

MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS June 20, 2023

The Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, June 20, 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 Council Member Mickens, who participated in the meeting via ZOOM. 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 Elder Casey Bush to offer the Invocation.

II. CONFIRMATION OF/OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

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

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

III. APPROVE MINUTES FOR MEETING OF JUNE 6, 2023 AND SPECIAL MEETING OF JUNE 15, 2023.

Councilwoman Diccio made a motion to approve the Minutes for the Meeting of June 6, 2023 and Special Meeting of June 15, 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. Approve request for Fire and Rescue personnel, Clayton Aldridge, to attend "Fire Investigator Part I" class to be held at the Alabama Fire

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College, to be held in Tuscaloosa, AL, and approve payment of \$150.00 for registration and reimbursement of meal expenses.

- B. Approve request for Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "Fire Investigator Part II" class to be held at the Alabama Fire College in Tuscaloosa, AL, and approve payment of \$150.00 for registration and reimbursement of meal expenses.
- C. Approve request for Fire and Rescue personnel, Donald Buckner, to attend "Fire Inspector" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of \$885.00 for registration, use of a city vehicle and reimbursement of meal expenses.
- D. APPROVE REQUEST FOR Fire and Rescue personnel, Dale Ballard, to be a "MS Burn Camp Counselor" at IAFF Young Burn Survivor Summit, to be held in Washington, DC, at no cost to the City.
- E. Approve request for Interim City Planner, George Irby, to attend the Tennessee Tombigbee Waterway Conference to be held in Point Clear, AL and approve payment of \$495.00 for registration, \$480.00 for lodging, travel expenses and reimbursement of meal expenses.
- F. Approve request for Council Members Stewart, Mickens, and Jones and Registrar, Yolanda Smith, to attend the Mississippi Policy Conference, CBCI, to be held in Biloxi, MS and approve payment of registration, travel and reimbursement of meal expenses in the estimated amount of \$1,860.36 per attendee.
- G. Accept letter of resignation from CPD Part-Time Officer, Donnie Elkin, effective June 16, 2023.
- H. Approve request for CID Investigators Chris Ware and Terence Ware to attend the "Internal Affairs Investigations Seminar" to be held in Tupelo, MS and approve payment of \$850.00 for registration, travel and reimbursement of meal expenses.
- I. Approve request for CPD Chief of Police Joseph Daughtry and Assistant Chief Garland Ward to attend the "Recruiting for Law Enforcement Seminar" to be held in Pensacola, FL, and approve payment of \$850.00 for registration, \$1,000.00 for lodging, travel and reimbursement of meal expenses.
- J. Approve request for CPD Chief of Police Joseph Daughtry and Assistant Chief Garland Ward to attend the "NIAIA 2023 Annual Training

Conference” to be held in Fort Worth, TX and approve payment of \$800 for registration, \$1670.00 for lodging, travel and reimbursement of meal expenses.

- K. Approve request to purchase custom embroidered shirts from Sports Specialty in the amount of \$881.25 for the purpose of advertising city resources and bringing into favorable notice the opportunities, possibilities and resources of the City of Columbus for those attending the 92nd Mississippi Municipal League Annual Conference.
- L. Approve permit request submitted by Salem Gibson and Barbara Bigelow, on behalf of Columbus Arts Council and Main Street Columbus, to host a “Let’s Flamingle Downtown/Music Concert” to be held on July 22,, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. in Downtown Columbus and Leadership Plaza, blocking one block of College Street from 4th to 5th Streets South at 3:00 p.m. Beer will be sold.
- M. Accept letter of resignation from Columbus Parks & Recreation Department Grounds Technician, Joe Lash, effective June 22, 202 and authorize the Human Resources Director to begin the normal recruitment process.

Council Member Jones 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 June 20, 2023, in the amount of \$1,155,391.68. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. Councilwoman Dickey asked questions about some of the invoices on the docket of claims and they were answered.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion, except Councilwoman Dickey, who opposed.

The motion carried 5/1.

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

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

There were no remarks from Council Members.

Mayor Gaskin proceeded with the following observations/remarks:

- *Southside Blues Festival will be held June 29 – July 1, 2023. We hope everyone will patronize this event and have a good time.*
- *The CVB will celebrate the 4th of July with Fireworks on the Water on July 1 at the Columbus Lock & Dam. Gates will open at 5:00 p.m.*
- *The next Council Meeting will be held July 5, 2023.*

MONTHLY REPORTS:

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

B. Building Inspection Monthly Report for May 2023

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

C. Care & Maintenance / Friendship Cemetery / Trotter Convention Center May 2023 Monthly Report

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

D. Garage Monthly Report for May 2023

The Monthly Report from the Garage for May 2023 was presented. No action was taken.

E. Columbus Fire and Rescue Monthly Report for May 2023

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

F. Code Enforcement May 2023 Monthly Report

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

G. Public Works Department May 2023 Monthly Report

The Monthly Report from the Public Works Department for May 2023 was presented. No action was taken.

H. Human Resources May 2023 Monthly Report

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

I. Columbus Police Department May 2023 Monthly Report

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

J. Municipal Court May 2023 Monthly Report

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

K. Office of Planning & Community Development May 2023 Monthly Report

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

L. Parks and Recreation May 2023 Monthly Report

The Monthly Report from the Parks and Recreation Department for May 2023 was presented. No action was taken.

