

MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS May 7, 2024

The Vice-Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the Court Chambers of the Municipal Complex. Mayor Keith Gaskin was absent and Vice-Mayor Joseph Mickens presided over the meeting. All Council Members were present, except Council Member Beard, who was absent. Also present were the General Counsel, the COO, CFO, Police Chief, HR Director, and all other Department Heads.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION:

Vice-Mayor Mickens called the meeting to order and called on COO Jammie Garrett to offer the Invocation.

II. CONFIRMATION OF/OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Councilwoman DiCicco requested to add Discussion of Annexation Expenses to the Policy Agenda as Item "K." Council Member Greene made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended. Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 4/0.

III. APPROVE MINUTES FOR MEETING OF APRIL 16, 2024.

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

All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 4/0.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approve permit request submitted by Martha Gordon, on behalf of Sandfield Horizon Committee, to host the "8th of May Festival" to be held on May 10 – 11, 2024 from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. on Friday, May 10, 2024, and from 10:00

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a.m. until 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 11, 2024, blocking 4th Avenue South at 24th Street South and 25th Street South.

- B. Approve request for two (2) CPD Investigators to attend an *“Interview and Interrogation Course”* to be held in Ellisville, MS and approve payment of lodging, travel and meal expenses at the estimated amount of \$1960.00
- C. Approve request for two (2) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend *“NFPA 1002 – Apparatus Driver Operator”* class to be held in Jackson, MS and approve payment of registration, lodging, travel in City vehicle, and reimbursement of meal expenses at the estimated amount of \$2,225.00.
- D. Approve permit request submitted by Barbara Dodd to host a *“Family Event”* to be held on June 29, 2024, from 12:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. at 607 Sycamore Street, blocking Sycamore Street at Rebecca Lane and Hemlock Street.
- E. Approve request for CPD Sergeant, Samuel Jackson, to attend the *“Field Training Officer Instructor Course”* to be held in Anniston, AL, and approve payment for registration, lodging, use of City vehicle for travel, and reimbursement of meal expenses at the estimated amount of \$1,069.00.
- F. Approve permit request submitted by Barbara Bigelow, on behalf of Main Street Columbus, Inc., to host the *“Sounds of Summer”* to be held on June 13, 2024, June 27, 2024 and July 11, 2024 from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. each date at the Roger Short Soccer Complex.
- G. Approve request for one (1) CPD Officer to attend a *“Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Course”* to be held in DeKalb, MS and approve payment of lodging, use of City vehicle for travel and reimbursement of meal expenses at the estimated amount of \$709.00.
- H. Accept letter of Retirement from Accounts Payable Clerk, approve compensation of unused vacation leave and authorize the HR Director to begin the normal recruitment process.
- I. Approve request to compensate Turner Excavating & Erosin LLC in the amount of \$12,718.98 for Parks & Recreation Main Office Renovation.
- J. Approve permit request submitted by Colin Krieger to host the *“Neighborhood Charity Boil”* to be held on May 26, 2024 from 12:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the 500 block of 8th Street North.

Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion. The Vice-Mayor called for discussion, and there being none, all Council Members present voted in favor of same, with a unanimous vote, 4/0.

V. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS:

Councilwoman Stewart made a motion to approve the Docket of Claims for May 7, 2024 in the amount of \$1,843,791.20. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried 3/1.

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

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

Councilwoman Stewart announced that 6 year old first grader, Bryanna Cook, will be recognized for her foresight and bravery!

Vice-Mayor then welcomed Chief Daughtry back and continued by offering the following remarks:

- I'd like to commend Main Street, Inc., the sponsors, volunteers and participants for another successful Market Street Festival.
- On behalf of the City of Columbus, we would like to congratulate all of our area graduates. MUW's commencement exercises were held last Friday, May 3. EMCC will hold its graduation ceremonies this upcoming weekend; and as we know, area high school graduations will be held throughout the month. Columbus High School's graduation will be Saturday, May 25 at 10:00 a.m. at the Humphrey Coliseum on the MSU campus.
- Lastly, I would like to remind everyone of the 8th of May Emancipation Celebration set for tomorrow (May 8) at 6:00 p.m. at Sandfield Historic Cemetery. Also, there will be an 8th of May Festival on Friday and Saturday, May 10 & 11, at 4th Avenue South and 24th Street South. This event is sponsored by Sandfield Horizon

Committee. Friday's events will begin at 6:00 p.m. and Saturday's events will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Council Member Jones offered thanks to the Lobbyist for getting \$1,000,000.00 in Jackson for the City of Columbus.

