

MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS February 6, 2024

The Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the Court Chambers of the Municipal Complex. Mayor Keith Gaskin presided over the meeting and all Council Members were present. Also present were the General Counsel, the COO, CFO, Police Chief, HR Director, and all other Department Heads.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION:

Mayor Gaskin called the meeting to order and called on Rev. Leonardo Dismukes to offer the Invocation.

II. CONFIRMATION OF/OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Vice-Mayor requested to add "Strategy for Annexation" as a topic for discussion to Executive Session. Councilwoman Stewart made a motion to adopt the Agenda as amended. 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 JANUARY 16, 2024:

Councilwoman Stewart made a motion to approve the Minutes for the Meeting of January 16, 2024. Council Member Greene seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

APPROVE MINUTES FOR SPECIAL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 1, 2024:

Council Member Greene made a motion to approve the Minutes for the Special Meeting of February 1, 2024. Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Accept letter of retirement from Richard T. Jones, CID Captain, effective February 9, 2024, and approve request to purchase service weapon at \$10.00 according to state statute.
- B. Approve permit request submitted by Community Outreach/Lifeline Company, to host Eric Thomas' Open Heart Foundation Heart Walk and the Nu Theta Sigma Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. Heart Education Fair, to be held February 24, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Hitching Lot Farmers' Market with streets being blocked at 3rd Street North between 2nd Avenue North and 3rd Avenue North.
- C. Approve request to send six (6) CPD Officers to the Jackson Police Department Training Academy in Jackson, MS and approve cost of tuition (\$24,000.00), which is reimbursable upon completion and approve reimbursement of clothing allowance, not to exceed \$350.00 per Officer, upon completion of the academy.
- D. Approve request for Fire and Rescue personnel, Clayton Aldridge, to attend "*Airport Firefighter*" training to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of \$877.00 for registration, use of City vehicle for travel, books and reimbursement of meal expenses, total cost estimated to be \$1,327.00.
- E. Approve request for Fire and Rescue personnel: Victoria Culpepper, James Dunnam, and Alan Lewis to attend "*MSTAT*" to be held in Tupelo, MS, and approve payment of \$40.00 for registration, use of City vehicle for travel and reimbursement of meal expenses, total cost estimated to be \$120.00.
- F. Approve request for Human Resources Director, Pat Mitchell, to attend the "*Mississippi Municipal League 93rd Annual Summer Conference*" to be held in Biloxi, MS and approve payment of registration, lodging, travel and meal expenses
- G. Approve request to advertise for Legal Publications Bid, pursuant to Section 21-39-3 of the Mississippi Code of 1972.
- H. Approve request to compensate BAM the sum of \$675.00 for Grounds Maintenance of Historic Sandfield Cemetery.

Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as prepared. Councilwoman DiCicco seconded the motion. The Mayor called for

discussion, and there being none, all Council Members voted in favor of same, with a unanimous vote, 6/0.

V. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS:

Council Member Greene made a motion to approve the Docket of Claims for February 6, 2024 in the amount of \$910,633.46. Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion. Councilwoman DiCicco asked questions about some of the vouchers listed on the Docket regarding a timeline and the Recreation Department Budget. The Director of Parks & Recreation responded to the questions.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion, except Councilwoman DiCicco.

The motion carried 5/1.

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

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

Council Member Beard congratulated the Columbus High School Boys' Basketball Team for making it to the first round playoffs and is scheduled to play tonight in Jackson, MS.

Council Member Beard also congratulated Captain Rick Jones on his retirement and thanked him for an awesome job.

Council Member Jones wished Fire Chief Duane Hughes a Happy Birthday and the Council and audience proceeded to sing Happy Birthday to him.

Mayor Gaskin began by reminding everyone that February is BLACK HISTORY MONTH and noted that during the month, City Hall will have traveling art exhibits of powerful images of pictures taken in Mississippi and are featured in Mr. O. N. Pruitt's Possum Town. Stop by at City Hall and view these powerful images.

- For the first time in North Mississippi, the City of Columbus is participating in a "March of the Mayors" event, which is a friendly competition with other Cities: Baldwin, Caledonia, Oxford, Starkville, Tupelo and West Point to collect specific food items. Columbus will be collecting canned soup. Other cities will be collecting items such as canned tuna, peanut butter, rice, etc. Foods that are collected will be donated to food pantries to help the needy and less fortunate. Drop off locations are City Hall,

CCVB, Fire Station 1, and the Municipal Complex. This project will end sometime in March.