M. Community Outreach May 2023 Monthly Report

The Monthly Report from Community Outreach for May 2023 was presented. No action was taken.

N. Finance – May 2023 Monthly Report

Jim Brigham, CFO, distributed the Monthly Financial Report for May 2023, which includes the General Fund cash balance of \$9,218,039.60, and is an increase of \$3,546,590.33 compared to the same time last year. Total Sales Tax Receipts for June 2023 are \$993,884.00, which is a decrease of \$944,101 compared to the same time last year. The remaining balance of ARPA Funds is \$2,957,961.31. The balance in the Bridge Repair Fund is \$4,209,922.78. Mr. Brigham also distributed a budget report by department and reported that the departments' budgets are in good shape at this time.

O. Board Vacancies

Ms. Jammie Garrett announced vacancies on various boards and remarked that two (2) appointments will be made tonight.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

2 Vacancies, 4-Year Terms, Barbara Bigelow's Term Expired 6/02/2023 and Amber Brislin's Term Expired 6/18/2023. Appointments will be made June 20, 2023.

APPLICANTS:

Barbara Bigelow
Amber Brislin
Tiffany Turner
Shannon Bowen
Bennett Windham

Council Member Beard made a motion to reappoint Barbara Bigelow to the Historic Preservation Commission for a 4-Year Term, until June 2, 2027. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

Councilwoman Dickey made a motion to reappoint Amber Brislin to the Historic Preservation Commission for a 4-Year Term, until June 18, 2027. Council Member Greene seconded the motion.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Council Member Beard made a substitute motion to appoint Tiffany Turner to the Historic Preservation Commission for a 4-Year Term, until June 18, 2027. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried 4/2.

CITY UTILITIES COMMISSION

1 Vacancy, 5-Year Term, Jabari Edwards' Term Expires 6/19/2023. Appointment will be made June 20, 2023.

APPLICANTS:

Robert E. Smith, Sr
Brenda Lathan
Maurice Webber
Sidney Runnels
Charlotte Braxton-Verdell
Donald Pope

Council Member Jones recused himself due to conflict.

Council Member Greene made a motion to appoint Brenda Lathan to the City Utilities Commission for a 5-Year Term, until 6/19/2028. Councilwoman Diccico seconded the motion.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Councilwoman Stewart made a substitute motion to appoint Robert E. Smith, Sr. to the City Utilities Commission for a 5-Year Term, until 6/19/2028. Council Member Beard seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried 3/2.

Council Member Jones returned to the meeting.

COLUMBUS HOUSING AUTHORITY:

1 Vacancy, 5-Year Term, Greg Lewis' Term Expires 7/03/2023.
Appointment will be made July 5, 2023.

APPLICANTS:

Greg Lewis

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION:

1 Vacancy, 4-Year Term, Julie Parker's Term Expires 7/02/2023.
Appointment will be made July 5, 2023.

No Applicants at this time.

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA:

A. Salem Gibson/Barbara Bigelow – RED CUP DISTRICT

Barbara Bigelow, Director of Main Street, came before the Mayor and Council in support of Red Cup District and discussed how it will benefit Columbus. Council Member Jones made a motion to appoint a committee to discuss this request more in depth. Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion.

Council Members Stewart, Mickens, Greene, Jones and Dicicco voted in favor of the motion. Council Member Beard had exited the meeting when the vote was taken and returned afterwards.

The motion carried 5/0.

B. Chris Lockwood – Waste Pro USA – Trash Collection

Mr. Chris Lockwood dba Waste Pro USA, came before the Mayor and Council and requested that they reject all of the proposals for Trash Collection and begin the process over. Mr. Lockwood stated that Waste Pro USA is a local company that can perform the task of collecting trash in Columbus and remarked that there was some confusion about trash bins, two (2) times per week or one (1) time per week. Mr. Lockwood's comments were taken under consideration. No action was taken.

C. Saleen Baird – Federal Funding

Mr. Saleen Baird, representing W. T. Consultants, came forward and reported on Federal Funding, stating that they were successful in getting the Tourism Tax Repeal approved for another ten (10) years, but was unsuccessful in securing the \$4 million dollars for the Amphitheater. Mr. Baird discussed other grants that will be available July 1, 2023 and will work diligently in securing some of the funds. No action was taken.

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

A. Discuss/Approve Derelict Property Docket

JOHN A. STOKES, etal

522 Airline Road

CASE NUMBER: 23-0248

Overgrown Lot

The General Counsel called cause number **23-0248**. No one appeared. Code Enforcement Officer Sasha James stated the property was in such a state of uncleanliness as to be a menace to the public under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code and asked the Mayor and Council to adjudicate the property as such and that an Order be entered to such effect, requested **immediate abatement** and that an Order be issued for the property. 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 Greene seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

KELLEN H. LEECH

2005 Washington Avenue

CASE NUMBER: 23-0264

Overgrown Lot

The General Counsel called cause number **23-0264**. No one appeared. Code Enforcement Officer Sasha James stated the property was in such a state of uncleanliness as to be a menace to the public under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code and asked the Mayor and Council to adjudicate the property as such and that an Order be entered to such effect, requested **immediate abatement** and that an Order be issued for the property. Councilwoman Stewart 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 Greene seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