Council Member Jones then directed a question to the General Counsel regarding the ordinance governing compensation of the Vice-Mayor in the absence of the Mayor. The General Counsel remarked that compensation of the vice-mayor is governed in the City's Charter. Section 17 of the Special Charter for the City of Columbus reads "in the absence or incapacity of the Mayor, the Vice-Mayor shall receive such compensation that the City Council shall determine, to be payable out of the treasury." The HR Director reported that the compensation has been \$40 per day.

Council Member Greene made a motion to compensate the Vice-Mayor the sum of \$40.00 per day when performing duties in the absence of the Mayor. The General Counsel called for a second. There was no second and the motion failed.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Councilwoman Stewart made a substitute motion to compensate the Vice-Mayor the sum of \$200.00 per day when performing duties in the absence of the Mayor.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Council Member Jones made a substitute motion to compensate the Vice-Mayor the sum of \$300.00 per day when performing duties in the absence of the Mayor. The General Counsel called for a second. There was no second and the motion failed.

INITIAL SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Councilwoman Stewart made a substitute motion to compensate the Vice-Mayor the sum of \$200.00 per day when performing duties in the absence of the Mayor. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

Council Members Stewart and Jones voted in favor of the motion.
Council Members Greene and DiCicco opposed the motion.

Vice-Mayor Mickens recused himself and exited the meeting.

Vice-Mayor Mickens was invited back in the Court Chambers. The General Counsel apprised Vice-Mayor Mickens of the Substitute Motion and the recorded votes, which is two in favor and two in opposition. Vice-Mayor Mickens voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 3/2.

Councilwoman DiCicco thanked the CEO and the Mayor's office for posting Board Minutes for various boards on the City's website.

Vice-Mayor Mickens reminded everyone of the Special School Bond Election that will be held Tuesday, May 14.

B. Board Vacancies

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

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

1 Vacancy, remainder of Evelyn Vidrine's term expires 12/01/2024.

Appointments will be made tonight, May 21, 2024.

APPLICANT:

Emily Johnson

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA:

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

A. Discuss/Approve Derelict Property Docket

OZELLA SPRINGER

1020 15th Street North

CASE NUMBER: 24-0089

CASE NUMBER: 24-0090

Dilapidated Structure

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The General Counsel called cause number **24-0089 and 24-0090**. Mrs. Samantha Koger, Ms. Springer's granddaughter, came forward and remarked that her plans are to demolish both structures. The General Counsel referred Mrs. Koger to obtain a demolition permit from the Building/Inspection Department. Mrs. Koger also remarked that there are heirs, but no one is willing to assist with the demolition. Ms. Koger requested an extension to determine what she can do with the property. Code Enforcement Officer Sasha James recommended giving Ms. Koger additional time to remediate the property and requested giving her an extension of **30 days**. The property is in such a state of uncleanness as to be a menace to the public under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code. Council Member Jones made a motion give the property owner's relative a **30-day extension** to determine if

she can demolish the structures and obtain a demolition permit, 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 present voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 4/0.

JYOTSHANA PATEL
2603 McArthur Drive
CASE NUMBER: 24-0093

Accumulation of Rubbish & Garbage

The General Counsel called cause number **24-0093**. 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. Councilwoman Stewart 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 DiCicco seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 4/0.

JOSEPH L. FOEMAN
1411 12th Avenue North
CASE NUMBER: 24-0096

Property Maintenance Code Violation

The General Counsel called cause number **24-0096**. Mr. and Mrs. Foeman came forward. Code Enforcement Officer Sasha James cited the areas on the structure that were in need in repair and recommended giving Mr. Foeman 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.

Council Member Jones made a motion to 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 present voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 4/0.

CLEOTIS AND DELOIS A. HILL
1407 12th Avenue North
CASE NUMBER: 24-0097

Overgrown Lot
Accumulation of Rubbish & Garbage

The General Counsel called cause number **24-0097**. The Property Owners' legal counsel 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 Jones 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. Council Member Greene seconded the motion.

All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 4/0.

\$250.00 OR LESS CASES:

Code Enforcement Officer, Sasha James, presented seven (7) cases, \$250.00 or less for adjudication. Council Member Jones made a motion to accept the notices for property clean-up of properties \$250.00 and less to be adjudicated according to statute. Councilwoman DiCicco seconded the motion.

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All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 4/0.

