

MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS June 4, 2024

The Vice-Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the Court Chambers of the Municipal Complex. Mayor Keith Gaskin presided over the meeting. 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 Assistant Police Chief, Doran Johnson, to offer the Invocation.

II. CONFIRMATION OF/OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Councilwoman DiCicco made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented. . Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

III. APPROVE MINUTES FOR MEETING OF MAY 21, 2024.

Councilwoman DiCicco made a motion to approve the Minutes for the Meeting of May 21, 2024. Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approve permit request submitted by Margaret Henry, on behalf of Family and Friends, to host a “80th Birthday Celebration” to be held on June 15, 2024, from 12:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at 309 – 21st Street North, blocking 21st Street North at 3rd Avenue North and 4th Avenue North.

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- B. Ratify permit request submitted by Susie Summerville to host a “*Birthday Celebration*” that was held on June 1, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at 703 Spruce Street, blocking the corner of Beech Street and Spruce Street to 705 Spruce Street.
- C. Approve request for CPD Victims’ Advocate, Dorothy Sanders, to attend the “*Victim Advocate Statewide Training 2024*” to be held in Olive Branch, MS and approve payment of \$201.00 for travel and reimbursement of meal expenses, with all expenses estimated to cost \$293.00.
- D. Accept letter of resignation from CPD Officer, Tavares Jennings, effective June 3, 2024.
- E. Approve request for CPD Assistant Chief, Garland Ward, to attend the “*MS Association of Chiefs of Police 2024 Summer Educational Conference*” to be held in Biloxi, MS and approve payment of \$350.00 for registration, \$479.96 for lodging, use of City vehicle for travel, and reimbursement of meal expenses, all expenses estimated to cost \$1,159.96.
- F. Approve payment of Debt Service for the ESCO Project Debt in the amount of \$37,891.38.
- G. Accept letter of resignation from CPD officer, Kylan Harris, effective immediately.
- H. Accept letter. Approve recommendation from the Columbus Historic Preservation Commission to relocate the handrail that was installed in front of 506 2nd Avenue North and allow it to be re-installed at the Northwest Intersection of Main Street and 7th Street North
- I. Approve request to pay for webmaster’s service in the amount of \$658.34.

Councilwoman DiCicco made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. The Mayor called for discussion, and there being none, all Council Members present voted in favor of same, with a unanimous vote, 6/0.

V. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS:

Councilwoman Stewart made a motion to approve the Docket of Claims for June 4, 2024 in the amount of \$595,050.03. Council Member Greene seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried 5/1.

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

- A.** Mayor Gaskin asked the Council Members if they had any comments or announcements. There were no comments.

Mayor Gaskin then announced that the Community Clean-Up will be held Saturday, June 8, beginning at 8:00 a.m. and cited meeting locations throughout the City.

Mayor Gaskin continued with the following observations:

- Offered Condolences in memory of Former Ward VI Council Member Bill Gavin and presented a Proclamation to Mrs. Tammy Gavin from the City of Columbus and declared June 4, 2024 as “William ‘Bill’ Gavin Day” in Columbus, MS.

B. 2021 Audit Report – Wanda S. Holley

Ms. Wanda S. Holley, dba Watkins, Ward & Stafford Accounting Firm, came forward and remarked that the FY 2021-2022 Audit is in the Review Stage and should be ready for final approval and distribution the end of June.

C. Board Vacancies

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

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

1 Vacancy, remainder of Bryan Brown’s term, expires 5/18/2025.

Appointments will be made June 18, 2024.

APPLICANT:

None

CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

1 Vacancy, 3-Year Term, Elizabeth Terry’s Term Expires July 3, 2024.

Appointments will be made July 2, 2024.

APPLICANTS:

Jace Ferraez
Bonita Smith

CITY UTILITIES COMMISSION

1 Vacancy, 5-Year Term, Michael Tate's Term Expires June 30, 2024.

Appointments will be made July 2, 2024.

APPLICANT:

None

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA:

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

A. Discuss/Approve Derelict Property Docket

PBA 12075 TRUST

724 19th Street North

CASE NUMBER: 24-0127

Overgrown Lot

The General Counsel called cause number **24-0127**. No one appeared. Code Enforcement Officer Sasha James stated the property was in such a state of uncleanliness as to be a menace to the public under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code and asked the Mayor and Council to adjudicate the property as such and that an Order be entered to such effect, requested **immediate abatement** and that an Order be issued for the property. Council Member 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 present voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0

TAVARIS VAUGHN
1301 7TH Avenue North
CASE NUMBER: 24-0129

Overgrown Lot
Property Maintenance Code Violation

The General Counsel called cause number **24-0129**. No one appeared. Code Enforcement Officer Sasha James stated the property was in such a state of uncleanliness as to be a menace to the public under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code and asked the Mayor and Council to adjudicate the property as such and that an Order be entered to such effect, requested **immediate abatement** and that an Order be issued for the property. Council Member 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.