ALEXIUS A. JONES

Washington Avenue

CASE NUMBER: 23-0265

Overgrown Lot

The General Counsel called cause number **23-0265**. No one appeared. Code Enforcement Officer Sasha James stated the property was in such a state of uncleanliness as to be a menace to the public under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code and asked the Mayor and Council to adjudicate the property as such and that an Order be entered to such effect, requested **immediate abatement** and that an Order be issued for the property. Councilwoman Stewart made a motion in accordance with Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code, and for an Order stating the City may remove dilapidated

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All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

DEDRICK E. ANDERSON
2023 & 2023 ½ 8th Avenue South
CASE NUMBER: 23-0266 **Dilapidated Structure**

The General Counsel called cause number **23-0266**. No one appeared. Code Enforcement Officer Sasha James stated the property was in such a state of uncleanliness as to be a menace to the public under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code and asked the Mayor and Council to adjudicate the property as such and that an Order be entered to such effect, requested **immediate abatement** and that an Order be issued for the property. Councilwoman Stewart 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 Greene seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

MAURINE HOOD, etal
1220 4th Street South
CASE NUMBER: 23-0267 **Overgrown Lot**

The General Counsel called cause number **23-0267**. No one appeared. Code Enforcement Officer Sasha James stated the property was in such a state of uncleanliness as to be a menace to the public under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code and asked the Mayor and Council to adjudicate the property as such and that an Order be entered to such effect, requested **immediate abatement** and that an Order be issued for the property. Councilwoman Stewart made a motion in accordance with Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code, and for an Order stating the City may remove dilapidated

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All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

CASES \$250 AND LESS:

Code Enforcement Officer presented eight (8) cases, \$250.00 or less for adjudication. Council Member Greene made a motion to accept the notices for property clean-up of properties \$250.00 and less to be adjudicated according to statute. Councilwoman 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 June 20, 2023 Mayor and City Council Meeting

Case # and Violation	Ward	Name and Address	Notes
23-0294 <i>Accumulation of Rubbish and Garbage</i>	1	Don Phifer c/o Donnell Wooten 1314 5 th Street South	
23-0295 <i>Overgrown Lot</i>	1	EBI Properties LLC 805 15 th Avenue South	
23-0304 <i>Accumulation of Rubbish and Garbage</i>	1	Nesia McCrary 1312 10 th Avenue South	
23-0311 <i>Overgrown Lot</i>	1	Essie Tate c/o LillieDean McBride 2303 5 th Avenue South	
23-0315 <i>Overgrown Lot</i>	3	Michael Perryman 229 Taylor Street	
23-0282 <i>Overgrown Lot</i>	4	CBN Communications LLC 1910 14 th Avenue North	
23-0283 <i>Overgrown Lot</i>	4	Julia Brown 1515 21 st Street North	
23-0289 <i>Overgrown Lot</i>	4	Billy / Zibiah Cunningham 5 th Avenue North	

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

PHIFER DON C/O DONNELL WOOTEN
5327 LINHOLLI CIRCLE
POWDER SPRINGS, GA 30127

RE: 1314 5TH ST S
APN: 61W170306100
Case No: CE-23-0294
Officer: Sasha James - Ward: 1

Date: June 5, 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 12th day of June, 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.

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 and (\$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 the 5th day of June, 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: June 5, 2023

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

This Notice was posted at the City Building Inspection Office on: June 5, 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: June 5, 2023

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EBI PROPERTIES LLC
1523 9TH ST S
COLUMBUS, MS 39701

NUISANCE PROPERTY NOTICE TO OWNER - PURSUANT TO
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RE: 805 15TH AVE S
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By: Sasha James, City of Columbus Director of Code Enforcement

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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, with 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 the 5th day of June, 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: June 5, 2023

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

MINUTES OF THE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 20, 2023



MCCRARY NESIA
P O BOX 9206
COLUMBUS, MS 39705

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

RE: 1312 10TH AVE S
APN: 61W15-00-12200
Case No: CE-23-0304
Officer: Sasha James - Ward: 1

Date: June 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 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 14th day of June, 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.

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.

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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 the 7th day of June, 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: June 7, 2023

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

This Notice was posted at the City Building Inspection Office on: June 7, 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:
June 7, 2023

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

MINUTES OF THE MAYOR
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JUNE 20, 2023



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

TATE ESSIE C/O LILLIEDEAN MCBRIDE
2303 5TH AVE S
COLUMBUS, MS 39701

RE: 2303 5TH AVE S
APN: 61W12-00-16300
Case No: CE-23-0311
Officer: Sasha James - Ward: 1

Date: June 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 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 standing water in cesspools
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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)(4) 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.

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This 7th day of June, 2023.

Sasha James,
City of Columbus Director of Code Enforcement

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This Notice was posted on the subject property on: June 7, 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
AND CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 20, 2023



PERRYMAN MICHAEL
204 SPRINGDALE DR
COLUMBUS, MS 39702

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

RE: 229 TAYLOR ST
APN: 62W120210700
Case No: CE-23-0315
Officer: Sasha James - Ward: 3

Date: June 8, 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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The presence of standing water in cesspools
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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 15th day of June, 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.

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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.

