

MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS April 16, 2024

The Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, April 16, 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, Asst. 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. Willie Mac Williams, Pastor of Walking In The Word Ministry, to offer the Invocation.

II. CONFIRMATION OF/OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Council Member Jones requested to add discussion of recent shootings and cameras to the Policy Agenda as Item "G."

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 APRIL 2, 2024.

Councilwoman DiCicco made a motion to approve the Minutes for the Meeting of April 2, 2024. Council Member Greene seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Accept letter of resignation from Fire and Rescue Firefighter Seth Kyle, effective April 23, 2024, and approve compensation of any unused vacation leave.

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- B. Approve permit request submitted by Shane Cruse, on behalf of Victory Tabernacle Church, to host a “Victory Tabernacle Block Party” to be held May 4, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at 324 5th Street South. See *attached map*.
- C. Accept letter of resignation from CPD Officer, Roderick Clark, effective March 29, 2024.
- D. Approve request for CPD personnel, Chief Joseph Daughtry, to attend the “NOBLE 48th Annual Training Conference” to be held in New Orleans, LA, and approve payment of \$525.00 for registration, \$954.00 for lodging, \$200.00 for travel and reimbursement of meal expenses, total cost estimated to be \$1,955.00.
- E. Accept letter of resignation from Care & Maintenance employee, Fredrick Hill, effective April 3, 2024.
- F. Approve request for Fire and Rescue personnel: Houston Ballard, Weston Lowery and Alan Lewis to attend “MSTAT” to be held in Starkville, MS, and approve payment of \$80.00 for registration and use of a City vehicle.
- G. Approve request to vacate an existing easement and grant an easement on Moore’s Creek Road.
- H. Approve permit request submitted by Lillian P. Murray on behalf of The Accountability Partners of FMBC, to host the “Spring to Life Community Health Fair” to be held on April 20, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at 1102 12th Avenue North.
- I. Approve 2% Tourism Tax Payment of \$25,000 to Lowndes County, \$20,833.33 to Golden Triangle Development LINK, \$33,333.33 to the City of Columbus and \$132,759.11 to Columbus Visitors Bureau, all disbursements totaling \$211,925.77.

Councilwoman Stewart made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as prepared. Council Member Mickens 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 April 16, 2024, in the amount of \$617,057.94. Councilwoman Stewart 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 members of the Council if they had any remarks or announcements.

Council Member Mickens asked Mrs. Rogena Bonner about theft at the Convention Center. Mrs. Bonner came forward and stated that someone stole plants that had recently been set out as a part of the beautification/renovation project. She has cameras, but they would not have picked up the plant bandit. Greg Drake remarked that he will research the cost to purchase cameras. The COO remarked that placement of cameras throughout the City are determined by CPD.

- Mayor Gaskin thanked everyone for visiting the City and participating in local activities.

B. Swearing In of one (1) Fire and Rescue Firefighter

- Raevonne Reece

Chief Hughes came forward and introduced Firefighter Raevonne Reece. Mayor Gaskin swore in Firefighter Reece as she recited the Oath of Office. The Fire and Rescue Department were present to present Firefighter Reece with her helmet. Chief Hughes commended Mrs. Reece for her resilience, she delivered a healthy baby boy in January of this year.

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

C. James M. Trotter Convention Center/Friendship Cemetery – March 2024 Monthly Report

The Monthly Report from the James M. Trotter Convention Center/Friendship Cemetery for March 2024 was presented. No action was taken.

D. Building Inspection – March 2024 Monthly Report

The Monthly Report from the Building Inspection Department for March 2024 was presented.. No action was taken.

E. Code Enforcement – March 2024 Monthly Report

The Monthly Report from the Code Enforcement Department for March 2024 was presented. No action was taken.

F. Community Outreach Department – March 2024 Monthly Report

The Monthly Report from the Community Outreach Department for March 2024 was presented. No action was taken.

G. Columbus Fire and Rescue - March 2024 Monthly Report

The Monthly Report from the Columbus Fire and Rescue Department for March 2024 was presented. No action was taken.