THE LIST FOLLOWS:

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\$250 OR LESS Derelict Properties for May 21, 2024 Mayor and City Council Meeting

Case # and Violation	Ward	Name and Address	Notes
24-0140 <i>Overgrown Lot</i>	4	MOORE REAL AND MOORE REAL 1501 20 th Street North	
24-0142 <i>Overgrown Lot</i>	3	CONSTANCE ESSENCE 133 Maple Street	
24-0145 <i>Overgrown Lot</i>	4	DIANE H. DEGRAFFENREID Pear Street	
24-0154 <i>Overgrown Lot</i>	1	CHARLIE GORDON C/O ROOSEVELT GORDON 22 nd Street South	
24-0156 <i>Overgrown Lot</i>	1	WALTER AND ETHEL JAMES 22 nd Street South	
24-0159 <i>Overgrown Lot</i>	2	JUSTICE SHARP 202 Springdale Drive	
24-0160 <i>Overgrown Lot</i>	4	BH PROPERTIES LLC 1915 15 th Avenue North	

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

MOORE REAL AND MOORE REAL
304 SOUTHGATE AVE
FREDERICKSBURG, VA 22408

RE: 1501 20TH ST N
APN: 56W19-01-15400
Case No: CE-24-0140
Officer: Sasha James - Ward: 4

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 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 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 eisters, 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.	May 9, 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 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 21-19-11 (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: 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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ESSENCE CONSTANCE
133 MAPLE ST
COLUMBUS, MS 39702

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

RE: 133 MAPLE ST
APN: 62W11-02-04800
Case No: CE-24-0142
Officer: Sasha James - Ward: 3

Date: April 25, 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.

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Code Section:	Corrective Action:	Compliance Date:
302.4 - Overgrown Lot	Cut, trim, and maintain overgrown grass, hedges, shrubs, trees, and other vegetation.	May 2, 2024

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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 25th day of April, 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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NUISANCE PROPERTY NOTICE TO OWNER - PURSUANT TO
SECTION 21-19-1(2) OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE (Effective 7/1/2022)

DEGRAFFENREID DIANE H.
405 APPLE ST
COLUMBUS, MS 39701

RE: PEAR ST
APN: 61W06-03-05800
Case No: CE-24-0145
Officer: Sasha James - Ward: 4

Date: April 29, 2024

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302.4 - Overgrown Lot	Cut, trim, and maintain overgrown grass, hedges, shrubs, trees, and other vegetation.	May 6, 2024

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

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 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.

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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 29th day of April, 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: April 29, 2024

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

This Notice was posted at the City Building Inspection Office on: April 29, 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: April 29, 2024

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

MINUTES OF THE
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MAY 7, 2024



GORDON CHARLIE
C/O ROOSEVELT GORDON
2018 HARTWELL ST
DETROIT, MI 48235

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

RE: 22ND ST S
APN: 61W14-00-14700
Case No: CE-24-0154
Officer: Sasha James - Ward: 1

Date: May 2, 2024

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- ☒ 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

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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

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MINUTES OF THE
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
MAY 7, 2024



JAMES WALTER/ETHEL
P O BOX 5461
COLUMBUS, MS 39704-5461

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

RE: 22ND ST S
APN: 61W14-00-13700
Case No: CE-24-0156
Officer: Sasha James - Ward: 1

Date: May 2, 2024

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This 2nd day of May, 2024,
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City of Columbus Director of Code Enforcement

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MINUTES OF THE
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
MAY 7, 2024



SHARP JUSTICE D.
202 SPRINGDALE DR.
COLUMBUS, MS 39702

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

RE: 202 SPRINGDALE DR
APN: 62W14-02-00100
Case No: CE-24-0159
Officer: Sasha James - Ward: 2

Date: May 2, 2024

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Code Section:	Corrective Action:	Compliance Date:
302.A - Overgrown Lot	Cut, trim, and maintain overgrown grass, hedges, shrubs, trees, and other vegetation.	May 9, 2024

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

BH PROPERTIES LLC
102 TEMPLE COVE
COLUMBUS, MS 39702

RE: 1915 15TH AVE N
APN: 56W19-01-15500
Case No: CE-24-0160
Officer: Sasha James - Ward: 4

Date: May 2, 2024

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Code Section:	Corrective Action:	Compliance Date:
102.4 - Overgrown Lot	Cut, trim, and maintain overgrown grass, hedges, shrubs, trees, and other vegetation.	May 9, 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 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 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 is 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

B. Discuss/Approve an Agreement between the City of Columbus and Thermo Electron North America, LLC.

Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the Agreement between the City of Columbus and Thermo Electron North America, LLC for the Crime Lab. Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 4/0.

C. Discuss/Approve request to fill five (5) Laborer positions, pending successful completion of a pre-employment medical exam and drug screen.