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This the 8th day of June, 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 it 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: June 8, 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: June 8, 2023

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

MINUTES OF THE MAYOR
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JUNE 20, 2023



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

CBN COMMUNICATIONS LLC
270 BRIDGES RD
CRAWFORD, MS 39743

RE: 1910 14TH AVE N
APN: 56W19-02-03800
Case No: CE-23-0282
Officer: Sasha James - Ward: 4

Date: May 31, 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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This the 31st day of May, 2023.

Sasha James,
City of Columbus Director of Code Enforcement

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SECTION 21-19-11(2) OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE (Effective 7/1/2022)

BROWN JULIA
98 AZALEA DR
COLUMBUS, MS 39702

RE: 1515 21ST ST N
APN: 56W19-01-13000
Case No: CE-23-0283
Officer: Sasha James - Ward: 4

Date: May 31, 2023

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CUNNINGHAM BILLY/ZIBIAH
82 SUPPORK DR
COLUMBUS, MS 39702

RE: 5TH AVE N
APN: 61W05-03-07400
Case No: CE-23-0289
Officer: Sasha James - Ward: 4

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B. Discuss/Approve Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality's (MDEQ) Resolution and Subaward Agreement authorizing Mayor Gaskin to act as the City of Columbus' authorized Representative for the MCWI Grant Application

Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Columbus, Mississippi authorizing Mayor Keith Gaskin as the authorized representative for the MCWI Grant Program Application. Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion. The foregoing Resolution was read, considered and voted upon section by section and as a whole, the vote of each and all of the sections, and upon the Resolution as an entirety, was taken by "yea" and "nay" vote with the following results:

Councilwoman Ethel Taylor Stewart	voted:	<u>yea</u>
Council Member Joseph Mickens	voted:	<u>yea</u>
Council Member Russell Greene	voted:	<u>yea</u>
Council Member Pierre Beard	voted:	<u>yea</u>
Council Member Stephen Jones	voted:	<u>yea</u>
Councilwoman Jacqueline Diccio	voted:	<u>yea</u>

This motion having received the affirmative vote of all Council Members present, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the Resolution adopted.

THE RESOLUTION AND AGREEMENT FOLLOWS:

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**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI AUTHORIZING MAYOR
KEITH GASKIN AS THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE MCWI GRANT
PROGRAM APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 2822 of the Mississippi Legislature's 2022 Regular Session established the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure (MCWI) Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) established regulations for the MCWI Grant Program, defining the application requirements; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus having applied to the MCWI Grant Program for funding for the Watershed-Based Stormwater Assessment & Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the 15th Street and Brickyard area projects will be designed in accordance to the MDEQ Stormwater Runoff Management Manual, Mississippi Office of State Aid Road Construction Standard Operating Procedures; and

WHEREAS, the regulations require that the City of Columbus provide as part of the application a certified copy of a resolution which authorizes submission of the application and which designates an authorized representative to execute the application and to be the authorized representative for the project(s); and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus authorizes Mayor Keith Gaskin to be the authorized representative for the MCWI Grant Program with full authority to execute all documents pertaining to the MCWI Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus acknowledges the MCWI Program is subject to all Federal and State laws and regulations pertaining to American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That Mayor Keith Gaskin to be the authorized representative for the MCWI Grant Program with full authority to execute all documents pertaining to the MCWI Grant Program; and
2. That the factual information set forth above in each paragraph beginning with the word "WHEREAS" are adopted as true, accurate and correct.

THE ABOVE RESOLUTION, having been first reduced to writing, was introduced by Council Member Jones, who moved for its adoption. It was seconded by Council Member Stewart.

The foregoing Resolution was read, considered and voted upon section by section and as a whole, the vote of each and all of the sections, and upon the Resolution as an entirety, was taken by "yea" and "nay" vote with the following results:

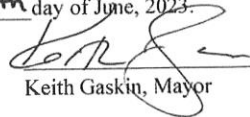
Council Member Ethel Taylor Stewart	voted:	<u>Yes</u>
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Council Member Russell Greene	voted:	<u>Yes</u>
Council Member Pierre Beard, Sr.	voted:	<u>Yes</u>
Council Member Stephen Jones	voted:	<u>Yes</u>
Council Member Jacqueline DiCicco	voted:	<u>Yes</u>

This motion having received the affirmative vote of all Council Members present, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the Resolution adopted.

ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED this the 20th day of June, 2023.


Keith Gaskin, Mayor

ATTEST: 
James "Jim" Brigham, CFO/Secretary-Treasurer

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MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
MISSISSIPPI MUNICIPALITY AND COUNTY WATER INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT
AGREEMENT MODIFICATION #1

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HINDS

MDEQ AGREEMENT NO. 275-1-SW-5.6

SUBAWARD AGREEMENT

This document is a Modification to the Subaward Agreement between the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality ("MDEQ"), a pass-through entity as defined in 2 CFR 200.1, and City of Columbus, UEI Number: GDYKRKGAVS97 ("SUBRECIPIENT", and together with MDEQ, the "Parties", and each, a "Party") which was entered into on the 8th day of February, 2023.

WITNESSETH THAT:

Whereas, MDEQ has determined that a modification of the Agreement is required.

IT IS NOW THEREFORE AGREED BY THE PARTIES THAT:

1) Article 20. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS is revised as follows:

SUBRECIPIENT understands that MDEQ is an equal opportunity employer and therefore, maintains a policy which prohibits unlawful discrimination based on race, color, creed, sex, age, national origin, physical handicap, disability, genetic information, or any other consideration made unlawful by federal, state, or local laws. All such discrimination is unlawful, and SUBRECIPIENT agrees during the Period of Performance of the Agreement that SUBRECIPIENT will strictly adhere to this policy in its employment practices and work performance under this Agreement. SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with, and all activities under this Agreement shall be subject to, all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, as now existing and as may be amended or modified.