H. Public Works Department – March 2024 Monthly Report

The Monthly Report from the Public Works Department for March 2024 was presented. No action was taken.

I. Columbus Police Department – March 2024 Monthly Report

The Monthly Report from the Columbus Police Department for March 2024 was presented. No action was taken.

J. Human Resources – March 2024 Monthly Report

The Monthly Report from the Human Resources Department for March 2024 was presented. No action was taken.

K. City Garage – March 2024 Monthly Report

The Monthly Report from the City Garage for March 2024 was presented. No action was taken.

L. Municipal Court – March 2024 Monthly Report

The Monthly Report from the Municipal Court Division for March 2024 was presented. No action was taken.

M. Office of Planning & Community Development – March 2024 Monthly Report

The Monthly Report from the Office of Planning & Community Development for March 2024 was presented. No action was taken.

N. Columbus Recreation Department – March 2024 Monthly report

The Monthly Report from the Columbus Recreation Department for March 2024 was presented. No action was taken.

O. Information Technology Department – March 2024 Monthly Report

The Monthly Report from the Information Technology Department for March 2024 was presented. No action was taken.

P. Finance – March Monthly Report

Jim Brigham, CFO, distributed the Monthly Financial Report for March 2024, which includes the General Fund cash balance of \$11,949,027.38 and is an increase of \$2,671,306.84 compared to the same time last year. The Sales Tax Receipts for March 2024 are \$829,827.00, which is a decrease of \$35,282.00 compared to the previous year. The remaining balance of ARPA Funds that have not been earmarked is \$69,968.93. The balance in the Bridge Repair Fund is \$2,285,649.69. The balance in the Parks & Recreation Improvement fund is \$3,783,492.85. The CFO also distributed an Expenditure Report by department. No action was taken.

Q. Board Vacancies

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

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

1 Vacancy, remainder of Evelyn Vidrine's term, which expires 12/01/2024.
5-Year Term,

Appointment will be made May 21, 2024.

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA:

**DANNY HUGHES AND ROBERT BENTON – National Day of Prayer,
*Columbus Community in Prayer Representatives***

The Columbus Community in Prayer Representatives, Danny Hughes and Robert Benton, came forward, offered prayer and discussed the National Day of Prayer 2024. The Theme this year is "ONE IN CHRIST." Mr. Benton encouraged the community to be one in Christ, so that we all can witness the great awakening in the community and requested everyone to pause for 45 minutes in prayer on Thursday, May 2, 2024.

LEONARD C. BROWN - Crime Prevention

Mr. Leonard C. Brown came forward and gave a brief biography of himself and stated his purpose for being present. He stated that he is concerned about crime in Columbus and stated that some of these unemployed ex-offenders that are committing crime need something to do, which can slow down crime. Mr. Brown further stated that he is willing to help in any way he can.

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

A. Discuss/Approve Derelict Property Docket

TYRONE HEROD

2518 6th Avenue North

CASE NUMBER: 24-0077 Burned and Dilapidated Structure

The General Counsel called cause number **24-0077**. 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 Beard made a motion in accordance with Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code, and for an Order stating the City may remove dilapidated buildings or dilapidated fences up to six (6) more times in the twelve (12) month period immediately following the Order and cutting grass and weeds and removing rubbish, personal property and other debris no more than twelve (12) times in a twenty-four (24) month period. Council Member Greene seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

JOYCE TURNER

529 20th Street North

CASE NUMBER: 24-0083 Property Maintenance Code Violation

The General Counsel called cause number **24-0083**. Code Enforcement Officer Sasha James recommended giving the property owner a **45-day extension** to remediate the property. The property is in such a state of uncleanliness as to be a menace to the public under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code. Councilwoman Stewart made a motion to give the property owner a **45-day extension** to apply for a building permit and remediate the property. If no progress is made after then, the City will proceed with adjudication. Ms. James also recommends 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 DiCicco seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

DAVID S. MURRAY
1317 8th Avenue North
CASE NUMBER: 24-0084

Dilapidated Structure

The General Counsel called cause number **24-0084**. 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 Beard made a motion in accordance with Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code, and for an Order stating the City may remove dilapidated buildings or dilapidated fences up to six (6) more times in the twelve (12) month period immediately following the Order and cutting grass and weeds and removing rubbish, personal property and other debris no more than twelve (12) times in a twenty-four (24) month period. Council Member Greene 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

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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.