Council Member Greene made a motion to approve the request to hire five (5) Laborers: **Dion Brewer, Tony Colvin, Deandre Hairston, Eddie Jefferson and Jeremy Slaughter** at \$12.88 per hour, pending successful completion of a pre-employment medical exam and drug screen. Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 4/0.

D. Discuss/Approve request to fill vacant Truck Driver position, pending successful completion of a pre-employment medical exam and drug screen.

Councilwoman DiCicco made a motion to approve the request to hire **Jermall Tate**, to fill vacant Truck Driver position at \$14.00 per hour, pending successful completion of a pre-employment medical exam and drug screen. Council Member Greene seconded the motion.

All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 4/0.

E. Discuss/Approve request to fill six (6) Summer Worker positions in the Recreation Department , pending successful completion of a pre-employment medical exam and drug screen.

Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the request to fill six (6) Summer Worker positions in the Recreation Department , pending successful

completion of a pre-employment medical exam and drug screen. Council Member Greene seconded the motion.

All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 4/0.

F. Discuss/Approve Memorandum of Understanding, Resolution and Order approving the purchase, sale and conveyance of certain real property (Leigh Drive and Bluecutt Road) and select a realtor and the amount of payment for their service.

The Council took up for discussion a Memorandum of Understanding Resolution and Order approving the Purchase, Sale and Conveyance of certain Real Property. Council Member Jones made a motion to approve Memorandum of Understanding, Resolution and Order approving the purchase, sale and conveyance of certain real property (Leigh Drive and Bluecutt Road) and select a realtor and the amount of payment for their service. Council Member Greene seconded the motion, and after the motion was thoroughly discussed and considered, the Vice-Mayor called for a vote on the motion and the Clerk recorded the votes as follows:

Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the Contract for Real Estate Brokerage Services. The Broker, Sherry Lipsey, will negotiate on behalf of the City with the Leigh entities identified in the attached document to broker the consideration to be paid by the City for the exchange of real estate spelled out in the attached document for the fixed commission of \$1,000 to be paid by the City, upon closing of the transaction. Council Member Greene seconded the motion.

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

The MOU, Resolution and Order having received the majority vote of the Council, the Mayor announced that the Motion carried and that the Resolution and Order was hereby ADOPTED.

THE MOU RESOLUTION AND ORDER FOLLOWS:

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
RESOLUTION AND ORDER APPROVING THE PURCHASE, SALE AND
CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY

THIS, Memorandum of Understanding AND Resolution ("MOU") is entered into this the 7th day of May, 2024, by and among the City of Columbus Mississippi ("Columbus"), a Mississippi Municipality formed under the laws of the State of Mississippi on the one hand and the Leigh Enterprises, LP (LELP) and the Leigh Foundation, Inc. (LFI) on the other hand (collectively known as "the Parties"), with regard to certain real property located near Leigh Drive and Bluecutt Road, within the City of Columbus, Mississippi.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 21-17-1(2) of the Mississippi Code, in case any real property belonging to the City shall cease to be used for municipal purposes, the governing authority of the City may sell, convey or lease the same on such terms as the municipality may elect, and the City shall sell such surplus municipal property by advertising for sealed bids unless by resolution duly and lawfully spread on the minutes that the sale of such property in the manner otherwise provided by law is not necessary or desirable for the financial welfare of the City and that the use for which the property is to be sold, conveyed or leased will promote and foster the development and improvement of the community in which it is located and the economic welfare thereof, the Mayor and Council are authorized and empowered, in their discretion, to sell convey or lease such surplus property without having to advertise and accept competitive bids by either having two appraisals (one from the buyer and one from the City) and selling at a price not less than the average of the two appraisals or the City may contract for the professional services of a Mississippi Licensed real estate broker to assist the City in the marketing and sale or lease of the property at a reasonable fee not in excess of what is reasonable and customary within the City and in all such sales, the City shall retain all mineral rights that it owns, together with the right of ingress and egress to remove same; and

WHEREAS, the City is the owner of approximately 1.76 acres of land located on what was formerly a rail-line owned and operated by the Columbus and Greenville Railway and is depicted on Exhibit A attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, LELP owns certain real property bordering the southern right-of-way of Bluecutt Road and has orally offered to convey 0.59 acres as depicted on Exhibit B attached hereto, to the City, contingent upon the City conveying to LFI the City's 1.76 acres depicted on Exhibit A, subject to a cash payment by the City as described hereinbelow; and

