MEETING OF
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS
August 20, 2024

The Vice-Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, August 20, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the Court Chambers of the Municipal Complex. Vice-Mayor Joseph Mickens presided over the meeting and all Council Members were present, except Council Member Jones, who was absent. Also present were the General Counsel, the COO, CFO, Assistant 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 Rev. Ishum Conner, Pastor of Pilgrim Rest M. B. Church, to offer the Invocation.

II. CONFIRMATION OF/OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Councilwoman DiCicco requested to add two items to the Policy Agenda for discussion: Redistricting and the 2023 Audit.

Councilwoman DiCicco made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Council Member Greene seconded the motion.

All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 4/0.

III. APPROVE MINUTES FOR MEETING OF AUGUST 6, 2024.

Councilwoman DiCicco made a motion to approve the Minutes for the Meeting of August 6, 2024. Council Member Beard seconded the motion.

All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 4/0.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Approve request for two (2) Fire and Rescue personnel: Brandon Wade and Justin Martin, to attend *"NFPA 1041 – Fire Service Instructor"* class to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, lodging, use of city vehicle for travel and reimbursement of meal expenses, with all costs estimated to be $500.00.

B. Approve request for two (2) Fire and Rescue personnel: Houston Ballard and Weston Lowery, to attend *"Haz-Mat Awareness and Operations"* to be held in Jackson, Mississippi and approve payment of registration, lodging, use of city vehicle for travel, and reimbursement of meal expenses, with all costs estimated to be $400.00.

C. Approve request for Fire and Rescue personnel, Clayton Aldridge, to attend "*Fire and Emergency Service Peer Support Member*" to be held in Montgomery, AL, and approve payment of registration, lodging, use of city vehicle for travel and reimbursement of meal expenses, with all costs estimated to be $150.00

D. Approve request for the Human Resources Director to advertise to fill the position of Forensic Lab Technician.

E. Approve request to reimburse the Landfill Supervisor, Roger Lewis, for registration/exam fee, lodging and mileage associated with attending a conference in Clinton, MS for the Solid Waste Conference and Manager of Landfill Exam that that was held July 9 – 12, 2024, with all costs estimated to be $1344.00.

F. Approve request to reimburse Peer Assessor (Nicholas Christensen) for an airline flight (CFAI Accreditation Hearing) due to cancellation of original flight as a result of a storm in Atlanta, GA, in the amount of $457.98.

G. Approve permit request submitted by Jacque Hince, on behalf of Annunciation Catholic School, to host the "*In Our Nation* Parade" to be held on January 28, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. at Annunciation Catholic School, 223 North Browder Street.

H. Accept letter of resignation from CPD Recruit, Terreon Malone, effective August 19, 2024.

I. Approve payment to Bostick Construction, LLC in the amount of $20,000.00 for Regal Hall Exterior Renovations.

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

V. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS:

Councilwoman Stewart made a motion to approve the Docket of Claims for August 20, 2024, in the amount of $1,537,156.03. Council Member Greene seconded the motion. Vice-Mayor Mickens asked if there were questions or discussion. Councilwoman DiCicco asked the CFO questions about some invoices listed on the docket: Amazon for Decibel Readers, purchase of thermal paper, and Walton's Greenhouse for purchase of patio furniture. The CFO responded to the questions and offered an explanation.

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 members of the Council if they had any remarks or announcements.

- Councilwoman DiCicco requested an update on the Audit. The CFO apprised the Vice-Mayor and Council of the status of the FY22 audit. He also gave an update on the findings from the 2021 audit and remarked that they are working on correcting the findings.

- Vice-Mayor Mickens announced that Council Member Jones is in Chicago attending the Democratic Convention.

- The 3rd Annual Zumba in Pink Boardwalk event for Breast Cancer Awareness Month will be held Saturday, October 12, 2024, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon in Catfish Alley. A $50.00 registration fee is required. All proceeds will benefit the Columbus Imaging Center.

