

MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS March 7, 2023

The Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 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, except Councilwoman Diccico, who participated via ZOOM. Also present were the General Counsel, the COO, CFO, 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. Bennie Coleman, pastor of United Faith Center, to offer the Invocation.

II. CONFIRMATION OF/OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

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

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

III. APPROVE MINUTES FOR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 21, 2023

Councilwoman Diccico made a motion to approve the Minutes for the Meeting of February 21, 2023. Council Member Mickens seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Accept letter of resignation from CPD Investigator, Joinay Watts, effective March 8, 2023 and approve compensation of unused vacation leave according to State policy.

B. Approve request for Fire & Rescue personnel: Josh Boyer and Corey Haynes to attend "*NFPA 1033 – Fire Investigator*" to be held in Pearl, MS, and

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approve payment of \$1280.00 for registration, \$50.00 for fuel and use of City vehicle, and reimbursement for meal expenses.

- C. Approve request for Fire and Rescue personnel: Marco Rodriguez and David Tousley, to attend "*First-Firefighter Intervention Rescue Survival Techniques class*" to be held at the Jackson, MS, and approve payment of \$750.00 for registration, \$50.00 for fuel and use of City vehicle, and reimbursement of meal expenses.
- D. Approve request to use city lot for "Holi-Day Celebration" on March 8, 2023 with assistance from Fire Department personnel.
- E. Approve request to renew five (5) undercover license plates.
- F. Accept letter of resignation from CPD Investigator, Raymond Lee, effective March 19, 2023 and approve compensation for unused vacation leave according to State policy.
- G. Approve request for Police Chief Joseph Daughtry to attend "*Recruiting and Retaining the Next Generation of Law Enforcement Officers*" to be held in Jackson, MS, at no cost to the City.
- H. Accept letter of resignation from City Maintenance Technician, Rickey Hudson, effective March 6, 2023, and authorize the HR Director to begin the normal recruitment process.
- I. Approve payment of webmaster's service in the amount of \$658.34..
- J. Accept letter of retirement from Maintenance Technician, Joe Richardson, effective March 1, 2023 and approve compensation for unused vacation leave according to State policy.

Council Member Beard made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Council Member Greene 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 Greene made a motion to approve the Docket of Claims for March 7, 2023, in the amount of \$472,023.70. Councilwoman Stewart 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 the Council Members if they had any comments/announcements.

There were no comments from Members of the City Council.

Mayor Gaskin recognized Former Sheriff and District Attorney of Louisiana Parish, Charles Foggi and welcomed him to Columbus. Mr. Foggi was in town to support newly hired Police Captain, Mike Tisdale.

Mayor Gaskin proceeded with the following observations/remarks:

“I’d like to thank Sand Promotions, Columbus-Lowndes Convention & Visitors Bureau and the Henry Armstrong Foundation for sponsoring the inaugural Henry Armstrong Boxing Classic this past weekend.

The Historic Tour of Homes will be held March 16 – 23, 2023 with the Columbus Spring 2023 Pilgrimage and Home Tours beginning March 30 – April 23, 2023, Wednesdays only.

Next week will be Spring Break for most schools and colleges. We hope everyone has a great and safe time.

B. Swearing In of six (6) to CPD Officers:

Chief Daughtry came forward and introduced new employees in the Police Department. Mayor Gaskin swore in six (6) new Police Department personnel listed below as they recited the Oath of Office:

- Assistant Chief Garland Ward
- Captain Mike Tisdale
- Investigator Terence Ware
- Officer Keyshawn Younger
- Officer John Compton
- Officer Johannah Owusu

Captain Tisdale’s son came forth and pinned on his badge and insignia.