THE LIST FOLLOWS:

\$250 OR LESS Derelict Properties for April 16, 2024 Mayor and City Council Meeting

Case # and Violation	Ward	Name and Address	Notes
24-0086 <i>Accumulation of Rubbish & Garbage</i>	4	JANET LEE MORRIS 920 Waterworks Road	
24-0087 <i>Accumulation of Rubbish & Garbage</i>	5	JULIA BROWN LIFE ESTATE 625 Military Road	

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MORRIS JANET LEE
1709 5TH AVE S
COLUMBUS, MS 39701

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

RE: 920 WATERWORKS RD
APN: 61W05-01-00500
Case No: CE-24-0086
Officer: Sasha James - Ward: 4

Date: March 26, 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 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 2nd day of April, 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:
107.1 - Accumulation of Rubbish and Garbage	Remove all trash and debris from the property. All equipment, appliance, and/or material must be stored away from public view and/or stored in an enclosed structure. Generally, any equipment, materials or furnishings that would ordinarily not be used outdoors may not be stored outdoors.	April 2, 2024

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

This Notice was posted on the subject property on: March 26, 2024

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

This Notice was posted at the City Building Inspection Office on: March 26, 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: March 26, 2024

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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) (b)(6) SHALL BE RECORDED IN THE MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HEARING REQUIRED BY SAID SECTION.

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

The cost and any penalty imposed may become a civil debt against the property owner, and/or, at the option of the governing authority, an assessment against the property. The "cost assessed against the property" means either the cost to the municipality of using its own employees to do the work or the cost to the municipality of any contract executed by the municipality to have the work done, and additionally may include administrative costs of the municipality not to exceed Fifty Dollars (\$50.00). For subsequent cleaning within the one-year period, upon seven (7) days' notice posted both on the property or parcel of land adjudicated in need of cleaning and at city hall or another place in the municipality where such notices are generally posted, and consistent with the municipal official's determination as authorized, a municipality may reenter the property or parcel of land to maintain cleanliness without further notice or hearing 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 forego 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 26th day of March, 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).

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BROWN JULIA LIFE ESTATE
98 AZALEA DR
COLUMBUS, MS 39705

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

RE: 625 MILITARY RD
APN: 61W07-03-07500
Case No: CE-24-0087
Officer: Sasha James - Ward: 5

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Councilwoman Stewart exited the meeting.

B. Discuss/Approve Recommendations from the April 8, 2024 Planning Commission meeting.

Permitted Use Request 24-03 (Rehearing)

Monika Willis, Property Owner
1702 7th Street North
Tax Parcel 56W18-01-05900

A request to establish an Elderly Residential Living Facility

The Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend denial to use this single-family home as an elderly residential assisted living facility.

The Commission based their decision on objections from two (2) neighbors in the immediate vicinity, access to the property for emergency responders, inadequate parking availability, and not in character with the neighborhood.

Council Member Jones made a motion to return table this request until the May 7, 2024 meeting. Council Member Greene seconded the motion.

All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 5/0.

Permitted Use Request 24-04 Rehearing

Lauretta Tucker, (Future Property Owner)
225 Byrnes Circle
Tax Parcel 61W05-01-00600

A request to assume ownership and operation of an existing child daycare

The Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval for the new owner to continue this daycare operation.

The Commission based their decision on no objections from neighbors in the immediate vicinity and the fact that this was an existing child daycare facility.

Council Member Jones moved that the facts and findings of the Planning Commission be adopted as the facts and findings of the Mayor and City Council, and that the recommendation of the Planning Commission to allow future property owner to assume ownership and operation of an existing child daycare be approved. Council Member Greene seconded the motion. Building Official, Kenney Wiegel, stated that there were no objections to this request. There followed discussion, consideration, and review by the Council of the issues and facts presented by this request and the action taken by the City of Columbus Planning Commission.

All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 5/0.