- Vice-Mayor Mickens reminded citizens that the City is in the annual budgeting process. The first public hearing was held August 15 and the second public hearing is scheduled for August 22, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Courtroom.

- Vice-Mayor Mickens asked City officials and citizens of Columbus to keep Mayor Gaskin in their prayers.

Vice-Mayor Mickens asked the Council if they had questions about the Department Heads' Monthly Reports.

B. Building Inspection - July 2024 Monthly Report

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

C. Columbus Fire & Rescue – July 2024 Monthly

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

D. Community Outreach – July 2024 Monthly Report

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

E. Code Enforcement - July 2024 Monthly Report

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

F. Columbus Police Department – July 2024 Monthly Report

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

G. Public Works Department – July Monthly Report

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

H. Municipal Court - July Monthly Report

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

I. Garage – July 2024 Monthly Report

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

J. Columbus Recreation Department – July 2024 Monthly report

The Monthly Report from the Columbus Recreation Department for July 2024 was presented. Councilwoman DiCicco asked the Director of Parks questions about his monthly report. Kevin Stafford came forward and offered an explanation to the questions regarding courts and lighting. No action was taken.

K. James M. Trotter Convention Center/Friendship & Sandfield Cemeteries – July 2024 Monthly Report

The Monthly Report from the James M. Trotter Convention Center/Friendship & Sandfield Cemeteries for July 2024 was presented. The Director of J. M. Trotter Convention Center/Friendship & Sandfield Cemeteries was asked about anticipated date for completion of renovation to Regal Hall. Mrs. Bonner remarked that she was waiting on windows and doors and stated, two – three months. No action was taken.

L. Planning & Community Development – July 2024 Monthly Report

The Monthly Report from the Planning & Community Development Department for July 2024 was presented. No action was taken.

M. Human Resources – July 2024 Monthly Report

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

N. I T Department – July 2024 Monthly Report

The Monthly Report from the I T Department for July 2024 was presented. No action was taken.

O. Finance – July 2024 Monthly Report

Jim Brigham, CFO, distributed the Monthly Financial Report for July 2024, which includes the General Fund cash balance of $10,588,608.00, which is an increase of $2,039,246.00 The Modernization Use Tax balance is $6,682,507.00. The remaining balance of ARPA Funds is $3,463,429.00. The balance in the Bridge Repair Fund is $828,210.00 and the Recreation Improvement Fund is $2,539,348.00.The CFO also distributed an Expenditure Report by department. No action was taken.

P. Board Vacancies

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

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
1 Vacancy, 4-Year Term, Thomas L. Moore Jr.'s Term Expired August 18, 2024.

Appointment will be made August 20, 2024.

APPLICANT:
Major General Thomas L. Moore, Jr.

Councilwoman DiCicco made a motion to reappoint Maj. General Thomas L. Moore, Jr. to the Civil Service Commission for a four-year term, until August 18, 2028. Council Member Beard seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 4/0.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
1 Vacancy, 4-Year Term, Robert Ivy's Term Expires September 20, 2024..
Appointment will be made September 17, 2024.

APPLICANT:
Robert Ivy

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA:

A. SHAWNNA EVANS – Road Blockage (Tuscaloosa Road)

Ms. Shawanna Evans came before the Vice-Mayor and Council and requested permission to block Tuscaloosa Road from the Gardner Boulevard intersection to her business for an event that will be held on September 1, 2024. Ms. Evans remarked that she expects at least 300 people to be present. Vice-Mayor Mickens requested input from the Police and Fire Chiefs. Both Chiefs stated that this will be a holiday weekend and this location is heavily travelled. Vice-Mayor Mickens requested that the Chiefs schedule a meeting with Ms. Evans to try to reach a compromise. Councilwoman DiCicco made a motion for the Police Chief and the Fire Chief to meet with Ms. Evans about this request in an attempt to reach a compromise Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 4/0.