SUBRECIPIENT along with any sub-grantee, contractor, subcontractor, successor, transferee, and assignee shall comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits recipients of federal financial assistance from excluding from a program or activity, denying benefits of, or otherwise discriminating against a person on the basis of race, color, or national origin (42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*), as implemented by the Department of the Treasury's Title VI regulations, 31 CFR Part 22, which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement. Title VI also includes protection to persons with "Limited English Proficiency" in any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*, as implemented by the Department of the Treasury's Title VI regulations, 31 CFR Part 22, and herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement. Further, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to comply with the provisions of Attachment D to this Agreement.

Nothing contained in this Agreement may be deemed or construed in any way to stop, limit, or impair MDEQ from exercising or performing any regulatory, legislative, governmental, or other powers or functions.

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SUBRECIPIENT is required to review and understand the requirements, limitations and restrictions placed upon them under ARPA, including the information provided by the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Final Rule.¹

SUBRECIPIENT is required to review and understand the requirements, limitations and restrictions placed upon them under the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022 (Miss. Code Ann. § 49-2-131).²

SUBRECIPIENT is required to review and understand the requirements, limitations and restrictions placed upon them under the Regulations promulgated by MDEQ.³

2) Attachment D is added to the Agreement as attached.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

¹ <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-01-27/pdf/2022-00292.pdf>

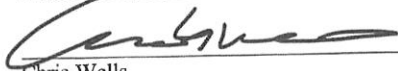
² <http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2023/pdf/SB/2400-2499/SB2444SG.pdf>

³ <https://mswaterinfrastructure.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/MCWI-Grant-Program-Regulations-revised-12-16-22.pdf>

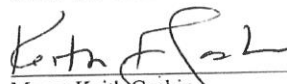
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Except as it is modified by the provisions of Agreement Modification No. 1, this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect and all other provisions thereof are hereby incorporated and reaffirmed as if fully set forth herein.

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY


Chris Wells
Executive Director
6/6/23
Date

CITY OF COLUMBUS


Mayor Keith Gaskin
Signature of Authorized Representative

Keith Gaskin
Keith Gaskin
Printed Name

Mayor
Title
6-1-23
Date

ATTACHMENT D

ASSURANCES OF COMPLIANCE WITH CIVIL RIGHTS REQUIREMENTS

**ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH TITLE VI OF THE
CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964**

As a condition of receipt of federal financial assistance from the Department of the Treasury, SUBRECIPIENT provides the assurances stated herein. The federal financial assistance may include federal grants, loans and contracts to provide assistance to SUBRECIPIENT's beneficiaries, the use or rent of Federal land or property at below market value, Federal training, a loan of Federal personnel, subsidies, and other arrangements with the intention of providing assistance. Federal financial assistance does not encompass contracts of guarantee or insurance, regulated programs, licenses, procurement contracts by the Federal government at market value, or programs that provide direct benefits.

The assurances apply to all federal financial assistance from or funds made available through the Department of the Treasury, including any assistance that SUBRECIPIENT may request in the future.

The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 provides that the provisions of the assurances apply to all of the operations of SUBRECIPIENT's program(s) and activity(ies), so long as any portion of SUBRECIPIENT's program(s) or activity(ies) is federally assisted in the manner prescribed above.

1. SUBRECIPIENT ensures its current and future compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, which prohibits exclusion from participation, denial of the benefits of, or subjection to discrimination under programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance, of any person in the United States on the ground of race, color, or national origin (42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*), as implemented by the Department of the Treasury Title VI regulations at 31 CFR Part 22 and other pertinent executive orders such as Executive Order 13166, directives, circulars, policies, memoranda, and/or guidance documents.

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3. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to consider the need for language services for LEP persons when SUBRECIPIENT develops applicable budgets and conducts programs, services, and activities. As a resource, the Department of the Treasury has published its LEP guidance at 70 FR 6067. For more information on taking reasonable steps to provide meaningful access for LEP persons, please visit <http://www.lep.gov>.

4. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges and agrees that compliance with the assurances constitutes a condition of continued receipt of federal financial assistance and is binding upon SUBRECIPIENT and SUBRECIPIENT's successors, transferees, and assignees for the period in which such assistance is provided.

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6. SUBRECIPIENT shall cooperate in any enforcement or compliance review activities by the Department of the Treasury of the aforementioned obligations. Enforcement may include investigation, arbitration, mediation, litigation, and monitoring of any settlement agreements that may result from these actions. SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with information requests, on-site compliance reviews and reporting requirements.

7. SUBRECIPIENT shall maintain a complaint log and inform the Department of the Treasury of any complaints of discrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, and limited English proficiency covered by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and implementing regulations and provide, upon request, a list of all such reviews or proceedings based on the complaint, pending or completed, including outcome. SUBRECIPIENT also must inform the Department of the Treasury if SUBRECIPIENT has received no complaints under Title VI.

