

MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS September 3, 2024

The Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the Court Chambers of the Municipal Complex. Mayor Keith Gaskin presided over the meeting. All Council Members were present. Also present were the General Counsel, the COO, CFO, Police Chief, HR Director, and all other Department Heads.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION:

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

II. CONFIRMATION OF/OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Mayor Gaskin added Item "P" on the Policy Agenda: Schedule special meeting to adopt the budget.

Council Member Beard made a motion to approve the Agenda as amended . Council Member Mickens seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

III. APPROVE MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 20, 2024 AND MINUTES FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS OF AUGUST 22 AND TWO (2) MEETINGS ON AUGUST 29, 2024

Councilwoman DiCicco made a motion to approve the Minutes for the Meeting of August 20, 2024 and Minutes for Special Meetings of August 22 and two (2) meetings on August 29, 2024. Council Member Beard seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA:

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- A. Approve request for five (5) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend “Graduation” to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of use of city vehicle for travel, with total costs estimated to be \$150.00.
- B. Accept letter of resignation from Forensic Chemist Trainee, Jada Harding, effective September 6, 2024.
- C. Approve permit request submitted by Barbara Bigelow, on behalf of Main Street Columbus, to host the “Downtown art Walk” to be held on September 28, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on the sidewalks of Main Street and 5th Street.
- D. Approve permit request submitted by Barbara Bigelow, on behalf of Main Street Columbus, to host a “Downtown Boo Bash” to be held on October 24, 2024, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in Downtown Columbus – Leadership Plaza included, blocking College Street at 5th Street South and the City parking lot. *See attached map.*
- E. Accept request for two (2) CPD Officers: Antonious Sellers and Noah Thompson, to attend the “Crisis Intervention Team Training” to be held in West Point, MS at no cost to the City.
- F. Approve request for two (2) CPD Officers: Cpl. John Compton and Sgt. Johnny Vaughn, to attend the “First Line Supervision Course” to be held in Pearl, MS and approval of payment of \$590.00 for registration, \$240.00 for lodging, use of city vehicle for travel and reimbursement of meal expenses, with an estimate cost of \$1,181.00.
- G. Approve request for the Public Works Director to attend the “American Public Works Association Conference” to be held in Biloxi, MS, and approve payment \$300.00 for registration, \$263.97 for lodging, use of city vehicle for travel and reimbursement of meal expenses, with an estimate cost of \$869.00.
- H. Accept letter of resignation from Associate Convention Center – Regal Hall Director, effective September 27, 2024.

Council Member Mickens made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilwoman Stewart 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:

Councilwoman Stewart made a motion to approve the Docket of Claims for September 3, 2024 in the amount of \$605,091.02. Council Member Mickens 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 thanked the Vice-Mayor, the COO, CFO, General Counsel for all of your hard work while I was out. I do plan to discuss more about my absence and will have a full explanation in the coming days. Also, thanks to all those that reached out and offered prayers on my behalf.

B. Board Vacancies

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

COLUMBUS-LOWNDES LIBRARY BOARD

1 Vacancy, 5-Year Term, Hillary Richardson's Term Expires October 1, 2024.

Appointment will be made October 1, 2024.

GOLDEN TRIANGLE DEVELOPMENT LINK BOARD:

1 Vacancy, 3-Year Term, Bill West's Term Expires September 30, 2024.
Appointment will be made October 1, 2024.

APPLICANT:

Bill West

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. Carl Lee – City Government – NO SHOW

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

A. Discuss/Approve Derelict Property Docket

STATE OF MS TAX SALE
c/o See of State Public Lands
5th Avenue North
CASE NUMBER: 24-0235

Fallen Tree

The General Counsel called cause number **24-0235**. No one appeared. Code Enforcement Officer Sasha James stated the property was in such a state of uncleanness as to be a menace to the public under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code and asked the Mayor and Council to adjudicate the property as such and that an Order be entered to such effect, requested **immediate abatement** and that an Order be issued for the property. Council Member Jones made a motion in accordance with Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code, and for an Order stating the City may remove dilapidated buildings or dilapidated fences up to six (6) more times in the twelve (12) month period immediately following the Order and cutting grass and weeds and removing rubbish, personal property and other debris no more than twelve (12) times in a twenty-four (24) month period. Council Member Beard seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