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

A. Discuss/Approve Derelict Property Docket

JAMES BELL & REGINA BELL
2006 3rd Avenue North
CASE NUMBER: 24-0228 **Accumulation of Rubbish & Garbage**

The General Counsel called cause number **24-0228.** 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 uncleanliness as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community. This Order should provide for such re-entry as the Statute allows. Council Member Greene made a motion in accordance with Section 21-19-11,and for an Order stating the City may remediate the property with respect to cutting grass and weeds and removing rubbish, personal property and other debris no more than twelve (12) times in a twenty- four (24) month period immediately following the Order, with further notice to the owner as required by law. Costs are to be assessed as allowed under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code. Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 4/0.

PAULA A. GONZALEZ
804 North McCrary Road
CASE NUMBER: 24-0229 **Accumulation of Rubbish & Garbage**
Overgrown Lot

The General Counsel called cause number **24-0229.** 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 uncleanliness as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community. This Order should provide for such re-entry as the Statute allows. Council Member Greene made a motion in accordance with Section 21-19-11,and for an Order stating the City may remediate the property with respect to cutting grass and weeds and removing rubbish, personal property and other debris no more than twelve (12) times in a twenty- four (24) month period immediately following the Order, with further notice to the owner as required by law. Costs are to be assessed as allowed under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code. Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 4/0.

K O PROPERTIES LLC c/o OLIVER MILLER
2601 7th Avenue North
CASE NUMBER: 23-0232 **Closing of Vacant Structure**
Defacement of Property

The General Counsel called cause number **24-0232.** Code Enforcement Officer Sasha James stated that the owner of this property has made substantial improvement to the conditions and recommended giving the property owner a **15-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. Council Member Greene made a motion to give the property owner a **15-day extension** to remediate the property. 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. Council Member Beard seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 4/0.

JOHN RALPH IDOM / APOLONIO GARCIA
409 13th Street North
CASE NUMBER: 23-0234 **Property Maintenance Code Violation**

The General Counsel called cause number **24-0234.** Code Enforcement Officer Sasha James stated that the owner of this property has made substantial improvement to the conditions and 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. Council Member Greene made a motion to give the property owner a **45-day extension** to remediate the property. 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. Council Member Beard seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 4/0.

B. **Discuss/Approve Recommendations from the August 12, 2024 Planning Commission meeting**

Permitted Use Request 24-06

306 Hospital Drive, LLC, Property Owner / Presented by Deletha Stevenson, Business Owner
306 Hospital Drive
Tax Parcel 56W09-00-01500
C-1-R Neighborhood Commercial Restricted District

A Request to allow operation of a child daycare facility in the former Pedia Trust building

Wythe Rhett recused himself from this case because he owns the building. The Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval

The Commission based their decision on the fact that there were no objections from neighbors and the site had previously been used as a child daycare facility.

Council Member Beard 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 operation of a child daycare facility in the former Pedia Trust building be approved. Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion. 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 voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 4/0.

Permitted Use Request 24-07

John Henry Fields, Applicant
489 Plymouth Road
Tax Parcel 60W00-00-02800
A-1 General Agricultural District

A Request to allow establishment of a RV Park

After receiving a Petition Against the proposed RV Park, signed by twenty-nine residents in the area and representatives voicing their objections, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend denial of the proposed RV Park.

The Commission based their decision on the fact that there was a multitude of objections from the neighbors, and the proposed use would not be in harmony with the district.

Councilwoman Stewart 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 deny request to allow establishment of a RV Park. Council Member Beard seconded the motion. 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 voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 4/0.

C. Discuss/Approve accepting FAA AIP Grant in the amount of $1,866,805.00 for the CLCA Runway Pavement Rehabilitation project.