MS STATE OF / TAX SALE c/o Sec of
State/Public Lands
1626 Washington Avenue
CASE NUMBER: 24-0134

Overgrown Lot

The General Counsel called cause number **24-0134**. No one appeared. Code Enforcement Officer Sasha James stated the property was in such a state of uncleanliness as to be a menace to the public under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code and asked the Mayor and Council to adjudicate the property as such and that an Order be entered to such effect, requested **immediate abatement** and that an Order be issued for the property. Council Member 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.

**MS STATE OF / TAX SALE c/o Sec of
State/Public Lands**

1626 Washington Avenue

CASE NUMBER: 24-0136

Overgrown Lot

The General Counsel called cause number **24-0136**. No one appeared. Code Enforcement Officer Sasha James stated the property was in such a state of uncleanliness as to be a menace to the public under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code and asked the Mayor and Council to adjudicate the property as such and that an Order be entered to such effect, requested **immediate abatement** and that an Order be issued for the property. Council Member 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

ALVIN C. COMER

401 6th Street South

CASE NUMBER: 24-0149

Overgrown Lot

Property Maintenance Code Violation

The General Counsel called cause number **24-0149**. No one appeared. Code Enforcement Officer Sasha James stated the property was in such a state of uncleanliness as to be a menace to the public under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code and asked the Mayor and Council to adjudicate the property as such and that an Order be entered to such effect, requested **immediate abatement** and that an Order be issued for the property. Council Member 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

CAMERON R. JONES / JOSHUA

JONES / CODY R. JONES

Chandler Road

CASE NUMBER: 24-0171

Overgrown Lot

The General Counsel called cause number **24-0171**. No one appeared. Code Enforcement Officer Sasha James stated the property was in such a state of uncleanliness as to be a menace to the public under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code and asked the Mayor and Council to adjudicate the property as such and that an Order be entered to such effect, requested **immediate abatement** and that an Order be issued for the property. Council Member 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

CHRISTINE HOLLIS

407 17th Street North

CASE NUMBER: 24-0174

Accumulation of Rubbish & Garbage

The General Counsel called cause number **24-0174**. No one appeared. Code Enforcement Officer Sasha James stated the property was in such a state of uncleanliness as to be a menace to the public under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code and asked the Mayor and Council to adjudicate the property as such and that an Order be entered to such effect, requested **immediate abatement** and that an Order be issued for the property. Council Member 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.

STEPHANIE JACOBS
1522 3rd Avenue North
CASE NUMBER: 24-0143

Overgrown Lot
Accumulation of Rubbish & Garbage

The General Counsel called cause number **24-0143**. 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.

BILLY MCBRYDE CHILDREN'S TRUST
1402 3rd Avenue North
CASE NUMBER: 24-0161

Accumulation of Rubbish & Garbage

The General Counsel called cause number **24-0161**. 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.

CHRISTINE BROOKS

407 17th Street North

CASE NUMBER: 24-0174

Accumulation of Rubbish & Garbage

The General Counsel called cause number **24-0174**. 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 two (2) 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. Council Member Beard seconded the motion.

All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

THE LIST FOLLOWS:

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\$250 OR LESS Derelict Properties for June 4, 2024 Mayor and City Council Meeting

Case # and Violation	Ward	Name and Address	Notes
24-0158 <i>Overgrown Lot</i>	5	GENESIS REAL ESTATE OF COLUMBUS LLC 1105 9 th Avenue North	
24-0173 <i>Overgrown Lot</i>	1	JOHN A. BARRON 217 19 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)

GENESIS REAL ESTATE OF COLUMBUS LLC
P O BOX 866
COLUMBUS, MS 39703

RE: 1105 9TH AVE N
APN: 61W0741-09060
Case No: CE-24-0158
Officer: Sasha James - Ward: 5

Date: May 2, 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.

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

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

You are hereby advised that by this correspondence a determination has been made that the condition of property or parcel of land as described is a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the community, and as such the governing authority of the City of Columbus, if the owner does not do so himself, on or before the 9th day of May, 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.