- Local citizen, Vanessa L. Walker, has written a play called “*God Specializes in the Impossible*,” which will be performed at the Rent Auditorium on February 17, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20. The play will feature local cast members.

B. Board Vacancies

Jammie Garrett, COO announced vacancies on various boards, as follows:

COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

1 Vacancy, 5-Year Term, Fredrick Sparks’ Term Expires 3/05/2024.
Appointment will be made February 20 2024.

APPLICANTS:

Beverly Odom
James Richardson
Fredrick Sparks

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS & APPEALS

2 Vacancies, 3-Year Terms, Bo Harrison’s Term Expires 2/17/2024 and
Kevin Stafford’s Term Expires 3/01/2024.

Appointments will be made to March 5, 2024.

APPLICANT:

Kevin Stafford

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS & APPEALS OF DEVELOPMENT CODES

1 Vacancy, 1-Year Term, Kevin Stafford’s Term Expires March 3, 2024.
Appointment will be made March 5, 2024.

APPLICANT:

Kevin Stafford

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA:

Joe Beckett – 602 6th Avenue South

Mr. Joe Beckett came forward and stated that he was representing Gene Imes in the recent purchase of the property located at 602 6th Avenue South. Mr. Imes’ intent is to restore the structure to its original state. The structure is solid, except an area in the roof and an area in the floor. Their plan is to replace the roof and repair the floor. General Counsel Turnage stated that the City currently

has a Lis Pending on record, but since we have a new owner who has intentions to bring the structure up to code, he suggested to cancel the Lis Pending and allow Mr. Imes to proceed with the renovation. Then, if we learn that the repairs have not progressed at the speed that we want, then bring the case back before the Mayor and Council. The Building Official and Code Enforcement Officer both agree with this recommendation.

Councilwoman Stewart made a motion to rescind the Lis Pending and abatement order. Council Member Greene seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

Keith Worshaim – Thanks and Appreciation

Mr. Keith Worshaim came forward and thanked the Mayor and City Council for their support for recognizing Ms. Sarah Collins Rudolph, the 5th Little Girl that survived the 16th Street Baptist Church Bombing in Birmingham, Alabama on September 15, 1963 in City Hall on January 8, 2024. He also thanked everyone that was in attendance and thanked the Mayor for giving her a certificate of honorary citizenship.

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

A. Discuss/Approve Derelict Property Docket

WILLIAM VAUGHN / EVENYN VAUGHN

2624 6th avenue North

CASE NUMBER: 23-0653

Abandoned Structure

Property Maintenance Code Violation

The General Counsel called cause number **23-0653**. Mr. Code Enforcement Officer Sasha James remarked that the property owners requested an extension of time to remediate the property she recommended a **45-Day Extension**. 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. Councilwoman Beard 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. Council Member Greene seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

ANTONIO MURRAY / LORONDA POE

105 Luxapalila Drive

CASE NUMBER: 23-0654

**Accumulation of Rubbish & Garbage
Property Maintenance Code Violation**

The General Counsel called cause number **23-0654**. Antonio Murray and Loronda Poe appeared and requested to speak. They began by thanking the Mayor for assisting them in obtaining help. This structure burned the day before Christmas; however, most of the debris has been cleaned. They also stated that they lost everything that had been purchased for their children for Christmas. No one else reached out to them to assist. They had to wait on the Red Cross to assess the need. Code Enforcement Officer, Sasha James, recommended a **45-Day Extension**. 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. Councilwoman Beard 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 Stewart seconded the motion..

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

The Council requested the Code Enforcement Officer to notify them when a situation like this occurs in the future.