JORDAN MILLER
c/o Brittany Walker & Lester McCallum
Warpath Road
CASE NUMBER: 24-0241

Overgrown Lot

The General Counsel called cause number **24-0241**. No one appeared. Code Enforcement Officer Sasha James stated the property has been **remediated** by the owner, and it is her recommendation to enter the proposed Order under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code, finding that this property was in such a state of uncleanness as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community. This Order should provide for such re-entry as the Statute allows. Council Member Beard made a motion in accordance with Section 21-19-11, and for an Order stating the City may remediate the property with respect to cutting grass and weeds and removing rubbish, personal property and other debris no more than twelve (12) times in a twenty-four (24) month period immediately following the Order, with further notice to the owner as required by law. Costs are to be assessed as allowed

under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code. Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

COLUMBUS RUBBER AND GASKET CO.

c/o Hal Kerstetter

83 Perrigan Hollow

CASE NUMBER: 24-0245

Overgrown Lot

The General Counsel called cause number **24-0181**. 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 uncleanness as to be a menace to the public under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code. Council Member Beard 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. Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

ECLIPSE 17, LLC

c/o VICKIE O. ELLIS

CASE NUMBER: 24-0254

Overgrown Lot

The General Counsel called cause number **24-0254**. No one appeared. Code Enforcement Officer Sasha James stated the property has been **remediated** by the owner, and it is her recommendation to enter the proposed Order under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code, finding that this property was in such a state of uncleanness as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community. This Order should provide for such re-entry as the Statute allows. Council Member Beard 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

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twenty- four (24) month period immediately following the Order, with further notice to the owner as required by law. Costs are to be assessed as allowed under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code. Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

\$250.00 OR LESS CASES:

Code Enforcement Officer, Sasha James, presented four (4) cases, \$250.00 or less for adjudication. Council Member Greene made a motion to accept the notices for property clean-up of properties \$250.00 and less to be adjudicated according to statute. Council Member Beard seconded the motion.

All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 5/0.

THE LIST FOLLOWS:

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\$250 OR LESS Derelict Properties for September 3, 2024 Mayor and City Council Meeting

Case # and Violation	Ward	Name and Address	Notes
24-0246 <i>Overgrown Lot</i>	4	BARRCO PROPERTIES INC 924 Waterworks Road	
24-0257 <i>Overgrown Lot</i>	1	DAVID MURRAY 403 17th Street South	
24-0259 <i>Overgrown Lot</i>	4	RUTH HAMBY 219 Byrnes Circle	
24-0260 <i>Overgrown Lot</i>	4	EDDIE W. SHELTON JR. 517 19th Street North	

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BARRCO PROPERTIES INC
PO BOX 2350
COLUMBUS, MS 39704

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

RE: 924 WATERWORKS RD
APN: 61W05-01-00303
Case No: CE-24-0246
Officer: Sasha James - Ward: 4

Date: August 12, 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 19th day of August, 2024, shall proceed to clean the land, by the use of municipal employees or by contract, by cutting grass and weeds, filling cisterns, removing rubbish, abandoned or dilapidated fences, outside toilets, abandoned or dilapidated buildings, slabs, personal property, which removal of personal property shall not be subject to the provisions of Section 21-39-21, and other debris, and draining cesspools and standing water therefrom.