C. BOARD VACANCIES:

Ms. Jammie Garrett announced vacancies on various boards and remarked that appointments will be made tonight.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT & APPEALS OF DEVELOPMENT CODES:

1 Vacancy, 1-Year Term, Kevin Stafford's Term Expires 3/01/2023.
Appointment will be made March 7, 2023.

APPLICANT:

Kevin Stafford

Council Member Beard made a motion to reappoint Kevin Stafford to the Board of Adjustment & Appeals of Development Codes for a 1-Year Term, until March 1, 2024. Council Member Greene seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU:

2 Vacancies, 3-Year Terms, Whirlie Byrd's & Melodie Cunningham's
Terms Expire 3/03/2023.
Appointment will be made March 7, 2023.

APPLICANT:

Whirlie Byrd
Melodie Cunningham
Blaine Walters

Council Member Beard made a motion to reappoint Whirlie Byrd and Melodie Cunningham to the Convention & Visitor's Bureau for 3-Year Terms, until March 3, 2026. Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION

Council Member Greene made a substitute motion to reappoint Whirlie Byrd and appoint Blaine Walters to the Convention & Visitors Bureau. Council Member Diccio seconded the motion.

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

The motion was defeated 2/4.

INITIAL MOTION:

Council Members Stewart, Mickens, Beard and Jones voted in favor of the motion to reappoint Whirlie Byrd and Melodie Cunningham to the Convention & Visitors Bureau. Council Members Greene and Diccico opposed the motion.

The motion carried 4/2.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS & APPEALS:

2 Vacancies, 3-Year Terms, Chris Chain's & Rob Graham's Terms Expire 3/03/2023.

Appointment will be made March 7, 2023.

APPLICANT:

Chris Chain

Council Member Jones made a motion to reappoint Chris Chain to the Zoning Board of Adjustments & Appeals for a 3-Year Term, until March 3, 2026. Council Member Greene seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA:

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

A. Discuss/Approve Derelict Property Docket

MARQUET D. MCBRIDE
273 S. Pickensville Road
CASE NUMBER: 23-0032

Overgrown Lot

The General Counsel called cause number **23-0032**. Mr. McBride appeared and requested an extension to remediate the property. Code Enforcement Officer Sasha James recommended a **15-day extension** to remediate the property. The property was in such a state of uncleanness as to be a menace to the public under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code. Council Member Beard made a motion give the property owner a **15-day extension** to remediate the property, and that an Order be issued for the property in accordance with Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code, 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 remove 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.

NATIONAL DECON HOLDINGS LLC

605 17th Street South

CASE NUMBER: 23-0033

Overgrown Lot

The General Counsel called cause number **23-0033**. 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 uncleanness 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. Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

ESTATE OF ELIZA PHIFER

189 S. Pickensville Road

CASE NUMBER: 23-0034

Dilapidated Structure

The General Counsel called cause number **23-0034**. Ms. Angela Phifer appeared and requested additional time to remediate the property. Code Enforcement Officer Sasha James recommended a **45-day extension** until she speaks with the property owner and discuss a plan of action. The property was in such a state of uncleanness as to be a menace to the public under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code. Council Member Beard made a motion give the property owner a **45-day extension** to discuss the dilapidated structure and a plan of action with the property owner, and that an

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Order be issued for the property in accordance with Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code, 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 remove rubbish, personal property and other debris no more than twelve (12) times in a twenty-four (24) month period. Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion. General Counsel Turnage recommended to Ms. Phifer to apply for a building permit and make some progress in remediating this property.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

**ESTATE OF ALBERTA STEWART and
MARGIE L. MORTON
1314 13th Avenue South
CASE NUMBER: 23-0025 Burned Structure**

The General Counsel called cause number **23-0025**. No one appeared. Code Enforcement Officer Sasha James stated the property was in such a state of uncleanness 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 Beard 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. Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

**ESTATE OF JOHNNIE MAE BELL
c/o DONALD BELL
1102 19th Street North
CASE NUMBER: 23-0036 Property Maintenance Code Violation**

The General Counsel called cause number **23-0036**. Mr. Donald Bell appeared and reported that on December 31, 2022, an individual ran into this structure with her automobile. The driver did not have insurance or a driver's license. There were no problems prior to this incident. I kept the yard cleaned.

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Code Enforcement Officer Sasha James remarked that the property owner requested an extension and she recommended a **45-day extension** to determine if this property meets the qualifications under the Blight Elimination program. The property is in such a state of uncleanness as to be a menace to the public under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code. Council Member Jones made a motion give the property owner a **45-day extension** to determine if the property meets the qualification under the Blight Elimination program, and that an Order be issued for the property in accordance with Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code, 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 remove rubbish, personal property and other debris no more than twelve (12) times in a twenty-four (24) month period. Council Member Beard seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

CAMILLA P. RICHARDSON
Revocable Living Trust Agreement
c/o Trustee Camilla P. Richardson
c/o Trustee Annie Mae Warren
422 11th Street South
CASE NUMBER: 23-0044 Accumulation of Rubbish & Garbage

The General Counsel called cause number **23-0044**. 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 uncleanness 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 Greene 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. Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

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Code Enforcement Officer presented six (6) cases, \$250.00 or less for adjudication. Council Member Jones made a motion to accept the notices for property clean-up of properties \$250.00 and less to be adjudicated according to statute. Council Member Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

THE LIST OF PROPERTIES FOLLOWS:

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\$250 OR LESS Derelict Properties for March 7, 2023 Mayor and City Council Meeting

Case # and Violation	Ward	Name and Address	Notes
23-0037 <i>Accumulation of Rubbish and Garbage</i>	1	Robert Caldwell 801 8th Street South	
23-0038 <i>Accumulation of Rubbish and Garbage</i>	1	Margie Gunter 911 8th Street South	
23-0047 <i>Accumulation of Rubbish and Garbage</i>	2	Roger Holland 131 Poplar Street	
23-0048 <i>Accumulation of Rubbish and Garbage</i>	3	Tommy Lowery 705 North Street	
23-0049 <i>Accumulation of Rubbish and Garbage</i>	3	S & R Property Company LLC 112 Florence Street	
23-0063 <i>Accumulation of Rubbish and Garbage</i>	5	Thomas and Eloise Robertson 607 18th Street North	

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CALDWELL ROBERT
P O BOX 907
COLUMBUS, MS 39703

NUISANCE PROPERTY NOTICE TO OWNER - PURSUANT TO
SECTION 21-19-1(2) OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE (Effective 7/1/2022)

RE: 801 8TH ST S
APN: 61W15-00-05400
Case No: CE-23-0037
Officer: Sasha James - Ward: 1

Date: February 14, 2023

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus (the "Governing Authority"), having a population over one thousand five hundred (1500), has authorized the City of Columbus Code Enforcement Director and/or her assistant to determine whether the property or parcel of land is in such a state of uncleanness as to be a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the community when the fee or cost to clean property or a parcel of land that is one (1) acre or less does not exceed Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00), excluding administrative costs.

The particular condition(s) as determined by the authorized municipal employee existing as of the date of this notice is/are one or more of the following:

- 1] The presence of overgrowth of weeds, grass or other vegetation
- 2] The presence of rubbish/garbage and other debris
- 3] The presence of abandoned building
- 4] The presence of abandoned or dilapidated fence(s)
- 5] The presence of burned structures
- 6] The presence of dilapidated building(s), slabs or personal property
- 7] The presence of property maintenance code violation
- 8] The presence of standing water in cesspools
- 9] The presence of cistern(s), standing water and cesspools

You are hereby advised that by this correspondence a determination has been made that the condition of property or parcel of land as depicted is a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the community, and as such the governing authority of the City of Columbus, if the owner does not do so himself, on or before the 21st day of February, 2023, shall proceed to clean the land, by the use of municipal employees or by contract, by cutting grass and weeds, filling cisterns, removing rubbish, abandoned or dilapidated fences, outside toilets, abandoned or dilapidated buildings, slabs, personal property, which removal of personal property shall not be subject to the provisions of Section 21-39-21, and other debris; and draining cesspools and standing water therefrom.