**Amendment recommendation concerning Article 1, Section 23-24,
Removal of Members**

Existing: The City Council may remove any member of the Commission only for inefficiency, neglect of duty, or malefaction in office.

The Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval to amend the “existing” to the following “recommended” procedure:

Recommended: The City Council may remove any member of the Commission only for inefficiency, neglect of duty, malefaction in office, or failure to attend more than two (2) consecutive meetings.

The Commission has had a member absent for about a year and had trouble making a quorum for their last meeting. The absent member recently resigned, leaving a vacancy on the Commission. The members feel this will help maintain quorums in the future.

Councilwoman DiCicco made a motion to approve this amendment to Article 1, Section 23-24 of the Planning Commission membership requirement as it relates to Removal of Members. Council Member Greene seconded the motion.

All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 5/0.

C. Discuss/Approve the promotion of one (1) Columbus Fire and Rescue personnel from Probationary Firefighter to Certified Firefighter, effective April 22, 2024

Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the request to promote Fire and Rescue personnel: Raevonne Reece from probationary Firefighter to Certified Firefighter with the proper pay increase, effective April 22, 2024. Council Member Beard seconded the motion.

All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 5/0.

D. Discuss/Approve the request to enter into a contract with applicant for Market Manager for the Hitching Lot's Farmers' Market according to the guidelines.

Council Member Beard made a motion to approve the request to enter into a contract with Giovanna Smith for Market Manager for the Hitching Lot's Farmers' Market according to the guidelines. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 5/0.

E. Discuss/Approve Contract to recodify new and amended City Ordinances in the Municipal Code Book and immediately post them on the Website.

Council Member Beard made a motion to approve the request to approve Contract to recodify new and amended City Ordinances in the Municipal Code Book and immediately post them on the Website. Council Member Mickens seconded the motion.

All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 5/0.

The Contract terms follows:

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CivicPlus
302 South 4th St. Suite 500
Manhattan, KS 66502
US

Quote #:
Date:
Customer:

Q-55830-1
10/23/2023 5:24 PM
COLUMBUS,
MISSISSIPPI

Product Name	DESCRIPTION	QTY	TOTAL
Full-Service Supplementation Subscription	Full-Service Supplementation Subscription	1.00	USD 2,100.00
Code and Supp Year 1 Annual Fee Discount	Year 1 Admin fee proration \$145.83	1.00	USD -145.83
Quarterly Print Supplementation Service Included	Print Supplementation will begin with the ordinances received from the municipality on a quarterly basis.1,4,7,10	1.00	USD 0.00
Printed Copies and Freight Included – up to [#] copies	Printed Copies and Freight Included	1.00	USD 0.00
Code in Word	Code in Word	1.00	USD 0.00
Full Code PDF	Full Code PDF	1.00	USD 0.00
Custom Online Code Hosting	Online Code Hosting Subscription	1.00	USD 1,140.00
Code and Supp Year 1 Annual Fee Discount	Year 1 prepaid online code \$950	1.00	USD -950.00
Custom OrdBank Subscription	OrdBank Subscription	1.00	USD 175.00
Code and Supp Year 1 Annual Fee Discount	Year 1 prepaid OrdBank \$175	1.00	USD -175.00
Annual Recurring Supplement Services - Initial Term		USD 2,144.17	
Annual Recurring Supplement Services - (Subject to Uplift)		USD 3,415.00	

1. This Statement of Work ("SOW") is between City of Columbus ("Customer") and CivicPlus, LLC ("CivicPlus"), the acquirer and sole owner of Municode, LLC f/k/a Municipal Code Corporation, and incorporates and is subject to the terms and conditions located at Addendum 1 attached to this SOW.
2. This SOW shall begin on 4/1/2024 ("Effective Date") and all the services provided to Customer listed in the above line items (the "Services") shall align to renew annually on each anniversary of the Effective Date ("Renewal Date"). Unless terminated, Customer shall be invoiced for the Annual Recurring Services on each Renewal Date of each calendar year subject to 5% annual increase. Customer will pay all invoices within 30 days of the date of such invoice.

