

MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS May 20, 2025

The Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the Court Chambers of the Municipal Complex. Mayor Keith Gaskin presided over the meeting and all Council Members were present. Also present were the General Counsel via (ZOOM), the COO, via (ZOOM) CFO, the Police Chief, HR Director, and all other Department Heads.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION.

Mayor Gaskin called the meeting to order and called on Rev. Bennie Coleman to offer the Invocation.

II. CONFIRMATION OF/OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA.

Council Member Jones requested to add the trip to Washington, DC that was discussed at the previous meeting to the Policy Agenda as Item "K" for discussion.

Council Member Mickens requested to move Consent Agenda Items "L" & "M" to the Policy Agenda as Items "L" and "M" for discussion.

Councilwoman Stewart made a motion to approve the Agenda as amended. Council Member Greene 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.

III. APPROVE MINUTES FOR PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

APPROVE MINUTES FOR MEETING OF MAY 6, 2025.

Councilwoman DiCicco made a motion to approve the Minutes for the Meeting of May 6, 2025. Council Member Greene seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approve request for Fire and Rescue personnel, Dorothea Oswalt, to attend “Emergency Services Administrative Professionals (ESAP)” to be held in Biloxi, MS, and approve payment of registration, travel, lodging and reimbursement of meal expenses, with total cost being \$1,040.00.
- B. Approve permit request submitted by Leroy Brooks, on behalf of Juneteenth – Columbus, Inc., to host the “Juneteenth Festival” to be held on Friday, June 20, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. and Saturday, June 21, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m., blocking 20th Street North at 8th Avenue North and 10th Avenue North. *See attached map.*
- C. Approve permit request submitted by Leroy Brooks, on behalf of Juneteenth – Columbus, Inc., to host the “Juneteenth Parade” to be held on June 21, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., assembling at the Soccer Complex, proceed up 3rd Avenue North to Main Street to the Municipal Complex.
- D. Approve permit request submitted by Floyd McIntyre, on behalf of the Kiwanis Club of Columbus, to host a “Kiwanis Club Memorial Day 5L Run” to be held on May 24, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.
- E. Approve permit request submitted by Frances Glenn, on behalf of Columbus/ Lowndes Convention & Visitors Bureau, to host a “Memorial Day Commemoration” to be held on May 24, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at Friendship Cemetery and from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Riverwalk Stage and grass area. *See attached map*
- F. Accept letters of resignation from two (2) CPD Officers, Darnell Madison, effective 5/18/2025 and Marques Randolph, effective May 04, 2025.
- G. Approve request to promote a custodian, Genevia Buckhalter, to CPD Recruit and authorize the HR Director to begin the normal recruitment process to fill the vacant position.
- H. Approve request for Fire and Rescue personnel, Houston Ballard, to attend “NFPA 1001 – I – II, Basic Firefighter” to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, lodging, use of city vehicle for travel, and reimbursement of meal expenses, with total cost being \$2,200.00.
- I. Approve request for Fire and Rescue personnel, Jaquay Sherrod, to attend “National Fire Protection Association Expo 2025” to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, lodging, use of city vehicle for travel and reimbursement of meal expenses, with total cost being \$2,175.00.

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- J. Ratify permit request submitted by Barbara Bigelow and Carrie Martin, on behalf of Main Street Columbus and Columbus Lowndes Chamber of Commerce, to host the “Sounds of Summer” to be held on June 12, 2025 and July 10, 2025, from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m., each date at the Roger Short Soccer Complex.
- K. Approve request submitted by Supervisor Jeff Smith, on behalf of Townsend Park Blues – Southside Festival to close 13th Avenue South and 10th Avenue South.
- L. Approve request to sell beer in Sim Scott Park on June 20 – 21, 2025 for the annual Juneteenth Festival. **MOVED TO POLICY AGENDA AS “L.”**
- M. Approve request to sell beer in Townsend Park on July 3 – 5, 2025 for the annual Southside Blues Festival. **MOVED TO POLICY AGENDA AS “M.”**
- N. Approve Columbus Recreation Department accepting donation of (20) Pickleball Paddles/Cases.

Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion. The Mayor called for discussion. All Council Members voted in favor of same. The motion carried with a unanimous vote, 6/0.

V. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS:

Councilwoman Stewart made a motion to approve the Docket of Claims for May 20, 2025 in the amount of \$1,550,837.93. Council Member Greene seconded the motion. Councilwoman DiCicco noted that the Docket of Claims has another invoice for Annexation and asked the CFO if this is the last one. CFO Brigham remarked that this invoice is aging and was just submitted.

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

The motion carried 5/1.

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

- A. Mayor Keith Gaskin asked Council Members if they had any announcements or comments.

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- Mayor Gaskin then reminded everyone about the upcoming Memorial Day Holiday and stated that all City offices will be closed except emergency personnel.
- On Friday, May 23, 2025 at 9:00 a.m., there will be a Flag Placing Ceremony at Sandfield Cemetery.
- On Saturday, May 24, 2025 at 9:00 a.m., there will be a Flag Placing Ceremony at Friendship Cemetery followed by a new event, TRADITIONS: Taste and Tunes, that will begin at the Riverwalk Stage at 11:00 a.m. and last until 2:00 p.m.
- The General Election will be held June 3, 2025. If you have question, please call the Registrar's Office at (662) 328-2381.
- Requested everyone to be aware of the weather tonight and stay alert.
- