

MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS March 21, 2023

The Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, March 21, 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. Also present were the COO, CFO, General Counsel, Police Chief, H R Director and all other Department Heads.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

Mayor Gaskin called the meeting to order and called on George Irby to offer the Invocation. Mr. Irby invited others for his grandson, who has been hospitalized in Atlanta, GA.

II. CONFIRMATION OF/OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

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

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

III. APPROVE MINUTES FOR MEETINGS OF MARCH 7 and 16, 2023.

Councilwoman Stewart made a motion to approve the Minutes for the Meeting of March 7 and 16, 2023. Councilwoman Diccio seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approve request to pay for Fifty-six (56) Fire and Rescue personnel for Re-Certification in the amount of \$150.00.

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- B. Approve request for Fire and Rescue personnel: Joe Denton and Billy R. Clark, to travel to Lyons, South Dakota to inspect new Fire Apparatus and approve payment of expenses, estimated to be \$75.00.
- C. Approve request for Fire and Rescue personnel: Mike Chandler and Alan Lewis, to attend "*CFAI Peer Assessor Training Program*" Web based Training, and approve payment of registration expenses in the amount of \$800.00.
- D. Accept letter of resignation from Public Works Department employee, Eric Bryant, effective March 23, 2023 and authorize the HR Director to begin the normal recruitment process.
- E. Accept letter of resignation from CPD Records Clerk, Valencia Bush, effective March 9, 2023 and authorize the HR Director to begin the normal recruitment process.
- F. Accept letter of resignation from Forensic Scientist Trainee, Kristina Zwerg, effective March 16, 2023, approve payment of unused vacation leave and authorize the HR Director to begin the normal recruitment process.
- G. Accept letter of resignation from Forensic Scientist Criminalist, Shanna Cunningham, effective March 22, 2023, approve payment of unused vacation leave and authorize the HR Director to begin the normal recruitment process.
- H. Approve permit request submitted by Nancy Carpenter, on behalf of the Columbus Cultural Heritage Foundation, to host "*Catfish in the Alley*" to be held on April 22, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., with streets being blocked on Friday, April 21, 2023 from 12:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 22, 2023. See *attached map*...
- I. Approve permit request submitted by Glenn Lautzenhiser, on behalf of Christian Community in Prayer, to host the "*National Day of Prayer*" to be held on May 4, 2023 from 12:00 p.m. until 1:00 p.m. in front of the Lowndes County Courthouse, blocking second Avenue North from 8:00 a.m. until 1:15 p.m.
- J. Approve permit request submitted by Salem Gibson, on behalf of Tennessee Williams Tribute/Columbus Art Council, to host "*Stella Yell*" to be held on March 31, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. and approve request to sell beer at this event. See *attached map*.

- K. Approve permit request submitted by Sara Batot, on behalf of the Columbus AFB, to host a “*Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Parade*” to be held on April 13, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m., starting at Stokes Beard Elementary School, 311 South MLK, Jr. Drive, blocking Highway 82, 5th Avenue North and 23rd Street North around Stokes Beard Elementary School.

Council Member Mickens 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:

Councilwoman Stewart made a motion to approve the Docket of Claims for March 21, 2023, in the amount of \$728,753.44. Council Member Mickens seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried 4/2.

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

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

Council Member Beard announced that he will be sponsoring the Annual Easter Egg Festival for April and not have a State of the Ward meeting. The Egg Festival will be held in Propst Park on April 8, 2023, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Councilwoman Stewart announced that a Ward 1 meeting will be held on April 13, 2023 at Townsend Community Center at 6:00 p.m. and will be held every 2nd Thursday at the same time and place thereafter.

The Women in Municipal Court will host a “Women’s History & Empowerment Luncheon” March 27, 2023, from 11:30 – 12:30 in the Training Room, located at 1601 Main Street.

The Mayor, Council and all in the audience wished COO Jammie Garrett a happy birthday and sang to her.

Mayor Gaskin asked the Council if they had any questions for the Department Heads.

B. Building Inspection Monthly Report for February 2023

The Monthly Report from the Building Inspection Department for February 2023 was presented. No action was taken.

C. Columbus Fire and Rescue Monthly Report for February 2023

The Monthly Report from the Columbus Fire and Rescue Department for February 2023 was presented. No action was taken.

D. Human Resources Monthly Report for February 2023

The Monthly Report from the Human Resources Department for February 2023 was presented. No action was taken.

E. Code Enforcement Monthly Report for February 2023

The Monthly Report from the Code Enforcement Department for February 2023 was presented. No action was taken.

F. Columbus Police Department Monthly Report for February 2023

The Monthly Report from the Columbus Police Department for February 2023 was presented. No action was taken.

G. Trotter Convention Center/Friendship Cemetery/Care & Maintenance Monthly Report for February 2023

The Monthly Report from the Trotter Convention Center/Friendship Cemetery/Care & Maintenance Monthly Report for February 2023 was presented. No action was taken.

H. Office of Planning & Community Development Monthly Report for February 2023

The Monthly Report from the Planning & Community Development for February 2023 was presented. No action was taken.

I. Public Works Department Monthly Report for February 2023

The Monthly Report from the Public Works Department for February 2023 was presented. Vice-Mayor Mickens asked the Public Works Director

questions about the purchase of equipment that was previously approved. Casey Bush remarked that he has received three (3) pick-up trucks and two (2) zero-turn lawn mowers have been purchased and will purchase three (3) additional mowers. The piece of heavy equipment is unavailable at this time. We need another boom truck or a high reach machine. We are also have problems getting a side-arm piece of equipment. Currently, both boom trucks are down and being repaired, but should be back in operable later this week. The new back gate has been installed and access is gained by use of a pin code. Three (3) individuals have keys to enter at the front entrance gate. Joe Dillon, PIO, remarked that the cameras have been built and are at CL&W. We are trying to identify some undergrown gas lines. We hope to have the cameras up and working this week.

J. Municipal Court Monthly Report for February 2023

The Monthly Report from the Municipal Court Division for February 2023 was presented. No action was taken.

K. Parks & Recreation Monthly Report for February 2023

The Monthly Report for the Parks & Recreation Department for February 2023 was presented. No action was taken.

L. Monthly Financial Report

Jim Brigham, CFO, distributed the Monthly Financial Report for February 2023, which includes the General Fund cash balance of \$7,723,081.16, which is an increase of \$8,671,142.07 compared to the same time last year. Total Sales Tax Receipts for March 2023 are \$865,109.00, which is an increase of \$95,087.00 compared to the same time last year. The remaining balance of ARPA Funds is \$2,981,193.01. Councilwoman Diccio asked questions about a more-detailed report. Mr. Brigham asked what other information the Council would like to see on the Financial Report and a discussion of the request ensued. No action was taken.

M. BOARD VACANCIES

Ms. Jammie Garrett announced vacancies on various boards and remarked that no appointments will be made tonight.

TREE BOARD

2 Vacancies, 3-Year Terms, Michael Foster and Mildred Monroe Terms Expired 12/03/2023.

Appointments will be made April 4, 2023.

APPLICANT:

Jill Drouillard

TREE BOARD

2 Vacancies, 3-Year Terms, Bruce Sansing's Term Expires 4/07/2023 and Reid Nevin's Term Expires 4/19/2023.
Appointments will be made April 18, 2023.

APPLICANT:

No applicants at this time.

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA:

A. Carl A. Lee – City Government

Mr. Lee did not appear before the Council.

B. Lavonne Latham Harris – CPD Overview Committee

Ms. Lavonne Latham Harris, President of the local chapter of NAACP, came before the Council regarding the CPD Overview Committee and apprised the Mayor and Council of the purpose of the Committee. Citizens, Marty and Tiffany Turner came forth and remarked that the Overview Committee was organized to be a liaison between the CPD, City and the community. Ms. Mitchell reported that has read minutes from the meetings and search all minutes for 2016 and could not find where the Council made appointment of Committee members, but would continue to research. Ms. Garrett, COO, stated that she would schedule a meeting to discuss the matter further.

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

A. Discuss/Approve Derelict Property Docket

BELVIN DUCK

1903 Bell Avenue

CASE NUMBER: 23-0045 Property Maintenance Code Violation

The General Counsel called cause number **23-0045**. 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. Councilwoman Stewart made a motion in accordance with Section 21-19-11 of the

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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.

WILLIE MACK COLEMAN JR.

514 15th Street North

CASE NUMBER: 23-0053

Dilapidated Structure

The General Counsel called cause number **23-0053**. No one appeared. Code Enforcement Officer Sasha James remarked that the property owner requested an extension and she recommended a **45-day extension** to remediate the property. 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. Council Member Jones made a motion give the property owner a **45-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. Councilwoman Diccio seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

FLORA NICHOLSON

1005 5th Avenue North

CASE NUMBER: 23-0054

Property Maintenance Code Violation

The General Counsel called cause number **23-0054**. 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

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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.

EL BETHEL M. B. CHURCH
2207 Washington Avenue
CASE NUMBER: 23-0055

Dilapidated Structure

The General Counsel called cause number **23-0055**. 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 Jones 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 Beard seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

DANIEL LEMUS GUTIERREZ AND
EDER ORTEGA VARELA
1514 3rd Avenue North
CASE NUMBER 23-0059

Accumulation Prohibited

The General Counsel called cause number **23-0059**. 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 Jones made a motion in accordance with Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi

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All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

PAUL AND ELISA SAMPSON
1723 5th Avenue North
CASE NUMBER 23-0063

Property Maintenance Code Violation

This case was tabled until April 18, 2023 due to new ownership of property.

CASES \$250 AND LESS:

Code Enforcement Officer presented eleven (11) 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 Beard seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

One case, 23-0080 was deleted and no action was taken.

THE LIST OF PROPERTIES FOLLOWS:

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\$250 OR LESS Derelict Properties for March 21, 2023 Mayor and City Council Meeting

Case # and Violation	Ward	Name and Address	Notes
23-0071 <i>Accumulation of Rubbish and Garbage</i>	1	College Inv c/o Margaret Bobo 808 7th Avenue South	
23-0072 <i>Accumulation of Rubbish and Garbage</i>	1	Charlie Skipper 509 9th Avenue South	
23-0073 <i>Accumulation of Rubbish and Garbage</i>	5	Lovie J. Fuqua 1408 Military Road	
23-0074 <i>Accumulation of Rubbish and Garbage</i>	4	John A. Barron 2511 5th Avenue North	
23-0080 <i>Accumulation of Rubbish and Garbage</i>	4	Dirk Dickson 801 Waterworks Road	
23-0082 <i>Accumulation of Rubbish and Garbage</i>	4	Sandra Jones and No Joke Rentals LLC 111 Mill Street	
23-0086 <i>Accumulation of Rubbish and Garbage</i>	4	Harold Mac Burke III 1020 Shady Street	
23-0087 <i>Accumulation of Rubbish and Garbage</i>	4	Hatcher Invest Properties LLC 2603 5th Avenue North	
23-0088 <i>Accumulation of Rubbish and Garbage</i>	4	John Thompson 4th Avenue North	
23-0089 <i>Accumulation of Rubbish and Garbage</i>	4	Rayfield Jr and Barbaranita Valentine Cherry Street	
23-0100 <i>Accumulation of Rubbish and Garbage</i>	2	Truman H. Oswalt Life Estate 406 Woolbright Street	
23-0101 <i>Accumulation of Rubbish and Garbage</i>	2	Burkhalter Property Management LLC 610 North Gaywood Avenue	

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NUISANCE PROPERTY NOTICE TO OWNER - PURSUANT TO
SECTION 21-19-11(2) OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE (Effective 7/1/2022)

COLLEGE INV C/O MARGARET BOBO
1020 JOANN DRIVE
SOUTHAVEN, MS 38671

RE: 808 7TH AVE S
APN: 61W15-00-04800
Case No: CE-23-0071
Officer: Sasha James - Ward: 1

Date: February 27, 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 uncleanliness 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 include one or more of the following:

- ☒ The presence of overgrowth of weeds, grass or other vegetation
- ☐ The presence of rubbish/garbage and other debris
- ☐ The presence of abandoned building
- ☐ The presence of abandoned or dilapidated fence(s)
- ☐ The presence of burned structure
- ☐ The presence of dilapidated building(s), slabs or personal property
- ☐ The presence of property maintenance code violation
- ☐ The presence of standing water in cesspools
- ☐ 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 described 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 6th day of March, 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.