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WHEREAS, LFI owns certain real property bordering the southern right-of-way of Bluecutt Road and has orally offered to convey 0.27 acres as depicted on Exhibit B attached hereto, to the City, contingent upon the City conveying to LFI the City's 1.76 acres depicted on Exhibit A, subject to a cash payment by the City as described hereinbelow; and

WHEREAS, the City needs the real property depicted in Exhibit B to erect traffic control devices and to widen Bluecutt Road for the general welfare and safety of the traveling public, and LELP and LFI desire to secure title to the City's property depicted on Exhibit A to make their property more attractive for commercial development; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined through appraisal that its real property depicted on Exhibit A has a fair market value of approximately \$96,000 and that the real property offered by LELP depicted on Exhibit B has a fair market value of approximately \$77,000 and that the real property offered by LFI has a fair market value of \$35,000; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties enter into this Memorandum of Understanding and the Mayor and Council adopt same as a Resolution to be spread across the minutes of the City as follows

- (1) (a) The real property depicted on Exhibit A has ceased to be used and is not needed for municipal purposes and is not used in the operation of the City; (b) the Mayor and Council finds and determines that the sale of the real property depicted on Exhibit A by sealed bid is not necessary or desirable for the financial welfare of the municipality; and (c) that the use of such property for the purposes for which it is to be sold and conveyed will promote and foster the development and improvement of the community and the economic welfare thereof and to approve the engagement of Sheri Lipsey, a licensed Mississippi real estate broker, of Weichert Realtors Innovations, at a commission of \$1,000 to negotiate a real property exchange between the City and LELP and LFI, with the City paying to LELP and/or LFI an amount not exceeding \$16,000 as set forth in Exhibit C attached hereto; and
- (2) LELP and LFI agree to the exchange together with the payment by the City of the difference in the fair market value of the property exchanged subject to

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and the City, with the City reserving mineral rights together with the right of ingress and egress to remove same.

Council Member Jones moved that the above and foregoing MOU, Resolution and Order, be adopted by the Mayor and Council and spread across the minutes of the City and that all the factual averments and statements contained within this resolution and Order be found as fact to be true, correct and proper. Council Member Greene seconded the motion and after the motion was thoroughly discussed and considered, the Mayor called for a vote on the motion and the Clerk recorded the votes as follows:

	Voted Yes or No
Council Member Stewart	<u>yes</u>
Council Member Mickens	<u>yes</u>
Council Member Greene	<u>yes</u>
Council Member Beard	<u>yes</u>
Council Member Jones	<u>yes</u>
Council Member DiCicco	<u>yes</u>

The MOU, Resolution and Order having received the majority vote of the Council, the Mayor announced that the Motion carried and that the Resolution and Order was hereby ADOPTED.

WITNESS OUR SIGNATURES, this the 7th day of May, 2024.