YOU ARE ADVISED THAT A FINDING BY THE MUNICIPAL OFFICIAL THAT THE PROPERTY OR PARCEL OF LAND IS IN NEED OF CLEANING WILL AUTHORIZE THE MUNICIPALITY TO REENTER THE PROPERTY OR PARCEL OF LAND FOR A PERIOD OF TWO (2) YEARS AFTER THE MUNICIPAL OFFICIAL'S DETERMINATION WITHOUT ANY FURTHER HEARING OR ACTION IF NOTICE IS POSTED ON THE PROPERTY OR PARCEL OF LAND AND AT CITY HALL OR ANOTHER PLACE IN THE MUNICIPALITY WHERE SUCH NOTICES ARE GENERALLY POSTED AT LEAST SEVEN (7) DAYS BEFORE THE PROPERTY OR PARCEL OF LAND IS REENTERED FOR CLEANING. A COPY OF THE REQUIRED NOTICE MAILED AND POSTED AS REQUIRED BY MCA SECTION 21-19-1(2) (a)&(b) SHALL BE RECORDED IN THE MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HEARING REQUIRED BY SAID SECTION.

Thereafter, the governing authority shall by resolution adjudicate the actual cost of cleaning the property under this provision, provided the same does not exceed Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) and may also impose a penalty not to exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) or one hundred percent (100%) of the actual cost of cleaning the property, whichever is more.

The cost and any penalty imposed may become a civil debt against the property owner, and/or, at the option of the governing authority, an assessment against the property. The "cost assessed against the property" means either the cost to the municipality of using its own employees to do the work or the cost to the municipality of any contract executed by the municipality to have the work done, and additionally may include administrative costs of the municipality not to exceed Fifty Dollars (\$50.00). For subsequent cleaning within the one-year period, upon seven (7) days' notice posted both on the property or parcel of land adjudicated in need of cleaning and at city hall or another place in the municipality where such notices are generally posted, and consistent with the municipal official's determination as authorized, a municipality may reenter the property or parcel of land to maintain cleanliness without further notice or hearing no more than six (6) times in any twelve-month period with respect to removing abandoned or dilapidated buildings, slabs, dilapidated fences and outside toilets, and no more than twelve (12) times in any twenty-four-month period with respect to cutting grass and weeds and removing rubbish, personal property and other debris on the land, and the expense of cleaning of the property shall not exceed an aggregate amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per year. The governing authority may assess the same actual costs, administrative costs, and penalty for each time the property or land is cleaned as otherwise provided. The penalty provided herein shall not be assessed against the State of Mississippi upon request for reimbursement under Section 29-1-145, nor shall a municipality clean a parcel owned by the State of Mississippi without first giving notice. Upon written authority from the Secretary of State's office, for state-owned properties, a municipality may forgo the notification process that is prescribed in this subsection and proceed to clean the properties and assess costs as prescribed in this subsection, except that, penalties shall not be assessed against the State of Mississippi. A determination made by an appropriate municipal employee under this subsection (2) that the state or condition of property or a parcel of land is a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the community shall not subsequently be used to replace a hearing if Section 21-19-1(1) is later utilized by a municipality when the prerequisites of Section 21-19-1 (2) are not satisfied.

An appeal of this decision may be made to the Governing Authority of the City of Columbus and such appeal shall be in writing, state the basis for the appeal and be filed with the city clerk no later than seven (7) days from the latest date of notice required under MCA 21-19-1(2).

For any questions, please call Sasha James, the Code Enforcement Director for the City of Columbus at 662-245-5063 or 662-245-5070.

This the 14th day of February, 2023.
Sasha James,
City of Columbus Director of Code Enforcement

A copy of this notice shall be recorded in the minutes of the governing authority in conjunction with MCA Section 21-19-1 (2).

At least seven (7) days before the date of cleaning, this notice is required to be posted on the property or parcel of land identified herein AND at city hall or such other place in the municipality where such notices are posted AND is required to be mailed, via United States Mail, postage prepaid, to the address of the property or parcel of land identified herein except where the land or structure(s) is apparently vacant, AND in the address where the ad valorem tax notice for the property or parcel of land identified herein is sent by the office charged with collecting ad valorem taxes for the subject property or parcel of land identified herein.

This Notice was posted on the subject property on: February 14, 2023

By: Sasha James, City of Columbus Director of Code Enforcement

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SECTION 21-19-1(2) OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE (Effective 7/1/2022)

GUNTER MARGIE M
1508 13TH AVE N
COLUMBUS, MS 39701

RE: 911 8TH ST S
APN: 61W15-00-05800
Case No: CE-23-0038
Officer: Sasha James - Ward: 1

Date: February 14, 2023

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HOLLAND ROGER
180 RIVERCHASE DR.
WEST POINT, MS 39773

RE: 131 POPLAR ST
APN: 62W11-03-01900
Case No: CE-23-0047
Officer: Sasha James - Ward: 2

Date: February 15, 2023

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For any questions, please call Sasha James, the Code Enforcement Director for the City of Columbus at 662-245-5063 or 662-245-5070.

This the 15th day of February, 2023.
Sasha James,
City of Columbus Director of Code Enforcement

A copy of this notice shall be recorded in the minutes of the governing authority in conjunction with MCA Section 21-19-11 (2).

MINUTES OF THE
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 7, 2023



NUISANCE PROPERTY NOTICE TO OWNER - PURSUANT TO
SECTION 21-19-1(2) OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE (Effective 7/1/2022)

LOWERY TOMMY
705 NORTH ST
COLUMBUS, MS 39702

RE: 705 NORTH ST
APN: 62W11-01-04800
Case No: CE-23-0048
Officer: Sasha James - Ward: 3

Date: February 15, 2023

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MINUTES OF THE
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 7, 2023



NUISANCE PROPERTY NOTICE TO OWNER - PURSUANT TO
SECTION 21-19-1(2) OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE (Effective 7/1/2022)

S & R PROPERTY COMPANY LLC
1618 SEMINOLE RD
COLUMBUS, MS 39705

RE: 112 FLORENCE ST
APN: 62W11-01-02100
Case No: CE-23-0049
Officer: Sasha James - Ward: 3

Date: February 15, 2023

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This 15th day of February, 2023.
Sasha James,
City of Columbus Director of Code Enforcement

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MINUTES OF THE
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MARCH 7, 2023



NUISANCE PROPERTY NOTICE TO OWNER - PURSUANT TO
SECTION 21-19-1(2) OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE (Effective 7/1/2022)

ROBERTSON THOMAS E/ELOISE
607 18 ST N
COLUMBUS, MS 39701

RE: 607 18TH ST N
APN: 61W06-02-08200
Case No: CE-23-0063
Officer: Sasha James - Ward: 5

Date: February 21, 2023

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This the 21st day of February, 2023.

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By: Sasha James, City of Columbus Director of Code Enforcement

B. Discuss/Approve request to fill vacant position of Maintenance Technician for Parks & Recreation Department, pending successful completion of a pre-employment drug screen and medical exam

Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the request to hire **JOSHUA HENDRICKS** as Maintenance Technician for Parks & Recreation Department at \$13.00 per hour, pending successful completion of a pre-employment drug screen and medical exam. Council Member Beard seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

C. Discuss/Approve Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$1,020.00 for the Columbus-Lowndes County Airport Jet-A Fuel Tank Replacement project.