Code Section:	Corrective Action:	Compliance Date:
107.1 - Accumulation of Rubbish and Garbage	Remove all trash and debris from the property. All equipment, appliance, and/or material must be stored away from public view and/or stored in an enclosed structure. Generally, any equipment, materials or furnishings that would ordinarily not be used outdoors may not be stored outdoors.	March 6, 2023

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 21-19-11(2) (a)(6) 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 to 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 21-19-11(1) is later utilized by a municipality when the prerequisites of Section 21-19-11(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 21-19-11(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 27th 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).

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 to 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 27, 2023

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

This Notice was posted at the City Building Inspection Office on: February 27, 2023

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

This Notice was mailed via United States Mail, postage prepaid, to each address identified above on: February 27, 2023

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

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SKIPPER CHARLIE
504 9TH AVE S
COLUMBUS, MS 39701

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

RE: 504 9TH AVE S
APN: 61W16-02-07600
Case No: CE-23-0072
Officer: Sasha James - Ward: 1

Date: February 27, 2023

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For any questions, please call Sasha James, the Code Enforcement Director for the City of Columbus at 662-245-3063 or 662-245-3070.

This 27th 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 to 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.

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

FUQUA LOVIE J
19 ROBINDALE CIRCLE
THE WOODLANDS, TX 77384

RE: 1408 MILITARY RD
APN: 56W18-02-05600
Case No: CE-23-0073
Officer: Sasha James - Ward: 5

Date: February 27, 2023

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Code Section:	Corrective Action:	Compliance Date:
307.1 - Accumulation of Rubbish and Garbage	Remove all trash and debris from the property. All equipment, appliance, and/or material must be stored away from public view and/or stored in an enclosed structure. Generally, any equipment, materials or furnishings that would ordinarily not be used outdoors may not be stored outdoors.	March 6, 2023

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.

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This the 27th day of February, 2023.
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NUISANCE PROPERTY NOTICE TO OWNER - PURSUANT TO
SECTION 21-19-1(2) OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE (Effective 7/1/2022)

BARRON JOHN A
90 AZALEA DR
COLUMBUS, MS 39705

RE: 2511 5TH AVE N
APN: 61W05-03-05500
Case No: CE-23-0074
Officer: Sasha James - Ward: 4

Date: March 1, 2023

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NUISANCE PROPERTY NOTICE TO OWNER - PURSUANT TO
SECTION 21-19-11(2) OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE (Effective 7/1/2022)

DICKSON DIRK
P.O. BOX 293
MACON, MS 39341

RE: 801 WATERWORKS RD
APN: 61W05-01-10900
Case No: CE-23-0080
Officer: Sasha James - Ward 4

Date: March 1, 2023

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JONES SANDRA/NO JOKE RENTAL LL
3670 HWY 145
SHUQUALAK, MS 39361

RE: 111 MLL ST
APN: 54W20-03-11400
Case No: CB-23-0002
Officer: Sasha James - Ward: 4

Date: March 1, 2023

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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 21-19-11(1) is later utilized by a municipality when the prerequisites of Section 21-19-11(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 21-19-11(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 is the 1st day of March, 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).