CITY OF COLUMBUS

BY: Joseph W. Mickens, Jr.
KEITH GASKIN, MAYOR

LEIGH ENTERPRISES, LP

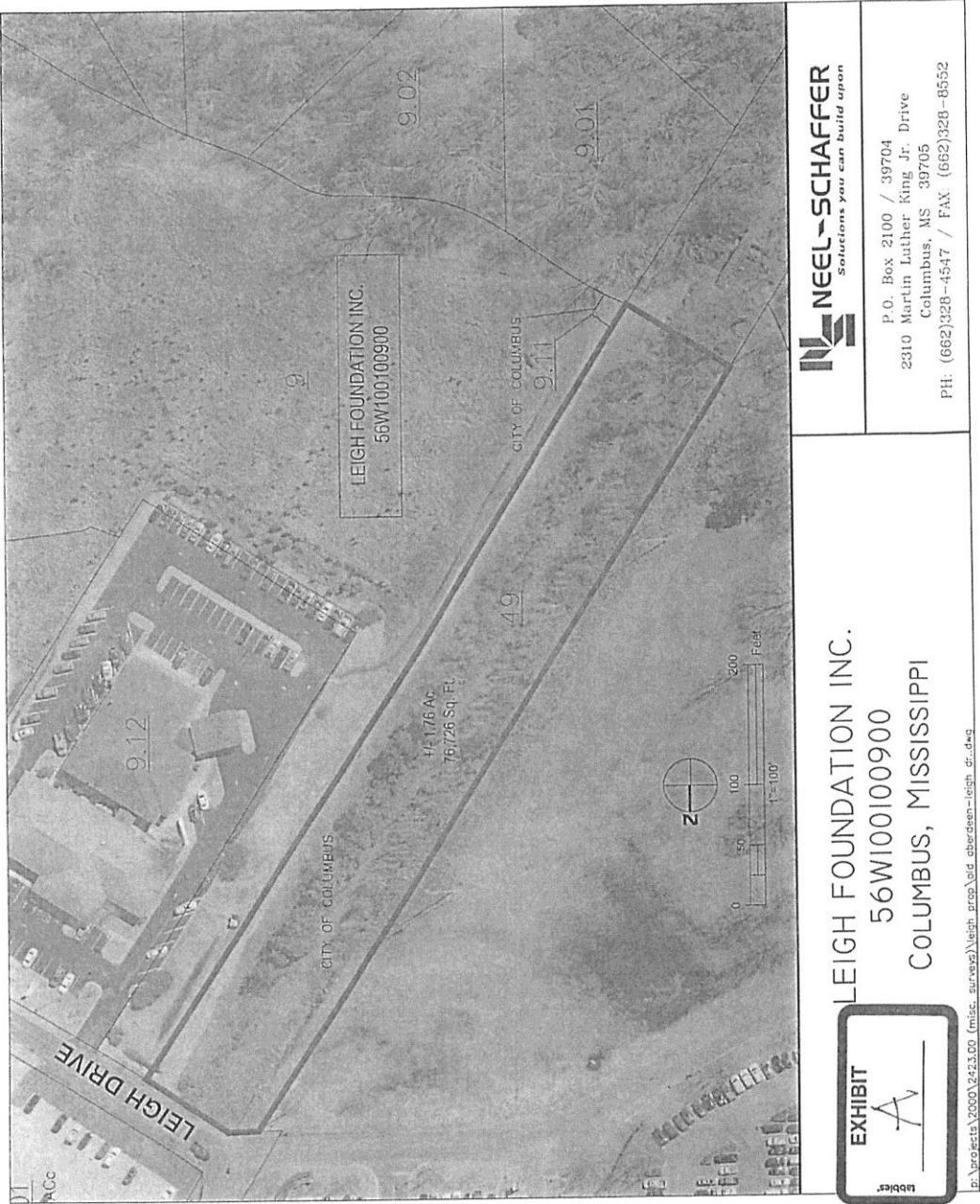
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LEIGH FOUNDATION, INC

BY: _____

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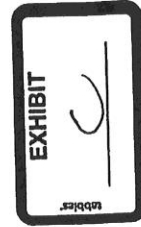
City of Columbus Right-of-Way (ROW)	Acreage	Adjustment	Value per Acre	Extended Value	Rounded	Notes
Railroad on Leigh Drive (100' x 760')	1.76				\$ 96,000	
Part Adjoining Leigh Drive (100' x 250')	0.57		\$ 110,000	\$ 62,700		\$2.50 /SF
Rear Portion (100' x ~510')	1.19	30%	\$ 28,000	\$ 33,320		
Adjoins 7.0 Ac - Leigh Foundation	7.00		\$ 40,000	\$ 280,000		Back Acreage Comp

\$ 96,000 Total Value City to Leigh

Leigh Family Property	Acreage	Adjustment	Value per Acre	Extended Value	Rounded	Notes
East Side of Leigh Drive on Bluecutt	0.27		\$ 130,000	\$ 35,100	\$ 35,000	\$3.00 /SF
Leigh Foundation, Inc.						
West Side of Leigh Drive on Bluecutt	0.59		\$ 130,000	\$ 76,700	\$ 77,000	\$3.00 /SF
Leigh Enterprises LP						

\$ 112,000 Total Value Leigh to City

Value Difference \$ (16,000) Purchase
Difference for the City to



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CONTRACT FOR REAL ESTATE BROKERAGE SERVICES

WHEREAS, City of Columbus ("City") needs the services of a licensed real estate broker to handle the exchange of real estate proposed in the attached document with exhibits; and

WHEREAS, Sheri Lipsey of Weichert Realtors Innovations, is a licensed Mississippi real estate broker ("Broker"), who has offered to serve as such for the sum of \$1,000 to broker and finalize the sale spelled out in the attached document;

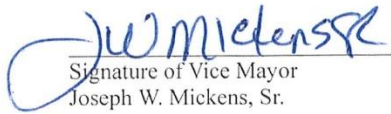
NOW THEREFORE, City and Broker agree as follows:

1. Broker will negotiate on behalf of the City with the Leigh entities identified in the attached document to broker the consideration to be paid by the City for the exchange of real estate spelled out in the attached document for the fixed commission of \$1,000 to be paid by the City, upon closing of the transaction.

This the 8th day of May, 2024.