8. SUBRECIPIENT must provide documentation of an administrative agency's or court's findings of non-compliance of Title VI and efforts to address the non-compliance, including any voluntary compliance or other agreements between the SUBRECIPIENT and the administrative agency that made the finding. If SUBRECIPIENT settles a case or matter alleging such discrimination, SUBRECIPIENT must provide documentation of the settlement. If SUBRECIPIENT has not been the subject of any court or administrative agency finding of discrimination, please so state.

C. Discuss/Approve acceptance of BJA FY 21 JAG Grant and pay expenses in the amount of \$12,000 for the purchase of Gray Key for the Forensic Lab, pending reimbursement from BJA FY 21 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program.

George Irby came forward and apprised the Council of the BJA FY 21 JAG Grant and requested authorization to pay expenses in the amount of \$12,000 for the purchase of Gray Key for the Forensic Lab. Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the request, pending reimbursement of \$12,000 from BJA FY 21 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. Council Member Greene seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

D. Discuss/Approve acceptance of 2023 CLG Grant and pay expenses in the amount of \$10,000 for improvements to Friendship Cemetery, pending reimbursement from MDAH.

George Irby remarked that the City applied and was awarded the 2022 Certified Local Government (CLG) Grant in the amount of \$10,000 from the Mississippi Department of Archives and History (MDAH). The project cost is \$25,000. The remaining \$15,000 will be matched from the Columbus Cultural Heritage Foundation, Billups-Garth Foundation and contributions from local citizens. Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the request to disburse \$10,000 to add to the collected \$15,000 for this project. Council Member Greene seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

E. Discuss/Approve Malouf Construction's pay request for Pier 2 repair and replacement in the amount of \$322,107.21.

Council Member Jones made a motion to approve Pay Request No. 1 for repair and Pier 2 replacement of the Historic Old Hwy. 182 Bridge over Tombigbee River in the amount of \$311,107.21. Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

F. Discuss/Approve payment of \$20,250 for Roadway Improvements for 5th Street North (near Chick-Fil-A).

Council Member Jones made a motion to approve payment of \$20,250.00 to Gregory Companies, LLC dba Murphree Paving Company for Roadway Improvements for 5th Street North (near Chick-Fil-A). Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

G. Discuss/Approve Intent to Borrow Resolution for Propst Park Improvements.

There came on for consideration the matter of providing financing for certain improvements to municipal parks in the City of Columbus, Mississippi, and after a discussion of the subject matter, Council Member JONES offered and moved the adoption of the following resolution: **RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI, TO EITHER ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY, ISSUE A GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND OF THE CITY FOR SALE TO THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT BANK OR ENTER INTO A LOAN WITH THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT BANK, IN ONE OR MORE TAXABLE OR TAX-EXEMPT SERIES, ALL IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THREE MILLION DOLLARS (\$3,000,000) TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF (A) PURCHASING LAND FOR PARKS AND PUBLIC PLAYGROUNDS, AND IMPROVING, EQUIPPING AND ADORNING THE SAME, INCLUDING THE CONSTRUCTING, REPAIRING AND EQUIPPING OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, AND (B) OTHER PURPOSES AUTHORIZED BY SECTIONS 21-33-301 ET SEQ., MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED AND/OR SUPPLEMENTED, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PAYING THE COSTS OF SUCH FINANCING, ALL AS AUTHORIZED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; DIRECTING THE PUBLICATION OF A NOTICE OF SUCH INTENTION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus, Mississippi (the "Governing Body"), acting for and on behalf of the City of Columbus, Mississippi (the "City"), is authorized by Sections 21-33-301 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended and/or supplemented (the "City Bond Act"), to issue general obligation bonds, in one or more taxable or tax-exempt series, for the purposes of (a) purchasing land for parks and public playgrounds, and improving, equipping and adorning the same, including the constructing, repairing and equipping of recreational facilities, and (b) other purposes authorized by the City

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Bond Act, including, but not limited to, paying the costs of such financing (collectively, the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body, acting for and on behalf of the City, is also authorized under the City Bond Act and Sections 31-25-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended and supplemented from time to time (the "Bank Act"), and other applicable laws of the State, to (a) issue a general obligation bond of the City to be sold to the Mississippi Development Bank (the "Bank") to finance the costs of the Project, or (b) enter into a loan with the Bank to borrow money to finance the costs of the Project, in one or more taxable or tax-exempt series; and

WHEREAS, the Project is in accordance with and in furtherance of the provisions of the City Bond Act and the Bank Act; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body is authorized pursuant to the City Bond Act and/or the Bank Act to provide funding for the costs of the Project either through the issuance of (a) general obligation bonds of the City pursuant to the City Bond Act (the "Bonds"), (b) a general obligation 2 bond of the City to be sold to the Bank (the "City Bond"), or (c) by entering into a loan with the Bank to borrow money from the Bank (the "Loan"), in one or more taxable or tax-exempt series, all in a total aggregate principal amount not to exceed Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000); and

WHEREAS, as of May 1, 2023, the assessed value of all taxable property within the City, according to the last completed assessment for taxation, was Two Hundred Twelve Million Six Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Nine Dollars (\$212,653,159), and the City had outstanding bonded and floating indebtedness as subject to the fifteen percent (15%) debt limit prescribed by Section 21-33-303 of the City Bond Act, as amended, in the amount of Eighteen Million One Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Dollars (\$18,195,000) and outstanding bonded and floating indebtedness as subject to the twenty percent (20%) debt limit prescribed by Section 21-33-303 of the City Bond Act, in the amount of Eighteen Million One Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Dollars (\$18,195,000); and