Zach Foster dba Neel-Schaffer, Inc. came forward and reported that FAA will cover 90% of this grant, MDOT will cover 5% and the City and County will be responsible for 5%, which is $51,689.00 each. Council Member Beard made a motion to approve the request to accept the FAA AIP Grant in the amount of $1,866,805.00 for the CLCA Runway Pavement Rehabilitation project. Council Member Greene seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 4/0.

D. Discuss/Approve accepting FAA BIL-AIG Grant in the amount of $448,000.00 for the CLCA Box Hangar Construction project.

Zach Foster reported that this Grant will be used for the Box Hangar Construction project. $600,000.00 has been received to cover ½ of the project. The BIL FAA will cover the other portion of the grant. The City and County’s match will be $29,000.00 and $14,000.00. for $1.2 million dollar project. Councilwoman Stewart made a motion to approve acceptance of the FAA BIL-AIG Grant. Council Member Greene seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 4/0.

E. Discuss/Approve Speed Hump Installation on Hemlock Street

Council Member Greene made a motion to approve the request to install a Speed Hump on Hemlock Street. Council Member Beard seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 4/0.

F. Discuss/Approve Speed Hump Installation on 26th Street North

Council Member Beard made a motion to approve the request to install a Speed Hump on 26th Street North. Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 4/0.

G. Discuss/Approve Speed Hump Installation on Fallwood Drive

Council Member Beard made a motion to approve the request to install a Speed Hump on Fallwood Drive. Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 4/0.

H. Discuss/Approve Speed Hump Installation on Williamsburg Road

Council Member Beard made a motion to approve the request to install a Speed Hump on Williamsburg Road. Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 4/0.

I. Discuss/Approve hiring one (1) Property and Evidence Custodian, contingent on successful completion of preliminary testing

Council Member Greene made a motion to hire Ariadna Santos as Property and Evidence Custodian at a hourly rate of pay at $15.85, contingent on successful completion of preliminary testing. Council Member Beard seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 4/0.

J. Discuss/Approve hiring one (1) Community Liaison person

Chief Joseph Daughtry came before the Vice-Mayor and Council and remarked that he would like to create a new position in the Police Department to be centered on Community Engagement, Public Relations, Education and Outreach, Conflict Resolution, Feedback Collection, Program Development and Resource Linkage and requested that the Council approve the hire of Glenda Richardson at $45,000 annually. This hire will replace three (3) Reserve Police Officers that are not needed. Council Member Beard made a motion to approve the request. Council Member Greene seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the request.

The motion carried 4/0.

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

Council Member Beard made a motion to approve the request to hire YDarius Petty and Tavares Chandler as Entry-Level Police Officer and hire Robert Wilson as a Certified Police Officer, contingent on successful completion of preliminary testing. Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 4/0.

L. Discuss/Approve promotion of one (1) Forensic Lab Technician to the position of Forensic Scientist Trainee and adjust the pay accordingly, effective August 21, 2024.

Council Member Beard made a motion to approve the promotion of Jayonna Davis to the position of Forensic Scientist Trainee and adjust her pay to $18.03 per hour. Council Member Greene seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 4/0.

M. Discuss/Approve the purchase of eleven (11) above-ground concrete storm shelters in the amount of $69,795.01, with $52,346.26 being reimbursed by the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

Councilwoman DiCicco made a motion to approve the request to purchase eleven (11) above-ground concrete storm shelters in the amount of $69,795.01, with $52,346.26 being reimbursed by the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Council Member Greene seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 4/0.

N. Discuss/Approve applying for FY24 MOHS FY24 Homeland Security Grant

Susan Wilder, Grant Writer, came before the Mayor and Council and requested approval to apply for the FY24 MOHS FY24 Homeland Security Grant in the amount of $40,330.95 with no match required. Councilwoman DiCicco made a motion to approve this request. Council Member Greene seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 4/0.

O. Discuss/Approve applying for the Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Grant for Propst Park, with no match

Council Member Beard made a motion to approve the request to apply for the Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Grant for Propst Park, with no match. Council member Greene seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 4/0.