Council Member Beard made a motion to approve Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$1,020.00 for the CLCA Jet-A Fuel Tank Replacement project. Council Member Greene seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

D. Discuss/Approve submitting a MDOT Multimodal grant application for CLCA's Hangar Construction project.

Council Member Beard made a motion to approve the request to submit a MDOT Multimodal grant application for CLCA's Hangar Construction project. The overall grant amount is \$1.2 million dollars from the FAA BIL Grant funds with the City of Columbus and Lowndes County sharing 5%. Council Member Greene seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

E. Discuss/Accept the 2020 Audit

Council Member Mickens made a motion to accept the 2020 Audit. Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion. CFO Jim Brigham remarked that he reviewed the audit closely and has begun taking corrective action on

three of the findings. The Audit has been sent to the State Auditor's Office and will be sent to the Federal Audit Clearing House in the next 30 days. Mr. Brigham recommended that the City strengthen the ability to apply for and manage federal, state and private grants and that they are completed in one (1) department and have good reporting in place to ensure compliance with state and federal recommendations. A recommendation will be made very soon.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

F. Discuss/Approve Drainage Improvements for 82 to 14th Avenue/Moss Street (Brickyard).

Kevin Stafford, dba Neel-Schaffer, Inc. came forward and discussed where this area begins and ends. This project will cost between \$500,000.00 - \$630,000.00 to improve drainage. This is a very competitive grant. Council Member Beard made a motion to approve Drainage Improvements for 82 to 14th Avenue / Moss Street (Brickyard). Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

G. Discuss/Approve rescinding the lease purchase approval for the Motorola radios and that we go through the proper process to have a reverse auction for purchase of radios with the same or similar specifications that the Fire Department and the Sheriff Office uses.

Councilwoman Diccio made a motion to approve rescinding the lease purchase approval for the Motorola radios and that we go through the proper process to have a reverse auction for purchase of radios with the same or similar specifications that the Fire Department and the Sheriff's Office uses so that we will be better stewards of the tax payers' dollars. Council Member Greene seconded the motion. The Council then discussed the matter at length. Council Member Jones remarked that he had spoken with a member that works with MBN and the response was that they like the Motorola and also stated that they experienced problems communicating with the Sheriff department when in Columbus last week. Christopher Moore, volunteer Firefighter, came forward and remarked that Lowndes County Volunteer Fire Department has 120 Motorola radios and they are very pleased with the quality of the radios. He researched the radios for three (3) years. The Police Chief came forward and remarked that the Motorola radios have been

approved by the state and MISWIN and are currently being pre-built. A RUSH has been placed on the order. Council Member Diccico voted in favor of the motion. Council Members Stewart, Mickens, Greene, Beard and Jones opposed the motion.

The motion failed 1/5.

H. Discuss/Approve donation of property to Golden Triangle Regional Homeless Coalition, Inc.

Council Member Mickens reported on the trip to Nashville, TN to look at some tiny homes and remarked that the trip was very productive. The representative there discussed several options that a city can use the houses for. Council Member Beard moved under the authority of Mississippi Code Section 21-19-65, that the City donate, in-kind, to the Golden Triangle Regional Homeless Coalition, Inc. approximately 2 acres of land situated on the South side of Airline Road, generally depicted on this aerial photograph, as will be more particularly described by survey, with this in-kind donation given to match any other funds supporting the Golden Triangle Regional Homeless Coalition and containing a clause in the deed that if said land ceases to be used for a qualifying social and community service purpose, that the title to the real property revert to the City of Columbus, and that the City shall reserve mineral rights and the right of ingress and egress to remove same. I also ask that minutes show that the Mayor and Council have determined, with input from the City / County Tax Assessor, that the value of the land is approximately \$7,500.00. Council Member Mickens seconded the motion. Rev. Sandra DePriest and the Golden Triangle Regional Homeless Coalition, Inc. were commended for their tireless efforts in committing to this cause.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry, or GC/MS analysis:

CFO Brigham reported that Lowndes County's GC/MS analysis equipment arrived, but the vendor does not have adequate staffing to set it up and train.

Mr. Brigham suggested that the City move forward with the option of leasing its own GC / MS analysis equipment at \$2800.00 per month and make a finding that this equipment is a sole-source purchase. Council Member Greene made a motion to proceed with the specifications and determination on the findings of a lease of a GC / MS Analysis at \$2800.00 per month. Council Member Beard seconded the motion.

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All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 5/0.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Approved by: _____
Keith Gaskin, Mayor

James "Jim" Brigham
CFO/Secretary-Treasurer