WHEREAS, the City intends to fund the Project by issuing either the Bonds or the City Bond to fund all or a portion of the Project or by entering into the Loan to fund all or a portion of the Project; provided, however that the total aggregate principal amount of the financing will not exceed Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000); and

WHEREAS, the Bonds, the City Bond and/or the Loan, when added to the outstanding bonded indebtedness of the City, will not result in bonded

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indebtedness, exclusive of indebtedness not subject to the aforesaid fifteen percent (15%) debt limit, of more than fifteen percent (15%) of the assessed value of all taxable property within the City, will not result in indebtedness, both bonded and floating, exclusive of indebtedness not subject to the aforesaid twenty percent (20%) debt limit, in excess of twenty percent (20%) of the assessed value of all taxable property within the City, and will not exceed any constitutional or statutory limitation upon indebtedness which may be incurred by the City; and

WHEREAS, there has been no increase in said bonded and floating general obligation indebtedness of the City since May 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the City for the Governing Body to provide funding for the costs of the Project by borrowing money through the issuance of the Bonds or the City Bond or by entering into the Loan; and

WHEREAS, the City reasonably expects that it will incur expenditures in connection with the Project for which the City intends to reimburse itself with the proceeds of the Bonds, the City Bond or the Loan; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body is authorized and empowered by the City Bond Act and/or the Bank Act to issue the Bonds or the City Bond or to enter into the Loan for the purposes herein set forth and there are no other available funds on hand or available from regular sources of income for such purposes. NOW,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY, ACTING FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Governing Body, acting for and on behalf of the City, hereby declares its intention to either (a) issue and sell the Bonds pursuant to the City Bond Act, (b) issue and sell the City Bond to the Bank pursuant to the City Bond Act and the Bank Act, or (c) enter into the Loan with the Bank pursuant to the City Bond Act and the Bank Act, all in a total aggregate principal amount not to exceed Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000).

SECTION 2. The Bonds, the City Bond and/or the Loan will be issued for the purpose of financing the Project, as authorized by the City Bond Act and the Bank Act.

SECTION 3. The Bonds or the City Bond may be issued in one or more taxable or tax exempt series and, if issued, will be general obligations of the City payable as to principal and interest out of and secured by an irrevocable pledge of the avails of a direct and continuing tax to be levied annually without limitation as to time, rate or amount upon all the taxable property within the geographical limits of

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the City. The Loan will be payable from available revenues of the City and will not constitute an indebtedness of the City within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory restrictions, limitations, or provisions, and the taxing power of the City will not be pledged to the payment of the Loan.

SECTION 4. The Governing Body proposes to direct the issuance of all or any portion of the Bonds or the City Bond or to authorize the Loan in the amount and for the purposes and secured as aforesaid at a meeting of the Governing Body to be held at its usual meeting place located at 1501 Main Street, Columbus, Mississippi, at the hour of 5:00 o'clock p.m. on July 18, 2023, or at some meeting or meetings subsequent thereto; provided, however, that if ten percent (10%) or Fifteen Hundred (1500), whichever is less, of the qualified electors of the City shall file a written protest with the Secretary-Treasurer of the City (the "Secretary-Treasurer") against the issuance of the Bonds or the City Bond or the authorization of the Loan on or before the aforesaid date and hour, then the Bonds or the City Bond shall not be issued or the Loan shall not be entered into unless approved at an election on the question thereof called and held as is provided by law; provided, further that if no protest is filed, then the Bonds or the City Bond may be issued and sold in one or more taxable or tax-exempt series or the City may enter into the Loan without an election on the question of the issuance thereof at any time within a period of two (2) years after July 18, 2023.

SECTION 5. In full compliance with the City Bond Act, the Secretary-Treasurer is hereby directed to publish a copy of this resolution once a week for at least three (3) consecutive weeks in The Columbus Packet, a newspaper published in and having a general circulation in the City and qualified under the provisions of Section 13-3-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, with the first publication being not less than twenty-one (21) days prior to the date set forth in Section 4 of this resolution, and the last publication being made not more than seven (7) days prior to such date.

SECTION 6. The Secretary-Treasurer is hereby directed to procure from the publisher of the aforesaid newspaper the customary proof of the publication of this resolution and the required notice and have the same before the Governing Body on the date and hour specified in Section 4 hereof. 4

SECTION 7. The City hereby declares its official intent to reimburse itself from the proceeds of the Bonds, the City Bond or the Loan for expenses incurred with respect to the Project subsequent to the date of this resolution. This resolution is intended as a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation 1.150-2. The Bonds, the City Bond and the Loan will not exceed a total aggregate principal amount of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000).

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SECTION 8. If any one or more of the provisions of this resolution shall for any reason be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any of the other provisions of this resolution, but this resolution shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provision or provisions had not been contained herein. Council Member **STEWART** seconded the motion to adopt the foregoing resolution, and the question being put to a roll call vote, the result was as follows:

Council Member Ethel Stewart	voted: <u>YES</u>
Council Member Joseph W. Mickens, Sr.	voted: <u>YES</u>
Council Member Rusty Greene	voted: <u>NAY</u>
Council Member Pierre Beard	voted: <u>YES</u>
Council Member Stephen Jones	voted: <u>YES</u>
Council Member Jacqueline DiCicco	voted: <u>NAY</u>

The motion having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Governing Body present, being a quorum of said Governing Body, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted this 20th day of June, 2023.