P. Discuss/Approve Obligating Interest in American Rescue Plan Act funding to purchase twelve (12) additional Nola Cameras.

Council Member Beard made a motion to approve the request to obligate interest in American Rescue Plan Act funding to purchase twelve (12) additional Nola Cameras.at an estimated cost of $13,000.00. Council Member Greene seconded the motion.

Q. Discuss/Approve Order Approving Petition to Vacate Utility Easement

Attorney Gordon Flowers came before the Vice-Mayor and Council on behalf of T. S. Cooper Properties, LLC, requesting approval of Order Approving Petition to Vacate a 10' Utility Easement located in Block A, known as Magnolia Park Subdivision, and generally runs in an East-West direction through the middle of Block A at the vicinity of Bob's Paint and Auto Body shop. .Council Member Greene made a motion to approve the Order and authorize the Vice-Mayor to execute documents. Councilwoman DiCicco seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 4/0.

ORDER AND PETITION FOLLOWS:

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**BEFORE THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS MISSISSIPPI**

T. S. COOPER PROPERTIES, LLC **PETITIONER**

ORDER APPROVING PETITION TO VACATE UTILITY EASEMENT

T.S. Cooper Properties, LLC, ("**Cooper**") filed a petition for an easement illustrated on the survey attached as Exhibit 1 to the Petition (the "Easement") to be vacated and at a meeting on August 15, 2024, the Mayor and City Council took up the request to vacate and abandon the utility easement and after viewing documentary evidence including and hearing from Cooper the City finds as follows:

1. In May, 1957 the plat of Magnolia Park Subdivision was recorded in the land records of Lowndes County, Mississippi at Plat Book 2 at Page 26 (the "Plat"). A copy of the Plat was attached as Exhibit 2 to the petition considered by the Mayor and Council. The Plat noted that utility easements were outlined in red.

2. The Easement in Block A generally runs in an East-West direction through the middle of Block A. Cooper owns a building located in Block A which straddles the Easement. **See**, Exhibit 1.(the "Building"). The Building houses the business known as "Bob's Paint and Auto Body".

3. Utilities for the Building are not provided through the Easement. Electricity is provided through overhead lines attached to the Building in other locations. Water is provided by water line running from Plymouth Road to the Building. Wastewater is disposed of by sewer line running from the Building to the City main.

4. No utilities or other public services are provided through the Easement in Block A.

5. Cooper owns the entire Block A of Magnolia Park Subdivision. No other property owners in Magnolia Park Subdivision will be impacted or adversely affected if the Easement is

abandoned or vacated. The Easement is not needed for public purpose.

6. Based on the foregoing facts pursuant to 17-1-23 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, the Mayor and City Council hereby grants the petition and hereby vacates, abandons, and terminates the Easement shown on Exhibit 1.

THIS IS THE _________ DAY OF AUGUST, 2024.

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KEITH GASKIN, MAYOR

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**BEFORE THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS MISSISSIPPI**

T. S. COOPER PROPERTIES, LLC **PETITIONER**

PETITION TO VACATE UTILITY EASEMENT

T.S. Cooper Properties, LLC, ("**Cooper**") petitions the City Council as the governing authority of the City of Columbus, Mississippi (the "**City**") to vacate and abandon the easement dedicated to the City in Block A of Magnolia Park Subdivision as shown on the survey (the "Easement") attached as Exhibit 1 for the following reasons:

1. In May, 1958 the plat of Magnolia Park Subdivision was recorded in the land records of Lowndes County, Mississippi at Plat Book 2 at Page 26 (the "Plat"). A copy of the Plat is attached as Exhibit 2. The Plat noted that utility easements were outlined in red.

2. The Easement in Block A generally runs in an East-West direction through the middle of Block A. Cooper owns a building located in Block A which straddles the Easement. See, Exhibit 1.(the "Building"). The Building houses the business known as "Bob's Paint and Auto Body".