YOU ARE ADVISED THAT A FINDING BY THE MUNICIPAL OFFICIAL THAT THE PROPERTY OR PARCEL OF LAND IS IN NEED OF CLEANING WILL AUTHORIZE THE MUNICIPALITY TO REENTER THE PROPERTY OR PARCEL OF LAND FOR A PERIOD OF TWO (2) YEARS AFTER THE MUNICIPAL OFFICIAL'S DETERMINATION WITHOUT ANY FURTHER HEARING OR ACTION IF NOTICE IS POSTED ON THE PROPERTY OR PARCEL OF LAND AND AT CITY HALL OR ANOTHER PLACE IN THE MUNICIPALITY WHERE SUCH NOTICES ARE GENERALLY POSTED AT LEAST SEVEN (7) DAYS BEFORE THE PROPERTY OR PARCEL OF LAND IS REENTERED FOR CLEANING. A COPY OF THE REQUIRED NOTICE MAILED AND POSTED AS REQUIRED BY MCA SECTION 21-19-11(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 662-243-5063 or 662-243-5179.

This the 12th day of August, 2024.

Sasha James,
City of Columbus Director of Code Enforcement

A copy of this notice shall be recorded in the minutes of the governing authority in conjunction with MCA Section 21-19-11 (2).

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

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Sasha James,
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MURRAY DAVID S
309 WYNHURST COURT
COLUMBUS, MS 39702

NUISANCE PROPERTY NOTICE TO OWNER - PURSUANT TO
SECTION 21-19-1(2) OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE (Effective 7/1/2023)

RE: 403 17TH ST S
APN: 61W11-02-10300
Case No: CE-24-0257
Officer: Sasha James - Ward 4

Date: August 20, 2024

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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.	August 27, 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 the 20th day of August, 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: August 20, 2024

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

This Notice was posted at the City Building Inspection Office on: August 20, 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: August 20, 2024

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

MINUTES OF THE
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 3, 2024



HAMBY RUTH P
47 COVINGTON RD
COLUMBUS, MS 39705

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

RE: 219 BYRNES CIR
APN: 61W05-01-05200
Case No: CE-24-0259
Officer: Sasha James - Ward: 4

Date: August 20, 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.

This 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 27th day of August, 2024, shall proceed to clean the land, by the use of municipal employees or by contract, by cutting grass and weeds, filling cisterns, removing rubbish, abandoned or dilapidated fences, outside toilets, abandoned or dilapidated buildings, slabs, personal property, which removal of personal property shall not be subject to the provisions of Section 21-39-21, and other debris, and draining cesspools and standing water therefrom.

Code Section:	Corrective Action:	Compliance Date:
102.4 - Overgrown Lot	Cut, trim, and maintain overgrown grass, hedges, shrubs, trees, and other vegetation.	August 27, 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: August 20, 2024

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

This Notice was posted at the City Building Inspection Office on: August 20, 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: August 30, 2024

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

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)(8) 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 20th day of August, 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).

B. Discuss/Approve accepting MDOT's AIP Matching Grant Agreement in the amount of \$103,379.00 for the Columbus-Lowndes County Airport Runway Pavement Rehabilitation project

Council Member Beard made a motion to accept the MDOT's AIP Matching Grant Agreement in the amount of \$103,379.00 for the Columbus-Lowndes County Airport Runway Pavement Rehabilitation project. Council Member Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

THE SIGNED AGREEMENT WILL BE ATTACHED

C. Discuss/Approve awarding the CLCA Runway Pavement Rehabilitation project (Base Bid Only) to APAC in the amount of \$1,877,861.40.

Council Member Beard made a motion to award the CLCA Runway Pavement Rehabilitation project (Base Bid Only) to APAC in the amount of \$1,877,861.40. Council Member Greene seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

The Bid Tabulation follows:

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MINUTES OF THE
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 3, 2024

CERTIFIED BID TABULATION
COLUMBUS-LOWNDES COUNTY AIRPORT
RUNWAY PAVEMENT REHABILITATION

Friday, May 10, 2024
10:00 A.M.