JAMES D. DUPREE

1314 10TH Avenue North

CASE NUMBER: 24-0009

Burned and Dilapidated Structure

The General Counsel called cause number **23-0009**. 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 Greene seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

LIVING FAITH TABERNACLE CHURCH

214 Shelton Street

CASE NUMBER: 24-0014

Accumulation of Rubbish & Garbage

The General Counsel called cause number **24-0014**. No one appeared. Code Enforcement Officer Sasha James stated the property has been **remediated** by the owner, and it is her recommendation to enter the proposed Order under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code, finding that this property was in such a state of uncleanness as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community. This Order should provide for such re-entry as the Statute allows. Council Member Greene made a motion in accordance with Section 21-19-11, and for an Order stating the City may remediate the property with respect to cutting grass and weeds and removing rubbish, personal property and other debris no more than twelve (12) times in a twenty-four (24) month period immediately following the Order, with further notice to the owner as required by law. Costs are to be assessed as allowed under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code. Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

\$250.00 OR LESS CASES:

Code Enforcement Officer, Sasha James, presented five (5) cases, \$250.00 or less for adjudication. Council Member Beard 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.

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THE LIST OF PROPERTIES FOLLOWS:

\$250 OR LESS Derelict Properties for February 6, 2024 Mayor and City Council Meeting

Case # and Violation	Ward	Name and Address	Notes
23-0655 <i>Overgrown Lot</i>	4	COMMUNITY STABILIZATION GROUP 98 Luxapalila Drive	
24-0002 <i>Accumulation of Rubbish & Garbage</i>	5	RRM PROPERTIES LLC Military Road	
24-0005 <i>Accumulation of Rubbish & Garbage</i>	5	OTIS AND CALLIE WILLIAMS 1416 9 th Avenue North	
24-0017 <i>Accumulation of Rubbish & Garbage</i>	2	GRANDVIEW INVESTMENTS LLC 610 Alabama Street	
24-0019 <i>Accumulation of Rubbish & Garbage</i>	1	ROOSEVELT DISMUKE 1317 6 th Street South	

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

COMMUNITY STABILIZATION GROUP
8180 EAST KAISER BLVD
ANAHEIM HILLS, CA 92808

RE: 98 LUXAPALILA DR
APN: 61W05-01-01100
Case No: CE-23-0655
Officer: Sasha James - Ward: 4

Date: December 28, 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:

- [X] 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 4th day of January, 2024, 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:
102.4 - Overgrown Lot	Cut, trim, and maintain overgrown grass, hedges, shrubs, trees, and other vegetation.	January 4, 2024

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

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

The cost and any penalty imposed may become a civil debt against the property owner, and/or, at the option of the governing authority, an assessment against the property. The "cost assessed against the property" means either the cost to the municipality of using its own employees to do the work or the cost to the municipality of any contract executed by the municipality to have the work done, and additionally may include administrative costs of the municipality not to exceed Fifty Dollars (\$50.00). For subsequent cleaning within the one-year period, upon seven (7) days' notice posted both on the property or parcel of land 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 notification process that is prescribed in this subsection and proceed to clean the properties and assess costs as prescribed in this subsection, except that, penalties shall not be assessed against the State of Mississippi. A determination made by an appropriate municipal employee under this subsection (2) that the state or condition of property or a parcel of land is a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the community shall not subsequently be used to replace a hearing if Section 21-19-1(1) is later utilized by a municipality when the prerequisites of Section 21-19-1(2) are not satisfied.

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

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

This 28th day of December, 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.

This Notice was posted on the subject property on: December 28, 2023

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

This Notice was posted at the City Building Inspection Office on: December 28, 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: December 28, 2023

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

RRM PROPERTIES LLC
P. O. BOX 111
COLUMBUS, MS 39703

RE: MILITARY RD
APN: 61W07-03-07101
Case No: CE-24-0002
Officer: Sasha James - Ward: 5

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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 in a nuisance 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 so comply, shall on the 11th day of January, 2024, 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, outdoor toilets, abandoned or dilapidated buildings, stables, 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:
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.	January 11, 2024

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 clean up the property or the cost of contracting with a private contractor to do the work, and additionally may be the municipality of any cost to the municipality of the cost 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, the municipality or parcel of land to maintain cleanliness without further notice or hearing no more than thirty (30) days after the date of the notice, and if the municipality or parcel of land fails to do so within six (6) times in any twelve-month period with respect to removing abandoned or dilapidated buildings, structures, vehicles, boats, trailers, and other items, or 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 cost to the municipality. The penalty provided herein shall be payable for each time a notice is issued 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 request by the authority from the Secretary of State's office, for state properties, the authority may request the Secretary of State to sue the owner and provide for cleaning the properties and assess costs not to exceed the amount assessed by the authority and provided for cleaning the properties and assess costs as determined 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) shall be final and conclusive, and the condition of property or a parcel of land may be replaced by a hearing (Section 29-19-11(1)) is later utilized by a municipality when the prerequisites of Section 29-19-11(2) are not satisfied.