3. Utilities for the Building are not provided through the Easement. Electricity is provided through overhead lines attached to the Building in other locations. Water is provided by water line running from Plymouth Road to the Building. Wastewater is disposed of by sewer line running from the Building to the City main.

4. No utilities or other public services are provided through the Easement in Block A.

5. Cooper owns the entire Block A of Magnolia Park Subdivision. No other property owners in Magnolia Park Subdivision will be impacted or adversely affected if the Easement is abandoned or vacated. The Easement is not needed for public purpose.

THEREFORE, Cooper requests the Easement be declared abandoned and the ownership revert to Cooper as the adjoining property owner pursuant to Miss. Code Ann 17-1-23.

T.S. COOPER PROPERTIES

BY: Tom S. Cooper
Tom S. Cooper, Manager 8/8/24

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EXHIBIT 1

MINUTES OF THE
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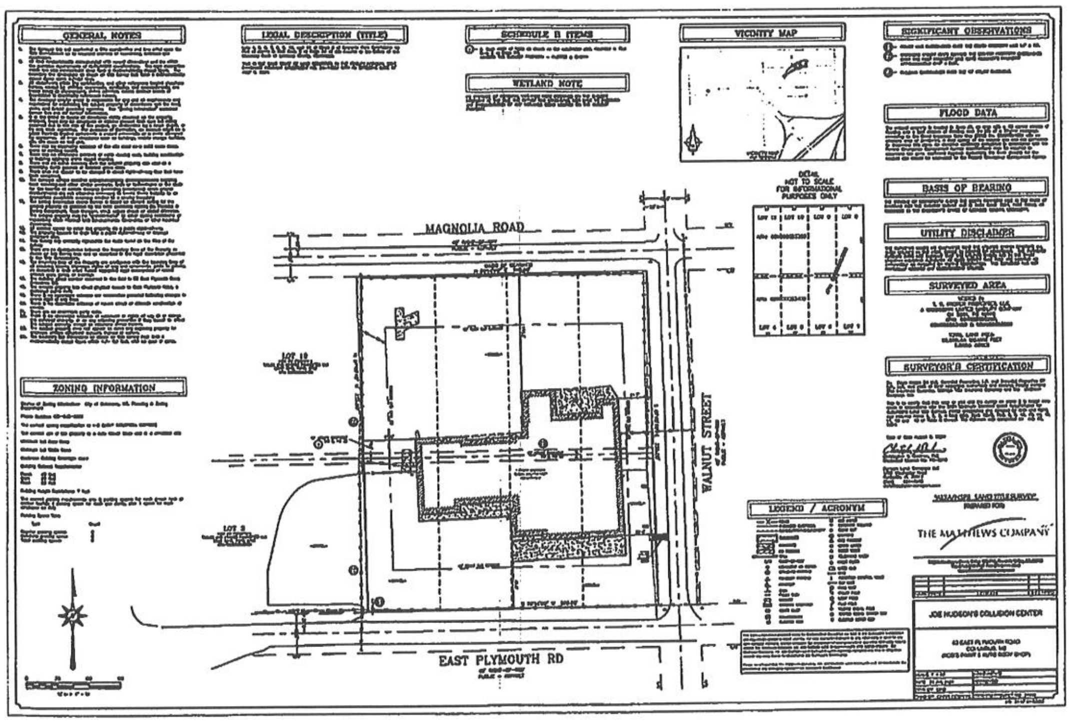