Pay Item No.	Description	Bid Qty.	Unit	APAC - Columbus Bid Bond: Federal Insurance Company		Falcon Contracting Co., Inc. Bid Bond: Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland	
				Unit Price	Total Bid	Unit Price	Total Bid
BASE BID							
C-105-6.1	Mobilization	1	L.S.	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 240,000.00	\$ 240,000.00
C-100	Contractor Quality Control Program	1	L.S.	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 29,000.00	\$ 29,000.00
TS-129-5.1	Implementation of Construction Safety Plan and Maintenance of Traffic	1	L.S.	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 19,000.00
P-101-5.1	Cold Milling (All Depths)	52,742	S.Y.	\$ 3.00	\$ 158,226.00	\$ 3.50	\$ 184,597.00
P-152-4.1	Undercut and Related Backfill	20	C.Y.	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 2,000.00
P-152-4.2	Geotextile Fabric for Undercut Areas	20	S.Y.	\$ 10.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 400.00
P-152-4.3	Borrow Excavation	20	C.Y.	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 2,000.00
P-209-5.1	Crushed Aggregate Base Course	20	C.Y.	\$ 150.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 3,000.00
P-401-8.1	Bituminous Surface Course, 2" Thickness	6,100	TON	\$ 185.00	\$ 1,128,500.00	\$ 210.00	\$ 1,281,000.00
P-401-8.2	Bituminous Leveling Course	100	TON	\$ 200.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 210.00	\$ 21,000.00
P-603-5.1	Emulsified Asphalt Tack Coat	6,330	GAL	\$ 4.38	\$ 27,725.40	\$ 5.00	\$ 31,650.00
P-620-5.1	Temporary Paint Markings, White & Yellow Painting (Non-ReflectORIZED)	33,330	S.F.	\$ 2.50	\$ 83,325.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 33,330.00
P-620-5.2	Final Pavement Markings: White & Yellow Painting (ReflectORIZED)	33,330	S.F.	\$ 2.50	\$ 83,325.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 33,330.00
P-620-5.3	Final Pavement Markings: Black Borders (Non ReflectORIZED)	8,600	S.F.	\$ 2.50	\$ 21,500.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 8,600.00
P-620-5.4	Reflective Media	2,030	LBS	\$ 2.00	\$ 4,060.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 4,060.00
P-620-5.5	Mold & Algae Preventative	1	L.S.	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
TOTAL BASE BID				\$ 1,877,861.40	\$ 1,877,861.40	\$ 1,895,967.00	\$ 1,895,967.00
ADDITIVE BID ALTERNATE 1							
P-621-5.1	Runway Grooving	39,849	S.Y.	\$ 3.00	\$ 119,547.00	\$ 1.95	\$ 77,705.55
TOTAL ADDITIVE BID ALTERNATE 1				\$ 119,547.00	\$ 119,547.00	\$ 77,705.55	\$ 77,705.55
BASE BID				\$ 1,877,861.40	\$ 1,877,861.40	\$ 1,895,967.00	\$ 1,895,967.00
BASE BID + ADD. ALTERNATE 1				\$ 1,997,408.40	\$ 1,997,408.40	\$ 1,973,672.55	\$ 1,973,672.55



I CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A CORRECT TABULATION OF ALL PROPOSALS RECEIVED ON THE ABOVE DATE.

Zachary Foster
Zachary Foster, P.E.

5/13/2024

D. Discuss/Approve awarding the CLCA Box Hangar Construction project (Base Bid, Additive Alternate No. 1 and Additive Alternate No. 2) to Tabor Construction & Development in the amount of \$1,063,775.58.

Council Member Beard made a motion to award the CLCA Box Hangar Construction project (Base Bid, Additive Alternate No. 1 and Additive Alternate No. 2) to Tabor Construction & Development in the amount of \$1,063,775.58. Councilwoman DiCicco seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

THE BID TABULATION FOLLOWS:

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MINUTES OF THE
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 3, 2024

CERTIFIED BID TABULATION
COLUMBUS-LOWNDES COUNTY AIRPORT
BOX HANGAR CONSTRUCTION

Thursday, May 23, 2024
10:00 A.M.

