 2022 at City Hall in the Public Reception Room at 10:30 a.m.

Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the request to hold the Public Hearing and Special Meeting to adopt the Proposed Budget and Tax Levies for FY 2022-2023, to be held on September 15, 2022 at City Hall in the Public Reception Room at 10:30 a.m. Council Member Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

M. Discuss/Approve pay raises for the Mayor and City Council and Amendment to the City Ordinance, Section 2-37 related to same.

Council Member Mickens made a motion to Amend Section 2-47 of the City of Columbus Code of Ordinances to increase the salary of the Mayor by \$10,000.00, from \$83,596.24 to \$93,596.24 and City Council Members by \$8,000.00 each, from \$17,500.00 each to \$25,500.00 each, effective thirty (30) days after passage, and that a summary of this ordinance be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City and then recorded in the City's official Municipal Code book. Council Member Stewart seconded the motion and the question being put to a roll call vote, the results were recorded as follows:

Councilmember Ethel Stewart voted:	<u>YES</u>
Councilmember Joseph W. Mickens, Sr. voted:	<u>YES</u>
Councilmember Rusty Greene voted:	<u>NO</u>
Councilmember Pierre Beard voted:	<u>YES</u>
Councilmember Stephen Jones voted:	<u>YES</u>
Councilmember Jacqueline DiCicco voted:	<u>NO</u>

The Mayor then announced that the Motion carried and announced that, pursuant to Section 21-12-11 of the Mississippi Code, that the Ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after passage, and that a summary of this ordinance be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City and then recorded in the City's official Municipal Code book, this the 6th day of September, 2022.

THE AMENDMENT FOLLOWS:

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AMENDMENT TO SECTION 2-47 OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS CODE OF ORDINANCES

A motion was made by Council Member Joseph W. Mickens, Sr. that Section 2-47 of the Columbus Municipal Code be amended to read as follows:

Be it ordained by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus, that Division 3, Section 2-47 of the Columbus Municipal Code, Titled "Compensation" be amended to read as follows:

The annualized salary of each member of the city council shall be increased by \$8,000 effective the first pay period after this ordinance becomes effective. In order to increase the salary of the city council members thereafter, a motion must be introduced, duly seconded, and approved by a majority of the city council members at any time.

Council Member Stewart seconded the motion. After discussion, the Mayor called for a vote on the motion and recorded the votes as follows:

Council Member Taylor-Stewart voted	<u>Yes</u>
Council Member Mickens voted	<u>Yes</u>
Council Member Greene voted	<u>No</u>
Council Member Beard voted	<u>Yes</u>
Council Member Jones voted	<u>Yes</u>
Council Member DiCicco voted	<u>No</u>

The Mayor then announced that the Motion carried and announced that, pursuant to Section 21-13-11 of the Mississippi Code, that the Ordinance shall be effective thirty days after passage, and that a summary of this ordinance be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City and then recorded in the City's official Municipal Code book.

This the 6th day of September, 2022.



Keith Gaskin, Mayor
City of Columbus, Mississippi

CERTIFICATION:



James Brigham, Municipal Clerk
Secretary / Treasurer / CFO



IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no Executive Session matters to be considered tonight.

ADJOURNMENT:

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