EXHIBIT 2

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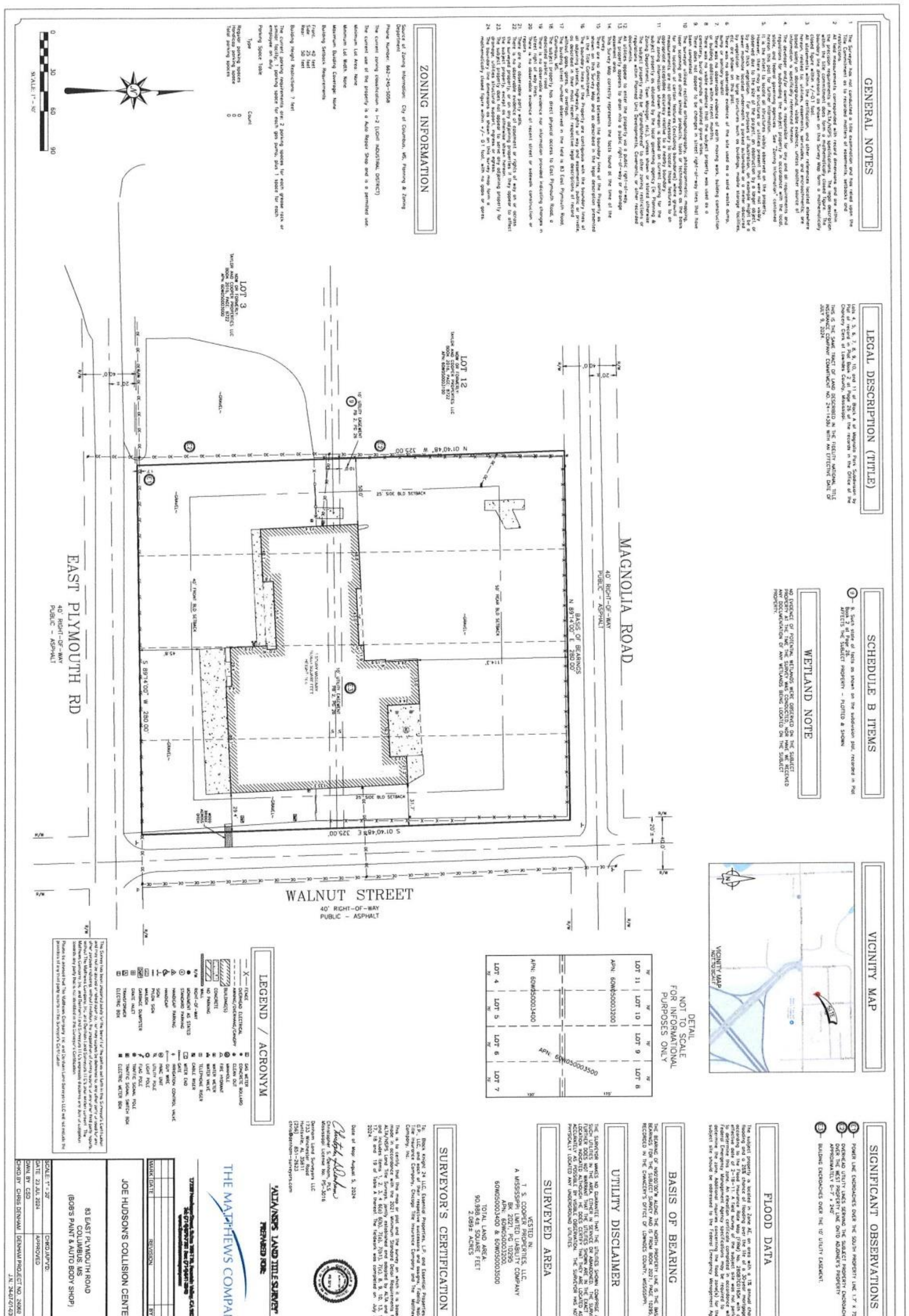

R. Discuss Redistricting

Councilwoman DiCicco asked for an update on Redistricting. Vice-Mayor Mickens remarked that he has a scheduled meeting with Chris Watson on August 23, 2024 and will report back to the Council.

S. RFPs for Auditing Services for FY2023 Audit

CFO Brigham stated that we need to finish the FY2022 audit first.

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<u>ADJOURNMENT:</u>

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