City of Columbus, MS

Sheri Lipsey


Signature of Vice Mayor
Joseph W. Mickens, Sr.

Sheri Lipsey

**G. Discuss/Approve Amendment to City Ordinance Section 20-61
(Discharge of a firearm within City limits) related to same.**

The Vice-Mayor and Council took up for discussion and approval of Amendment to City Ordinance, Section 20-61, Discharge of Firearms in the City Limits. Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the Amendment to City Ordinance Section 20-61 (Discharge of a firearm within City limits) related to same. Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion and after a discussion and upon recommendation from the Police Department, the Mayor called for a vote on the motion and recorded the votes as follows:

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

The Amendment to the City Ordinance having received the majority vote of the Council, the Mayor announced that the Motion carried and that the Amendment was hereby ADOPTED.

THE AMENDMENT FOLLOWS:

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Amendment to Section 20-61

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, more frequently persons are discharging firearms into the air to threaten or intimidate others, which shooting in itself may lead to more gunfire; and

WHEREAS, firing a deadly weapon within the City needs to immediately cease;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that we the Mayor and Council, for the immediate and temporary preservation of the public peace, health and safety, in order to aid the City in the prevention of accidental or intentional gunshot injury and to preserve the safety, general wellbeing, quiet solitude, enjoyment and general happiness and security of the citizens of Columbus, we do hereby pass the following amendment to our City Code of Ordinances as an emergency measure effective immediately, as follows:

Sec. 20-61. - Discharge of firearms.

- (1) Except for a person who discharges a firearm under circumstances allowed by the laws of the State of Mississippi, including but not limited to:
 - a. Section 97-3-15 of the Mississippi Code as may be amended (sometimes referred to as the "Castle Doctrine"), and
 - b. Section 45-9-53(1) and its subparagraphs, which exempt certain large acreage tracts of land annexed after September of 1981 from regulations of specified weapons,it shall be unlawful for any person to fire or discharge any gun, including but not limited to, a B-B gun and pellet gun, cannon, or firearm of any description within the municipal boundaries of the City without a permit from the chief of police.
- (2) This section shall not prohibit use of the police firing range authorized by the chief of police.
- (3) An individual found guilty of violating this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by the maximum amount allowed by law including, but not limited to Section 21-13-19 of the Mississippi Code, which currently sets the maximum at \$1,000 per occurrence and six months in jail.
- (4) The Municipal Clerk is hereby directed to immediately publish this ordinance in its entirety in the City's paper of General Circulation.
- (5) The Police Department is directed to immediately enforce his ordinance as amended.
- (6) Any weapon used in violation of Section 97-37-1 of the Mississippi Code (as may be amended) or used in the commission of any other crime, shall be seized by the arresting officer, may be introduced in evidence, and in the event of a conviction, shall be ordered to be forfeited, and shall be disposed of pursuant to Section 97-37-3 of the Mississippi Code (as may be amended). In the event of acquittal of charges, such weapon shall be returned to the accused from whom it was seized.

The above and foregoing Ordinance was presented by the Mayor for discussion and Council Member Jones moved for its immediate adoption. Council Member Stewart seconded the motion and after a discussion and upon recommendation

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from the Police Department, the Mayor called for a vote on the motion and recorded the votes as follows:

Council Member Taylor-Stewart	Voted: <u>Yes</u>
Council Member Mickens	<u>Yes</u>
Council Member Greene	<u>Yes</u>
Council Member Beard	<u>Absent</u>
Council Member Jones	<u>Yes</u>
Council Member DiCicco	<u>Yes</u>

The ordinance, having received the unanimous vote of those present and voting, was passed, effective immediately.

So, Ordained, on this the 7th day of April, 2024.

Keith Gaskin, Mayor

Attest:

James Brigham, Municipal Clerk

H. Discuss/Approve Awarding the Interior Renovation Contract for the James M. Trotter Convention Center to the lowest responsive bidder in the amount of \$517,500.00.

Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the request to Award the Interior Renovation Contract for the James M. Trotter Convention Center to the lowest responsive bidder in the amount of \$517,500.00. Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 4/0.