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WILLIAMS OTIS/CALLIE
603 REMUNDA DR
COLUMBUS, MS 39702

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

RE: 1416 9TH AVE N
APN: 61W07-02-03200
Case No: CE-24-0005
Officer: Sasha James - Ward: 5

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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 4th day of January, 2024.

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: January 4, 2024

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

This Notice was posted at the City Building Inspection Office on: January 4, 2024

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: January 4, 2024

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

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

GRANDVIEW INVESTMENTS LLC
P. O. BOX 2223
COLUMBUS, MS 39704

RE: 610 ALABAMA ST
APN: 62W11-05-00600
Case No: CE-24-0017
Office: Sasha James - Ward: 2

Date: January 10, 2024

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 17th day of January, 2024, 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:
187.1 - 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.	January 17, 2024

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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For any questions, please call Sasha James, the Code Enforcement Director for the City of Columbus at 662-243-5063 or 662-243-5070.

This 10th day of January, 2024.
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.

This Notice was posted on the subject property on: January 10, 2024

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

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

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DISMUIKE ROOSEVELT
2525 6TH AVE N
COLUMBUS, MS 39701

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

RE: 1317 6TH ST SOUTH
APN: 61W17-03-02500
Case No: CE-24-0019
Officer: Sasha James - Ward: 1

Date: January 22, 2024

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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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 29th day of January, 2024, 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:
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This the 22nd day of January, 2024,
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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By: Sasha James, City of Columbus Director of Code Enforcement

B. Discuss/Approve Engineering Agreement for Columbus-Lowndes County Airport's Hangar Construction project.

Council Member Beard made a motion to approve the Engineering Agreement for CLCA Hangar Construction project with Neel-Schaffer, Inc., in the amount of \$99,000.00 according to the terms in the agreement. Council Member Greene seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

C. Discuss/Approve declaring the Columbus-Lowndes County Airport's decommissioned aircraft hangar as surplus property.

Council Member Beard made a motion to approve the request to declare the CLCA Decommissioned Aircraft Hangar as surplus property. Council Member Greene seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

D. Discuss/Approve Demolition of the CLCA Decommissioned Hangar and disposal of the building materials at the City's Rubbish Landfill.

Council Member Beard made a motion to approve the Demolition of the CLCA Decommissioned Hangar and disposal of the building materials at the City's Rubbish Landfill. Council Member Greene seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

E. Discuss/Approve the first and final Closeout Change Order and Final Pay Application for the Drainage Improvements made on Beech Street in the amount of \$3,500.00.

Council Member Beard made a motion to approve the first and final Closeout Change Order and Final Pay Application for the Drainage Improvements made on Beech Street in the amount of \$3,500.00, which includes erosion control (silk fence and hay) and removal of roots. Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

F. Discuss/Approve hiring of two (2) Entry Level Firefighters, pending successful completion of a pre-employment medical exam and drug screen.

Council Member Jones made a motion to hire two (2) Entry-Level Firefighters: Timothy Birmingham and Breyon Bradford, pending successful completion of a pre-employment medical exam and drug screen. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

G. Discuss/Approve Columbus Fire and Rescue request to accept AFG Grant in the amount of \$21,000.00 to be used for the purchase of a washer and dryer for turnout gear.

Council Member Jones made a motion to approve request for Columbus Fire and Rescue to accept AFG Grant in the amount of \$21,000.00 to be used for the purchase of a washer and dryer for turnout gear. Councilwoman DiCicco seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

H. Discuss/Approve Columbus Fire and Rescue use of Fire Insurance Rebate Funds and seek bids to build a room for gym equipment that was funded by AFG Grant.

Council Member Beard made a motion to approve the request for Columbus Fire and Rescue to use Fire Insurance Rebate Funds and seek bids to build a room for gym equipment that was funded by AFG Grant. Councilwoman DiCicco seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

I. Discuss/Approve request to fill one (1) vacant Laborer position, pending successful completion of a pre-employment medical exam and drug screen.