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 to 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: March 1, 2023

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

This Notice was posted at the City Building Inspection Office on: March 1, 2023

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

This Notice was mailed via United States Mail, postage prepaid, to each address identified above on: March 1, 2023

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

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NUISANCE PROPERTY NOTICE TO OWNER - PURSUANT TO
SECTION 21-19-11(2) OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE (Effective 7/1/2022)

BURKE MAC HAROLD III
1015 BENNETT AVE
COLUMBUS, MS 39702

RE: 1020 SHADY ST
APN: 56W-20-03-07700
Case No: CE-23-0086
Officer: Sasha James - Ward: 4

Date: March 1, 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:

- ☐ The presence of overgrowth of weeds, grass or other vegetation
- ☒ The presence of rubbish/garbage and other debris
- ☐ The presence of abandoned building
- ☐ The presence of abandoned or dilapidated fence(s)
- ☐ The presence of burned structure
- ☐ The presence of dilapidated building(s), slabs or personal property
- ☐ The presence of property maintenance code violation
- ☐ The presence of standing water in cesspools
- ☐ 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 described 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 11th day of March, 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 21-19-11(2) (a)&(b) SHALL BE RECORDED IN THE MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HEARING REQUIRED BY SAID SECTION.

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This is the 1st day of March, 2023.

Sasha James,
City of Columbus Director of Code Enforcement

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This Notice was posted on the subject property on: March 1, 2023

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

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NUISANCE PROPERTY NOTICE TO OWNER - PURSUANT TO
SECTION 21-19-11(2) OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE (Effective 7/1/2022)

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

RE: 2603 5TH AVE N
APN: 61W05-01-05900
Case No: CE-23-0087
Officer: Sasha James - Ward: 4

Date: March 1, 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.

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- ☒ The presence of property maintenance code violation
- ☒ The presence of standing water in cesspools
- ☒ 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 described 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 8th day of March, 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 21-19-21, and other debris; and draining cesspools and standing water therefrom.

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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 21-19-11(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 1st day of March, 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).

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 to 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: March 1, 2023

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

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

This Notice was mailed via United States Mail, postage prepaid, to each address identified above on: March 1, 2023

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

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MARCH 21, 2023



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

THOMPSON JOHN T
212 SUMMERHAVEN DR
COLUMBUS, MS 39702

RE: 4TH AVEN
APN: 61W05-03-08001
Case No: CE-23-0083
Officer: Sasha James - Ward: 4

Date: March 2, 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 uncleanliness 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.

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Code Section:	Corrective Action:	Compliance Date:
307.1 - Accumulation of Rubbish and Garbage:	Remove all trash and debris from the property. All equipment, appliance, and/or material must be stored away from public view and/or stored in an enclosed structure. Generally, any equipment, materials or furnishings that would ordinarily not be used outdoors may not be stored outdoors.	March 9, 2023

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.

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This the 2nd day of March, 2023,
Sasha James,
City of Columbus Director of Code Enforcement

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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 to 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: March 2, 2023

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

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

MINUTES OF THE MAYOR
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MARCH 21, 2023



NUISANCE PROPERTY NOTICE TO OWNER - PURSUANT TO
SECTION 21-19-11(2) OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE (Effective 7/1/2022)

VALENTINE RAYFIELD JR/BARBARANITA
7309 AVILA DR
FAYETTEVILLE, NC 28314

RE: CHERRY ST
APN: 61W06-01-08700
Case No: CE-23-0089
Officer: Sasha James - Ward: 4

Date: March 6, 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.

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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 21-19-11(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 6th day of March, 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).

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 to 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: March 6, 2023

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

This Notice was posted at the City Building Inspection Office on: March 6, 2023

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

This Notice was mailed via United States Mail, postage prepaid, to each address identified above on: March 6, 2023

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

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NUISANCE PROPERTY NOTICE TO OWNER - PURSUANT TO
SECTION 21-19-11(2) OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE (Effective 7/1/2022)

OSWALT TRUMAN II-LIFE ESTATE
79 PLEASANT VALE DRIVE
COLUMBUS, MS 39705

RE: 406 WOOLBRIGHT ST
APN: 62W14-03-01300
Case No: CE-23-0100
Officer: Sasha James - Ward: 2

Date: March 7, 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 uncleanliness 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:

- ☒ The presence of overgrowth of weeds, grass or other vegetation
- ☒ The presence of rubbish/garbage and other debris
- ☒ The presence of abandoned building
- ☒ The presence of abandoned or dilapidated fence(s)
- ☒ The presence of burned structure
- ☒ The presence of dilapidated building(s), slabs or personal property
- ☒ The presence of property maintenance code violation
- ☒ The presence of standing water in cesspools
- ☒ 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 described 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 14th day of March, 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.