Pay Item No.	Description	Bid Qty.	Unit	Tailor Construction & Development Bid Bond: American Contractors Indemnity Company		Weathers Contracting, Inc. Bid Bond: Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual)	
				Unit Price	Total Bid	Unit Price	Total Bid
BASE BID							
C-102-5.1c	Installation and Removal of Silt Fence	420	L.F.	\$ 9.98	\$ 4,191.60	\$ 9.40	\$ 3,948.00
C-102-5.1f	Sediment Tube / Wattle, 20-inch	20	L.F.	\$ 23.94	\$ 478.80	\$ 23.50	\$ 470.00
C-105-6.1	Mobilization	1	L.S.	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 7,630.00	\$ 7,630.00
P-101-5.1	Pavement Removal (Full Depth)	370	S.Y.	\$ 12.07	\$ 4,465.90	\$ 26.43	\$ 9,779.10
P-101-5.6	Cold Milling (All Depths)	440	S.Y.	\$ 11.97	\$ 5,266.80	\$ 26.43	\$ 11,629.20
P-152-4.1	Unclassified Excavation	1,035	C.Y.	\$ 21.34	\$ 22,086.90	\$ 12.71	\$ 13,154.85
P-152-4.2	Borrow Excavation (Off Site Source)	945	C.Y.	\$ 42.55	\$ 40,209.75	\$ 26.11	\$ 24,673.95
P-209-5.1	Crushed Aggregate Base Course	85	C.Y.	\$ 53.23	\$ 4,524.55	\$ 154.84	\$ 13,161.40
P-209-5.2	Separation Geotextile	205	S.Y.	\$ 4.38	\$ 897.90	\$ 7.84	\$ 1,607.20
P-401-8.1	Bituminous Surface Course	120	TON	\$ 329.18	\$ 39,501.60	\$ 266.42	\$ 31,970.40
P-501-8.1	Reinforced Concrete Pavement	180	S.Y.	\$ 77.15	\$ 13,887.00	\$ 95.66	\$ 17,218.80
T-901-5.1	Seeding	1	L.S.	\$ 897.75	\$ 897.75	\$ 2,112.00	\$ 2,112.00
T-904-5.1	Mulching	210	S.Y.	\$ 26.33	\$ 5,529.30	\$ 4.41	\$ 926.10
TS-129-5.1	Implementation of Construction Safety Plan and Maintenance of Traffic	1	L.S.	\$ 1,795.50	\$ 1,795.50	\$ 1,732.00	\$ 1,732.00
TS-190-22.1	Box Hangar, Complete In Place	1	L.S.	\$ 744,407.12	\$ 744,407.12	\$ 22,535.00	\$ 22,535.00
TS-190-22.2	Electrical Service to Hangar	1	L.S.	\$ 5,985.00	\$ 5,985.00	\$ 6,245.00	\$ 6,245.00
TOTAL BASE BID				\$ 921,314.97		\$ 1,895,979.54	
ADDITIVE BID ALTERNATE 1							
TS-190-22.3	Box Hangar Expansion	1	L.S.	\$ 59,040.83	\$ 59,040.83	\$ 51,300.00	\$ 51,300.00
P-152-4.1	Unclassified Excavation	115	C.Y.	\$ 22.44	\$ 2,580.60	\$ 12.71	\$ 1,461.65
P-152-4.2	Borrow Excavation (Off Site Source)	105	C.Y.	\$ 43.89	\$ 4,608.45	\$ 26.11	\$ 2,741.55
T-904-5.1	Seeding	55	S.Y.	\$ 26.33	\$ 1,448.15	\$ 4.41	\$ 242.55
TOTAL ADDITIVE BID ALTERNATE 1				\$ 67,678.03		\$ 55,745.75	
ADDITIVE BID ALTERNATE 2							
TS-190-22.4	Restroom	1	L.S.	\$ 74,782.58	\$ 74,782.58	\$ 79,120.00	\$ 79,120.00
TOTAL ADDITIVE BID ALTERNATE 2				\$ 74,782.58		\$ 79,120.00	
BASE BID				\$ 921,314.97		\$ 1,895,979.54	
BASE BID + ADD. ALTERNATE 1				\$ 988,993.00		\$ 1,151,725.29	
BASE BID + ADD. ALTERNATE 1 + ADD. ALTERNATE 2				\$ 1,063,775.58		\$ 1,230,845.29	

Mathematical Error Corrected in Bid Tab

I CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A CORRECT TABULATION OF ALL PROPOSALS RECEIVED ON THE ABOVE DATE.