Mayor of the City of Columbus, Mississippi

ATTEST:

Secretary-Treasurer

H. Discuss/Approve Ad Valorem Tax Exemption for My Home at Columbus.

Mr. Chris Clabby, for and on behalf of 506US45, LLC and other investors, came before the Mayor and Council to request an Intent Resolution for 10-year Ad Valorem tax exemption on value added by renovations by owner to property located at 506 Hwy. 45 North. Council Member Jones made a motion to grant an Ad Valorem Tax Exemption for My Home at Columbus for a two (2) year period. Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion to approve the Intent Resolution, and the motion being put to a roll call vote, the result was as follows:

Council Member Ethel Taylor Stewart	voted: <u>YES</u>
Council Member Joseph Mickens	voted: <u>NAY</u>
Council Member Russell Greene	voted: <u>YES</u>
Council Member Pierre Beard	voted: <u>YES</u>
Council Member Stephen Jones	voted: <u>YES</u>
Council Member Jacqueline Diccio	voted: <u>YES</u>

The motion carried 5/1.

THE RESOLUTIONS FOLLOWS:

There came on for consideration the matter of providing tax exemption for capital improvements in the City of Columbus, Lowndes County Mississippi, and after a discussion of the subject matter, Council Member JONES offered and moved for the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI TO GRANT AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 17-21-5 OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE, WHICH SECTIONS AUTHORIZES MUNICIPALITIES TO GRANT SUCH EXEMPTIONS, IN THEIR DISCRETION FOR NEW IMPROVEMENTS OR RENNOVATIONS TO STRUCTURES WITHIN THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT AND FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO STRUCTURES WITHIN THE CITY'S HISTORIC DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus, Mississippi (the "Governing Body"), acting for and on behalf of the City of Columbus, Mississippi (the "City"), is authorized by Section 17-21-5 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended and supplemented from time to time to grant exemptions from City ad valorem taxes, but not school taxes and not 16th Section lease obligations, for a period of years not exceeding seven (7) years upon renovations of and improvements to existing structures within the central business district and/or the preservation and revitalization of historic landmark sites or historic preservation districts; and

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WHEREAS, Chris Clabby, for and on behalf of 506US45, LLC and other investors, hereinafter called the “Applicant” is in process of making renovations and improvements to the former Columbus Inn and Suites, located at 506 US-45, being part of the City’s Central Business District for the purpose of offering extended stay accommodations including approximately 95 retail spaces (the “Project”), and requested the passage of a Resolution by the Governing Body of the City, announcing its intention to grant ad valorem tax exemptions, pursuant to the authority described above; and

WHEREAS, The Governing Body of the City finds and determines that the Project is located within and would help revitalize the City’s central business district, and would harmonize with the businesses in the said central business district and would preserve and revitalize an historic structure located entirely within the City’s historic preservation district; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body approves of and is in favor of the Project and finds that it would enhance the quality of life for visitors to the County and bring the County and City into more favorable notice; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI, ACTING FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, AS FOLLOWS:

All of the matters and things recited in the premises sections of this resolution are found and determined to be true and accurate.

This resolution is adopted pursuant to the Statutes referred to herein and other applicable laws of the State.

The Governing Body, acting for and on behalf of the City, hereby declares its intention to grant a two (2) year exemption from ad valorem taxes upon the new renovations and improvements to the structures described herein pursuant to Section 17-21-5 of the Mississippi Code upon completion of the project and expiring two (2) taxable years thereafter.

Once the Applicant completes the project as described herein and the Governing Body grants the exemption described in Section 3 herein, the Governing Body shall direct the Municipal Clerk to record the application and the Order in a book kept in her office for that purpose and file one copy of the application and the order of exemption with City/County Tax Assessor/Collector.

If any one or more of the provisions of this resolution shall for any reason be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any of the other provisions of this resolution, but this resolution shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provision or provisions had not been contained herein.

Council Member STEWART seconded the motion to adopt the foregoing resolution, and the question being put to a roll call vote, the result was as follows:

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Council Member Stewart voted:	YES
Council Member Mickens voted:	NAY
Council Member Greene voted:	YES
Council Member Beard voted:	YES
Council Member Jones voted:	YES
Council Member DiCicco voted:	YES

The motion having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Governing Body present, being a quorum of said Governing Body, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted this 20th day of June, 2023.

By _____
Keith Gaskin, Mayor

ATTEST:

By _____
James Brigham, City Clerk

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I. Discuss/Approve hiring Bridge & Watson to provide an annexation and redistricting study to determine viability for the City of Columbus.

Council Member Mickens to hire Bridge & Watson to provide an annexation and redistricting study to determine viability for the City of Columbus to include East Columbus and Hwy. 45 North to Columbus Air Force Base. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried 4/2.

J. Discuss/Approve selection of Trash Collection Vendor, with or without trash bins and number of service days per week.

Council Member Beard made a motion to table this request until the Committee can meet and discuss this further. Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion. Following the motion, the Council discussed the proposals, the cost, and one or two pick-ups per week. Mayor Gaskin then called for the vote.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

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/Clerk