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Contact Information

Organization	City of Columbus		URL
Street Address	523 Main Street		
Address 2	P.O. Box 1408 (mailing)		
City	Columbus	State	ms
		Postal Code	39703
CivicPlus provides telephone support for all trained clients from 7am -7pm Central Time, Monday-Friday (excluding holidays). Emergency Support is provided on a 24/7/365 basis for representatives named by the Client. Client is responsible for ensuring CivicPlus has current updates.			
Emergency Contact & Mobile Phone	662.329.5159 & 662.251-1274		
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Emergency Contact & Mobile Phone			
Billing Contact	Alice Byars	E-Mail	abyars@columbusms.org
Phone	662.329.5149	Ext.	
		Fax	662.329.5154
Billing Address	P.O. Box 1408		
Address 2			
City	Columbus	State	ms
		Postal Code	39703
Tax ID #	64 6000 273		Sales Tax Exempt #
Billing Terms			Account Rep
Info Required on Invoice (PO or Job #)			
Are you utilizing any external funding for your project (ex. FEMA, CARES): Y [] or N [☒]			
Please list all external sources: _____			
Contract Contact	Email		
Phone	Ext.	Fax	
Project Contact	Email		
Phone	Ext.	Fax	

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Addendum 1

This agreement ("Agreement") is explicitly agreed to by the Customer listed on the Statement of Work. All terms used in this Agreement that are not otherwise defined shall have the definition ascribed to it in the Statement of Work. 1. Scope of Services. The Services provided to Customer under this Agreement are set forth in the CivicPlus Statement of Work signed by the parties (the "SOW"). Customer may purchase additional services for additional cost at any time upon mutual written consent of the Parties, including but not limited to updating the frequency of Supplement updates, additional labor required because of delays, errors or omissions on the part of Customer. 2. Limitations of Services. Annual Recurring Supplement Service does NOT include: • Additional copies, reprints, binders, and tab orders; • Documents drafted in InDesign or that contain form-based code requirements, are subject to additional editorial fees; • Documents that contain: multiple tables, graphics, unique formatting requirements, or any other form-based code requirements; • Legal work, creation of fee schedules, gender-neutral review/implementation, external linking; • Codifying complete replacement of complex subject matter such as, but not limited to, Zoning (or equivalent). This work is subject to a one-time editorial conversion fee and an increase in the annual supplement rate and online hosting fee(s). Quote provided upon receipt of material; • Codifying a newly adopted full Chapter/Title/Appendix. This may be subject to a one-time additional editorial fee and an increase in the annual supplement rate and online hosting fee(s). Material to be reviewed upon receipt; • Codifying a newly adopted term change legislation. This may be subject to a one-time additional editorial fee. Material to be reviewed upon receipt; • Adding entirely new material such as but not limited to new Zoning chapters will be covered in your current annual cost. However, the addition will lead to an increase in your annual cost upon your next renewal. We will work with you to provide a revised annual cost. • The addition of Manuals, Policies, Procedures, Comprehensive Plans, Land Use, Unified Codes, Zoning (or equivalent). Quotation upon request; and • Online Code hosting and online features, this is listed separately. For services outside the scope of the Annual Recurring Supplement Services, a per page rate of \$23 will be applied. 3. Each document for processing should be its own individual file, named by its ordinance number. Customer should send in all documents to CivicPlus as MS WORD versions or a convertible PDF version.	4. Term and Termination. This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect for an initial period of one year commencing on the Effective Date ("Initial Term"), at the end of the Initial Term, this Agreement shall automatically renew for additional one-year terms (each a "Renewal Term"). If either Party does not intend to renew this Agreement, they shall provide sixty days prior notice to the end of the then-current term. Either party may terminate this Agreement for cause in the event the other party materially breaches any term of this Agreement and does not substantially cure such breach within thirty days after receiving notice of such breach. A delinquent Customer account remaining past due for longer than 90 days is a material breach by Customer and is grounds for CivicPlus termination. 5. Compensation. Unless otherwise stated in an SOW signed by the Customer, the Customer shall pay CivicPlus for the Services annually at the start of each Renewal Term, within 30 days of the date an invoice is sent. 6. Integration. This Agreement sets forth the entire agreement between and among the parties with respect to the Services. This Agreement supersedes all prior written or oral agreements between the parties or their predecessors-in-interest with respect to all or any part of the subject matter hereof. 7. Limitation of Liability. CivicPlus' liability arising out of or related to this Agreement, or any associated SOW, will not exceed five times the amounts paid by Customer for the Services in the year prior to such claim of liability. In no event will CivicPlus be liable to Customer for any consequential, indirect, special, incidental, or punitive damages arising out of or related to this Agreement. If applicable law limits the application of the provisions of this Limitation of Liability section, CivicPlus' liability will be limited to the maximum extent permissible. 8. Ownership. Customer shall own all right, title, and interest in and to the code created under this Agreement. Customer is responsible for providing all necessary and correct documentation, materials and communication in a timely manner in order to enable CivicPlus to perform the Services and acknowledges CivicPlus cannot begin performance of the Services until all necessary documentation, materials and communication is received. 9. Customer acknowledges that any legal analysis provided by CivicPlus is provided to Customer for their use and direction. However, Customer agrees the Services provided for herein do not review legal codes for legal sufficiency, draw legal conclusions, provide legal advice, opinions or recommendations about Customer's legal rights, remedies, defenses, options, selection of forms, or strategies, or apply the law to the facts of any particular situation or establish an attorney-Customer relationship. CivicPlus is not a law firm and may not perform services performed by an attorney, and the Services contemplated herein do not constitute a substitute for the advice or services of an attorney. 10. In the event either party is unable to perform its obligations under the terms of this Agreement because of acts of God, strikes, damage or other causes reasonably beyond its control, such party shall not be liable for damages to the other for any damages resulting from such failure to perform or otherwise from such causes.
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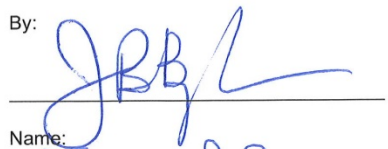
Acceptance