Code Section:	Corrective Action:	Compliance Date:
107.1 - Accumulation of Rubbish and Garbage	Remove all trash and debris from the property. All equipment, appliance, and/or material must be stored away from public view and/or stored in an enclosed structure. Generally, any equipment, materials or furnishings that would ordinarily not be used outdoors may not be stored outdoors.	March 14, 2023

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This 7th day of March, 2023,
Sasha James,
City of Columbus Director of Code Enforcement

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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 to 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.

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

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NUISANCE PROPERTY NOTICE TO OWNER - PURSUANT TO
SECTION 21-19-11(2) OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE (Effective 7/1/2022)

BURKHALTER PROPERTY MANAGEMENT
1109 FRIAR TUCK RD
STARKVILLE, MS 39759

RE: 610 GAYWOOD AVENUE
APN: 62W140500100
Case No: CE-23-0101
Officer: Sasha James - Ward: 2

Date: March 8, 2023

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This 8th day of March, 2023,
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By: Sasha James, City of Columbus Director of Code Enforcement

B. Discuss/Approve Promotion of one (1) Public Works Laborer to Crew Leader.

Council Member Beard made a motion to promote Public Works Laborer Oliver Stepp to Crew Leader and increase pay to \$13.00 per hour. Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

C. Discuss/Approve request to hire three (3) Laborers at \$12.50 per hour, pending successful completion of pre-employment drug screen and medical exam.

Council Member Beard made a motion to approve the request to hire **Darryl Jackson, Larry Shelton and Lee Thomas** as a Laborers in the Public Works Department at \$12.50 per hour, pending preliminary testing. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

D. Discuss/Approve request to hire two (2) Entry-Level Firefighters at \$12.50 per hour, pending successful completion of a pre-employment drug screen and medical exam.

Council Member Beard made a motion to approve the request to hire **Raeonne Reece and Tavonta Macon** as Entry Level Firefighters at \$12.50 per hour, pending successful completion of a pre-employment drug screen and medical exam. Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

E. Discuss/Approve promotion of Columbus Fire and Rescue employee Kameron Pearson from Firefighter to Engineer with the appropriate salary adjustment, effective March 21, 2023.

Council Member Beard made a motion to approve the request to promote Columbus Fire and Rescue employee, Kameron Pearson from Firefighter to

Engineer with the appropriate salary adjustment, effective March 21, 2023. Council Member Greene seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

F. Discuss/Approve promotion of one (1) Columbus Fire and Rescue Engineer to Captain with the appropriate salary adjustment, effective March 21, 2023.

Council Member Beard made a motion to promote Columbus Fire and Rescue Engineer Roderick Dillard to Captain with the appropriate salary adjustment, effective March 21, 2023. Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

G. Discuss/Approve request to transfer an employee in Public Works to the Trotter Convention Center with a salary adjustment.

Council Member Beard made a motion to transfer Public Works employee **Adolphus Brewer** to the Convention Center to fill one (1) of the Maintenance Technician positions with a pay increase from \$13.00 per hour to \$16.64 per hour. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

H. Discuss/Approve employee use of city-owned vehicles policy

General Counsel Turnage presented the Employee Use of City-Owned Vehicles policy and discussed it at length, to include identifying first responders. The basis of the policy is to establish guidelines as outlined by State Statute. The Public Works Director came forward and remarked that he is called out during inclement weather and during natural disasters. General Counsel Turnage remarked that this policy really doesn't discuss who is a first responder. Following discussion, Council Member Beard made a motion to approve the Employee Use of City-owned Vehicles Policy. Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

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The motion carried 6/0.