Council Member Beard made a motion to approve the request to hire one (1) Laborer, Harry Lee Brewer, for the Public Works Department, pending successful completion of a pre-employment medical exam and drug screen. Councilwoman DiCicco seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

J. Discuss/Approve trade of one hundred and nine (109) Glock 23 handguns for seventy (70) Glock 45 handguns with the purchase amount of \$31,620.00 from Southern Connection Police Supplies (two quotes provided).

Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the request to trade of one hundred and nine (109) Glock 23 handguns for seventy (70) Glock 45 handguns with the purchase amount of \$31,620.00 from Southern Connection Police Supplies (two quotes provided). Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

K. Discuss/Approve request to hire one (1) Entry-Level Police Officer and one (1) Certified Police Officer, contingent on successful completion of all preliminary testing.

Council Member Beard made a motion to approve the request to hire one (1) Entry-Level Police Officer (Jalahni Maduro) and one (1) Certified Police Officer (McKenzie Lee Rogers), contingent on successful completion of all preliminary testing. Council Member Greene seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

Council Member Mickens discussed gunshots being heard throughout the City and asked Chief Daughtry Gunshot Recognition Cameral and requested him to explore cost options. The Chief responded that there is a Real Time

Crime Scene facility in Lafayette, LA that uses these cameras. The CFO stated that there is also one in Oxford, AL.

- L. Discuss/Approve request to change the Farmers' Market schedule to Tuesdays from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturdays from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and Saturdays only for the months of September and October.**

Council Member Beard made a motion to approve the request to change the Farmers' Market schedule to Tuesdays from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturdays from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and Saturdays only for the months of September and October. Council Member Greene seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

- M. Discuss/Approve the Municipal Court's Amnesty Program to begin February 12, 2024 and extend through April 15, 2024 to provide relief to qualified individuals who are in default of a court-ordered obligation and to assist with collection fees.**

Councilwoman DiCicco made a motion to approve the Municipal Court's Amnesty Program to begin February 12, 2024 and extend through April 15, 2024 to provide relief to qualified individuals who are in default of a court-ordered obligation and to assist with collection fees. Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

- N. Discuss/Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Lowndes County, MS Board of Supervisors and the City of Columbus for the transfer of \$450,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funds to be used for water shed**

Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Lowndes County, MS Board of Supervisors and the City of Columbus for the transfer of \$450,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funds to be used for watershed. Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

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This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into as of August 1, 2023, by and between the Lowndes County Mississippi Board of Supervisors ("County") and the City of Columbus ("Recipient"), collectively referred to as the "Parties."

Recitals

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) provides funding to state, local, tribal, and territorial governments to support their response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including the provision of government services, under the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF);

WHEREAS, the Lowndes County Mississippi Board of Supervisors has determined that it is in the best interest of the community to transfer funds to the Recipient as a "provision of government services" as allowed by ARPA SLFRF in expenditure category 6.1;

WHEREAS, the Mississippi State Legislature has approved this expenditure as an eligible expenditure as part of the 2023 regular session pursuant to Senate Bill 3148 (SB3148);

WHEREAS, in accordance with SB3148, "The Board of Supervisors of Lowndes County, Mississippi, is authorized and empowered, in its discretion, to contribute an amount not to exceed available Local Fiscal Recovery Funds received under the American Rescue Plan Act to any public utility or water or sewer association operating within Lowndes County for the purposes of expanding or repairing water and sewer infrastructure within Lowndes County.";

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements contained herein, agree as follows:

1. Purpose

This MOU sets forth the terms and conditions under which the County will transfer funds to the Recipient for the provision of government services, as specified in ARPA SLFRF expenditure category 6.1.

2. Funding

The County shall transfer a total amount of **\$450,000** to the Recipient under this MOU, subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein.

3. Use of Funds

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The Recipient shall use the transferred funds for a purpose consistent with the organization's primary function and within Lowndes County Mississippi for the benefit of the citizens of Lowndes County. The Recipient certifies that it meets the qualifications set forth in SB3148 requiring that the recipient of these funds be classified as a "public utility or water or sewer association operating within Lowndes County".

4. Reporting and Compliance

The Recipient shall sufficiently track all expenditures and make available to Lowndes County upon request. The Recipient shall ensure compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations, including specific ARPA provisions that prohibit programs, services or capital expenditures that include a term or condition that undermines the efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19.