Zachary Foster, P.E.

5/23/2024



E. Discuss/Approve accepting MDOT's AIG Matching Grant Agreement in the amount of \$24,889.00 for the CLCA Box Hangar Construction Project.

Council Member Beard made a motion to accept a MDOT's AIG Matching Grant Agreement in the amount of \$24,889.00 for the CLCA Box Hangar Construction Project. Councilwoman DiCicco seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

SIGNED DOCUMENTS WILL BE ADDED,

F. Discuss/Approve applying for FY2025 AIG-BIL Grant for the CLCA Box Hangar Construction Project.

Council Member Beard made to apply for FY2025 AIG-BIL Grant for the CLCA Box Hangar Construction Project. Councilwoman DiCicco seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

G. Discuss/Approve applying for the FY2025 AIP Grant for the CLCA Automated Weather Observing System

Council Member Beard made a motion to apply for the FY2025 AIP Grant for the CLCA Automated Weather Observing System. Council Member Greene seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

H. Discuss/Approve request to fill vacant Sports Coordinator position in the Recreation Department.

Greg Lewis, Director of Parks and Recreation, came forward and remarked that the position has been vacant for two (2) years and the HR Director advertised and received three (3) applications. Two (2) applicants were interviewed and one (1) withdrew. Council member Beard made a motion to approve the request to hire **AMBER BOBO** as Sports Coordinator in the

Recreation Department at an hourly rate of \$15.87/\$33,009.00 annually.
Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

I. Discuss/Approve request to fill vacant seasonal worker position in Community Outreach

Council Member Beard made a motion to hire Jessica M. Gilmore as a seasonal worker in the Community Outreach Department at \$12.00 an hour.
Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

J. Discuss/Approve the promotion of Columbus Fire and Rescue personnel from Firefighter to Engineer, effective September 3, 2024.

Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the request to promote Jamie Adams to the position of Fire Engineer with the appropriate pay increase. Council Member Beard seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

K. Discuss/Approve hiring three (3) Entry-Level Police Officers and one (1) Certified Police Officer, contingent upon successful completion of preliminary testing.

Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the request to hire Carlton Fisher, Jr., Shynice Watt and Brittany Person as Entry-Level Police Officers and Mack Smith as a Certified Police Officer, contingent upon successful completion of all preliminary testing. Council Member Beard seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

L. Discuss/Approve awarding Engineering Services for Safe Streets for ALL Grant.

George Irby came forward and remarked that the qualifications were rated and he recommends awarding the Engineering contract to Neel-Schaffer, Inc. The Council asked questions about the process and Council Member Beard made a motion to table this request until the next Council Meeting. Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

M. Discuss/Approve proposed Redistricting Plan

Council Member Beard made a motion to approve the proposed Redistricting Plan. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

N. Discuss/Approve request to approve Renewal of the City's Medical, Dental & Life Insurance for FY2024 – FY2025.

Council Member Beard made a motion to approve the renewal of the City's Medical, Dental & Life Insurance for FY2024 – FY2025. Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

O. Discuss/Approve awarding \$54,069.69 appropriation to the Columbus Cultural Heritage Foundation.

Councilwoman Stewart made a motion to award \$54,069.69 appropriation to the Columbus Cultural Heritage Foundation. Council Member Mickens seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

P. Schedule Special Meeting for Final Vote on the FY2025 Budget

MINUTES OF THE
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SEPTEMBER 3, 2024

Council Member Mickens made a motion to schedule the Special Meeting for the Final Vote on the FY2025 Budget for Monday, September 9, 2024 at 2:45 p.m. in the City Hall Courtroom. Council Member Beard seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

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