By signing below, the parties are agreeing to be bound by the covenants and obligations specified in this SOW. For CivicPlus Billing Information, please visit <https://www.civicplus.com/verify/>.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this SOW to be executed by their duly authorized representatives as of the dates below.

Client

By:



Name:

JAMES B. BRIGHAM

Title:

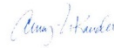
CFO

Date:

4/17/2024

CivicPlus

By:



Name:

Amy Vikander

Title:

Senior Vice President of Customer Success

Date:

F. Discuss/Approve Waggoner Engineering, Inc. Task Order No. 1 for *Environmental Review Services* for the citywide dilapidated housing initiative.

Councilwoman DiCicco made a motion to approve Waggoner Engineering, Inc. Task Order No. 1 for *Environmental Review Services* for the citywide dilapidated housing initiative for the estimate cost of \$73,300.00. Council Member Mickens seconded the motion.

All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion, except Council Member Greene, who opposed.

The motion carried 4/1.

Supporting Documents follow:

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Waggoner Engineering, Inc.
Task Order Form

Task Order No. 1	
Additional Pages Attached: 2	
Date of Task Order: April 9, 2024	
TASK ORDER TO THE GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN WAGGONER ENGINEERING, INC. AND CITY OF COLUMBUS	

This Task Order to the General Services Agreement between Waggoner Engineering, Inc. and City of Columbus dated _____ day of _____, 2023, is a part of, and is subject to all the terms and conditions of the Agreement unless specifically provided otherwise herein.

1. **Project Name:** City of Columbus Dilapidated Housing Initiative – Environmental Review
2. **Project Number:**
3. **Project Manager for Client:** Mayor Keith Gaskin
4. **Project Manager for Waggoner:** Chris Gant
5. **Method of Compensation:** Lump Sum.
6. **Task Order Estimated Cost:** \$73,300.00
7. **Scope of Work (see additional pages attached):** Refer to Exhibit 1
8. **Schedule of Performance (see additional pages attached):** refer to Exhibit 1
9. **Approved Subconsultants:**
10. **Special Provisions:** None.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Task Order to be executed by their duly authorized representatives effective as of the date set forth above.