5. Term and Termination

This MOU shall commence on the date first above written and shall continue in effect until funds are expended or returned to Lowndes County.

6. Entire Agreement

This MOU constitutes the entire understanding between the Parties and supersedes all prior agreements, negotiations, and discussions between the Parties concerning the subject matter hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Memorandum of Understanding as of the date first above written.



Trip Hairston, President of the Board
Lowndes County Mississippi
Board of Supervisors

Keith Gaskin
Mayor
City of Columbus

By signing above, each signatory warrants that he or she has the authority to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the respective party.

O. Discuss/Approve Resolution Designating the Secretary-Treasurer as the Applicant Agent for Public Assistant for the City of Columbus, MS for Federal Disaster, FEMA – 4429 – DR – MS.

Council Member Greene made a motion to approve the Resolution Designating the Secretary-Treasurer as the Applicant Agent for Public Assistant for the City of Columbus, MS for Federal Disaster, FEMA – 4429 – DR – MS. Following the reading of the foregoing Resolution, Council Member Stewart seconded the motion for it's adoption. After discussion by the Mayor and City Council of the proposed resolution, the Mayor put the question to a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

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

The motion having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the Resolution adopted, on this the 6th day of February, 2024.

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FEBRUARY 6, 2024

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus, Mississippi (the "City"), took up for consideration, the matter of designating the Secretary Treasurer, James "Jim" Brigham, as Applicant Agent. After a discussion of the subject, Council Member Green offered and moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE SECRETARY TREASURER, THE APPLICANT AGENT FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FOR THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS FOR FEDERAL DISASTER, FEMA – 4429 – DR-MS

WHEREAS, the State-Local Disaster Assistance Agreement between the State of Mississippi, Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) and the City of Columbus applies to all assistance funds provided by or through the State to the City of Columbus for FEMA – 4429 – DR-MS.

WHEREAS, Disaster Relief Act of 1974 (Public Law 93.228), amended by Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act of 1988, (public Law 100-707) authorizes the designated Applicant Agent for the purpose of obtaining and administering certain federal financial assistance.

WHEREAS, the applications are to be filed with the Governor's Authorized Representative.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, The Mayor and the City Council hereby designate Secretary Treasurer, James "Jim" Brigham, as Applicant Agent for the City of Columbus for the purpose of obtaining and administering federal financial assistance.

Following the reading of the foregoing Resolution, Council Member Stewart, seconded the motion for its adoption. After discussion by the Mayor and City Council of the proposed resolution, The Mayor put the question to a roll call vote, and 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>Yes</u>
Council Member Pierre Beard	voted: <u>Yes</u>
Council Member Stephen Jones	voted: <u>Yes</u>
Council Member Jacqueline DiCicco	voted: <u>Yes</u>

The motion having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the Resolution adopted, on this the 6th day of February, 2024.

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MAYOR, CITY OF COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI

ATTEST:

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SECRETARY-TREASURER
COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI



P. Discuss/Approve request to hire one (1) Seasonal worker for Community Outreach, contingent upon successful completion of a pre-employment drug screen.

Councilwoman Stewart made a motion to approve the request to hire Glenda Richardson as a Seasonal worker for Community Outreach, contingent upon successful completion of a pre-employment drug screen. Council Member Greene seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

Q. Discuss/Approve awarding Engineering Services to complete the USDA Parks & Recreation Feasibility Study to Neel-Schaffer, Inc.

Council Member Beard made a motion to award Engineering Services to complete the USDA Parks & Recreation Feasibility Study to Neel-Schaffer, Inc. Council Member Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

R. Discuss/Approve Mississippi Emergency Management Agency's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Agreement for storm shelters with a twenty-five (25) percent match in the estimated amount of \$15,031.19.

Council Member Mickens made a motion to approve Mississippi Emergency Management Agency's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Agreement for storm shelters with a twenty-five (25) percent match in the estimated amount of \$15,031.19. Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion. *CFO Brigham stated that the funds will be taken from MEMA reimbursement for Administrative services for a Category D claim, if and when received, and if not received, then out of special projects fund. The COO stated that the amount is subject to change.*

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

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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, the Mayor announced that the meeting was ADJOURNED.

Approved by: _____
Keith Gaskin, Mayor

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

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