THE BID TABULATION SHEET FOLLOWS:

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JBHM
Architecture

104 Third Street South		P O Box 9127		Columbus, MS 39705-9127		662-329-4883	
Project Number 23018.00		Project: City of Columbus		Opening Date 4/16/2024		Opening Time 2:00 p.m.	
		Trotter Convention Center, Interior Renovations		Columbus, Mississippi			
Contractor	Burks-Mordecai Builders, Inc.	Cook Development LLC	JMorgan Company	Weathers Construction, Inc.	West Brothers Construction		
Certificate of Responsibility	No Bid	23106-MC	21073-MC	08286-MC	No Bid		
Surety Company (5%)		The Gray Casualty & Surety Company	Westfield Insurance Company	Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual)			
Addendum #1 Acknowledged		Yes	Yes	Yes			
BASE BID	\$ -	\$ 395,000.00	\$ 380,100.00	\$ 365,600.00	\$ -		
Alternate #1 (ADD) Restroom Renovation	\$ -	\$ 43,000.00	\$ 82,737.00	\$ 83,800.00	\$ -		
Alternate #2 (ADD) Corridor Renovation	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 30,668.00	\$ 21,800.00	\$ -		
Alternate #3 (ADD) Auditorium Paint	\$ -	\$ 19,500.00	\$ 19,056.00	\$ 62,800.00	\$ -		
Alternate #4 (ADD) Furniture	\$ -	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 29,250.00	\$ -		
Total Bid	\$ -	\$ 517,500.00	\$ 567,561.00	\$ 563,250.00	\$ -		
180 days							

Certified Correct By:



William D. Whittle, AIA, NCARB, Principal

I. Discuss/Approve reimbursable election workers' pay scale for May 14, 2024 Special Bond Election for the Columbus Municipal School District; made payable May 15, 2024.

The Council took up for discussion the request to approve reimbursable election workers' pay scale for May 14, 2024 Special Bond Election for the Columbus Municipal School District; made payable May 15, 2024.

Councilwoman DiCicco moved for the amount to remain the same, \$165.00. Vice-Mayor Mickens called for a second to the motion. There was no second and the motion failed.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Council Member Jones offered a substitute motion to pay Election Commissioners \$200.00 for working on Election Day for the upcoming Columbus Municipal School District Bond Election.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Councilwoman Stewart offered a substitute motion to pay Election Commissioners \$300.00 for working on Election Day for the upcoming Columbus Municipal School District Bond Election. Vice-Mayor Mickens called for a second to the motion. There was no second and the motion failed.

Council Member Jones withdrew the first substitute motion of \$200.00 and made another substitute motion to pay Election Commissioners \$250.00 for working on Election Day for the upcoming Columbus Municipal School District Bond Election. Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion.

Council Members Stewart and Jones voted in favor of the motion.
Council Members Greene and DiCicco opposed the motion.
Vice-Mayor Mickens voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 3/2

Vice-Mayor stressed that this increase is temporary and approved for THIS ELECTION ONLY. The COO remarked that the Council will have the discretion to set the rate going forth, but these rates are strictly for May 14, 2024 Bond Election.

THE PAY SCALE FOR THIS ELECTION FOR ALL POSITIONS FOLLOWS:

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<u>TITLE</u>	<u>STATUTE</u>	<u>2023 LOWNDES COUNTY ELECTION</u>	<u>ELECTION COMMISSION REQUEST</u>
Election Commissioners (5)	§23-15-153 (4) (5) \$165.00 (Election Day) \$110.00 (per diem)	\$165.00 (Election Day) \$110.00 (Per Diem)	\$300.00 250.00 \$300.00 (Election Day) \$110.00 (Per Diem)
Poll Managers (51)	§23-15-227 (1) \$125.00	\$150.00 (Election Day) \$30.00 (Training)	\$150.00 (Election Day) \$30.00 (Training)
Returning & Receiving (8)	§23-15-227 (2) \$175.00	\$200.00 (Election Day) \$30.00 (Training)	\$200.00 (Election Day) \$30.00 (Training)

J. Discuss/Approve request to hire three (3) Certified Police Officers, pending successful completion of preliminary testing.

Council Member Greene made a motion to hire three (3) Certified Police Officers: Lane McTaggart, Jason Gilmore and Johnny Vaughn, pending successful completion of preliminary testing. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 4/0.

K. Discuss Annexation Expenses

Councilwoman DiCicco discussed the Annexation Expenses that the City has spent thus far, which are approximately \$26,000 plus the advertising expenses, which are around \$5,000.00. The CFO reported that the Annexation expenses were not budgeted and cost will come from Special Projects. Councilwoman DiCicco asked the Council to reconsider the Annexation. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Vice-Mayor then asked if there was any other business to come before the Mayor and City Council. There being none, Council Member Greene moved that the meeting be adjourned. Upon second by Councilwoman Stewart and unanimous vote, the Vice-Mayor announced that the meeting was ADJOURNED.

Approved by: _____
Joseph Mickens, Sr., Vice-Mayor

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

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