CITY OF COLUMBUS

By: _____
Keith Gaskin

Title: Mayor, City of Columbus

WAGGONER ENGINEERING, INC.

By: _____
Zach Adams

Title: Vice President

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Scope of Work

City of Columbus Dilapidated Housing Initiative

Background: Waggoner will assist the City of Columbus (Client) by providing environmental review services for the citywide dilapidated housing initiative. The Client was awarded a grant of approximately \$3 million by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development to address dilapidated housing. The Client requires a consultant to complete a broad level HUD tiered environmental review assessment subject to 24 CFR Part 58 for multiple homesites city-wide. An environmental review is the process of reviewing a project and its potential environmental impacts to determine whether it complies with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and related laws and authorities. A complete Environmental Review Record (ERR) with supporting documentation must be provided via the Client to HUD to ensure that all work complies with applicable regulations. The scope of these environmental review services is described below.

Scope of Work

Tier 1/Area-Wide Environmental Review

(Budget - \$73,300)

To complete a broad-level review of the project area for environmental compliance, the following tasks will be performed:

1. Attend a project kickoff meeting (to be held via Teams) with City staff.
2. Prepare a project definition statement that defines the maximum anticipated scope of the project as specifically as possible. This includes the type of anticipated activities (i.e., acquisition, demolition, etc.), all proposed funding sources, maximum number of units, average cost per unit, and a defined geographic area shown on a project limits map.
3. Prepare broad-level environmental review record for a Part 58 CEST (categorically excluded) project that includes an analysis of all related laws and regulations listed in 24 CFR 58.5 and 58.6 for the entire project area. The environmental review record will highlight environmental categories requiring a separate Tier 2 review after the Tier 1 review.
4. Assist the City in notifying the public of the environmental review by attending a public meeting organized by the City of Columbus. Waggoner will prepare handouts and other meeting materials to be presented to the public.
5. Assist the City in preparing a Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds for submission to HUD.

Tier 2/Site-Specific Environmental Review

(Budget not to exceed - \$10,000 per site)

For each individual property site(s) that cannot be entirely cleared by the Tier 1 review, the following tasks will be performed.

1. Perform a site inspection to document existing conditions.

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2. Prepare a site-specific review record of environmental compliance issues that were not resolved in the Tier 1 broad-level review.
3. Update the Tier 1 Environmental Review Record to include a summary of each site-specific review.
4. Submit each completed site-specific environmental review, including an updated Tier 1 Environmental Review Record, to HUD.

Schedule

The Tier 1 Environmental Review process is estimated to take **10-14 weeks** to complete.

Not Included in this Scope

The Environmental Review process considers the Environmental Assessment of each individual property/project and **does not include** the following scopes of work:

1. Property inspection for appraisal, real estate actions, survey, title search, etc. are all actions to be **BY OWNER or OTHER**.
2. EPA Phase 1 or 2 studies based on identification of hazardous materials.
3. Identifying, testing, and mitigation recommendations for hazardous materials (ie asbestos containing materials, lead-based paint, lead pipes, etc.) is not included due to the specific and technical nature of this field of expertise.
4. Design documents necessary to inform, direct, and perform demolition and mitigation actions are not included in the scope of the environmental review but could be offered under a separate task order and must be prepared for each individual property based on scope, scale, and complexity of demolition/mitigation/removal necessary.

NOTE: The schedule and cost associated with the Tier 2 Environmental Review is site specific and relies heavily on the Client's actions to secure properties for remediation and market influences at the time of purchase.

Item “G” was added to the Policy Agenda.

G. Discussion of Amendment to Section 20-61 dealing with gun violence and the firing of firearms within the City. Gun violence and the firing of firearms within the City and County has become all too frequent and is bringing a heightened sense of fear and general unease within many parts of the City.

The General Counsel prepared an Amendment to Section 20-61 for consideration/discussion and/or approval of this Ordinance. Assistant Police Chief Ward requested some time to review the policy. The Council took this request under consideration and will present it again at the next meeting.

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