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

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

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

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

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

This the 2nd day of May, 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: May 2, 2024

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

This Notice was posted at the City Building Inspection Office on: May 2, 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: May 2, 2024

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

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DARRON JOHN A
90 AZALEA DR
COLUMBUS, MS 39705

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

RE: 217 19TH ST S
APN: 61W11-01-12300
Case No: CE-24-0173
Officer: Sasha James - Ward 1

Date: May 9, 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 employees 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 16th day of May, 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 21-19-21, 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.	May 16, 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 21-19-11(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 (\$1,000.00) per year. The governing authority may assess the same actual costs, administrative costs, and penalty for each time the property or land is cleaned as otherwise provided. The penalty provided herein shall not be assessed against the State of Mississippi upon request for reimbursement under Section 29-1-145, nor shall a municipality clean a parcel owned by the State of Mississippi without first giving notice. Upon written authority from the Secretary of State's office, for state-owned properties, a municipality may forgo the notification process that is prescribed in this subsection and proceed to clean the properties and assess costs as prescribed in this subsection, except that, penalties shall not be assessed against the State of Mississippi. A determination made by an appropriate municipal employee under this subsection (2) that the state or condition of property or a parcel of land is a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the community shall not subsequently be used to replace a hearing if Section 21-19-11(1) is later utilized by a municipality when the prerequisites of Section 21-19-11(2) are not satisfied.

An appeal of this decision may be made to the Governing Authority of the City of Columbus and such appeal shall be in writing, state the basis for the appeal and be filed with the city clerk no later than seven (7) days from the latest date of notice required under MCA 21-19-11(2).

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

This is the 9th day of May, 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.

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This Notice was mailed via United States Mail, postage prepaid, to each address identified above on: May 9, 2024

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

B. Discuss/Approve request from Columbus Fire and Rescue to access fund from the Fire Insurance Rebate Funds to purchase Fire boots, coats, pants and turnouts in the amount of \$35,930.18 plus freight.

Council Member Beard made a motion to approve the request from Columbus Fire and Rescue to access fund from the Fire Insurance Rebate Funds to purchase Fire boots, coats, pants and turnouts in the amount of \$35,930.18 plus freight. Councilwoman DiCicco seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

C. Discuss/Approve request to hire two (2) Entry-Level Officers and one (1) Certified Sergeant, contingent on successful completion of preliminary testing.

Council Member Beard made a motion to approve the request to hire two (2) Entry-Level Officers: **Ryshawn Baker and Terreon Malone** and one (1) Certified Sergeant, **Ricky Mason**, contingent on successful completion of preliminary testing.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

D. Discuss/Approve applying for a FAA BIL Grant for the Columbus/Lowndes County Airport Box Hangar project.

Council Member Beard made a motion to approve the request to apply for a FAA BIL Grant for the Columbus/Lowndes County Airport Box Hangar project. Council Member Greene seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

E. Discuss/Approve request to hire three (3) Laborers, pending successful completion of all preliminary testing.

Council Member Beard made a motion to approve the request to hire three (3) Laborers: **SHARAJSHA BALL, LYFREDRICK SWANIGAN AND KOBE MORRIS** at \$12.88 per hour, pending successful completion of all preliminary testing. Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

F. Discuss/Approve request to reject bid for sale of surplus municipal property and consider other methods of selling property, pursuant to State Statute.

Council Member Beard made a motion to reject the one (1) bid received for the sale of surplus municipal property and discuss the course of action later. Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

G. Discuss/Approve Amendment to City Ordinance Article II – Beer and Wine, Sec. 4-31 (Consumption on streets, sidewalks, other public places) and allow the consumption of beer and wine in parks that exceed 11 acres, but in areas smaller than 11 acres; only if the hosting entity is an entity that receives funds from the Restaurant/Beverage local and private legislation in effect at the same time of such event, Section 20-61 (Discharge of a firearm within City limits) related to same.

Councilwoman Stewart made a motion not to change the Ordinance and not to permit beer sales in the Park. Council Member Mickens seconded the motion. Mayor Gaskin opened the floor for discussion of this request. General Counsel Turnage explained the proposed Amendment. Following discussion, Councilwoman Stewart rescinded the motion. The Council ended discussion and took no action on this request.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Mayor then asked if there was any other business to come before the Mayor and City Council. There being none, Mayor Gaskin announced that the meeting was ADJOURNED.

Approved by: _____
Keith Gaskin, Mayor

James “Jim” Brigham
CFO/Secretary-Treasurer/Clerk