THE POLICY FOLLOWS:

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Employee Use of City Owned Vehicles

(1) Only City employees may drive city-owned vehicles. All drivers shall comply with the following:

- a. Drivers shall possess a valid Driver's License for the appropriate class of the vehicle being operated.
- b. City vehicles may only be used for conducting City business and may not be used for personal or private use. The only exception to this requirement is for emergency responders who are on-call and who drive the vehicle to work from home and from work to home.
- c. Employees shall comply with all driving laws and regulations relating to the operation of motor vehicles.
- d. Employees are prohibited from operating City-owned vehicles or conducting City business while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- e. Employees shall also notify their supervisor and/or Department Head if they are taking any prescription or other medication that may impair their ability to safely and properly drive or operate vehicles or equipment and shall not drive unless and until are approved for such in writing by the Department Head.
- f. Employees must pay, without reimbursement, all fines or fees for parking citations or traffic violations that are incurred while operating a city-owned vehicle.
- g. Employees shall immediately report any unsatisfactory vehicle conditions, including repairs that may be needed, to their Department Head.
- h. Employees may permit persons that are not City employees to be passengers in City vehicles only if it is necessary to conduct City business.
- i. Employees operating of city-owned vehicles have a responsibility to maintain assigned vehicles. This includes, but is not limited to, checking of fluid levels and cleaning the vehicle's interior and exterior when needed.
- j. Employees shall do a thorough walk-around inspection before backing any City-owned vehicle, and shall secure the help of a "Spotter" if another City employee is present.
- k. Employees shall not place unauthorized stickers or unauthorized equipment in or on city-owned vehicles.
- l. Department Heads shall supervise the actions of all authorized drivers and shall institute proper disciplinary actions for violations of this policy.

(2) The City of Columbus provides liability coverage for all city-owned vehicles.

- a. An employee is responsible for any damage to any real or personal property owned by the employee while using a city-owned vehicle.

(3) All City employees shall wear properly fastened safety belts when operating city-owned vehicles. Drivers of city-owned vehicles shall require all passengers to use seat belts.

(4) All accidents or damage incurred or caused while operating a city-owned vehicle must be immediately reported to the local law enforcement authority, to the employee's Department Head and to the Human Resources Director. Employees must also do the following:

- a. Complete the City of Columbus accident form provided for such purposes.
- b. Employees shall not make any statements or admissions concerning fault or responsibility for the accident.

c. Employees shall not agree to make payments for the accident or suggest that the City of Columbus will do so.

d. Submit to a drug and alcohol screening test.

(5) When operating a City vehicle, employees shall give their full attention to the safe operation of the vehicle.

a. Any action which distracts the employee from the safe operation of the vehicle is forbidden. This includes, but is not limited to, making or answering cell phone calls, text messaging, looking at documents or other technical instruments such as computers, etc.

b. If employees want to receive or make a call, or perform any actions described in Paragraph 5(a) , they must pull to the side of the road and stop where it is safe to do so or have a passenger make and receive the call in a manner that does not distract the driver.

(6) Any City employee who operates a city-owned vehicle must notify the Department Head of any change in the employee's physical condition, such as a heart problem, diabetes or a significant deterioration of hearing or eye sight which may be a factor in operating a vehicle safely. Employees shall also notify their supervisor and Department Head if they are taking any prescription or other medication that may impair their ability to safely and properly drive or operate vehicles or equipment.

a. With the exception of employees in positions that do not require a valid Mississippi Operator's License, all City employees who operate City vehicles must immediately notify their Department Head any time their license is denied, suspended or revoked, or any other administrative proceeding with the division or agency that regulates driving records.

b. The City may conduct driving records checks for employees who drive City-owned vehicles or where the position requires a valid Operator's License.

c. Driving privileges of City vehicles shall be suspended for any City employee whose driving record reflects a denied, suspended, invalid or revoked driver's license.

d. Department Heads may suggest disciplinary actions for work-related driving accidents or violations and for off duty driving of City vehicles.

(7) Departments may have internal policies that are more specific and restrictive than the regulations outlined in this City policy. Operators of vehicles assigned to departments are also required to comply with all regulations and guidelines established within their Department.

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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 Council Member Greene and unanimous vote, the Mayor announced that the meeting was ADJOURNED.

Approved by: _____
Keith Gaskin, Mayor

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

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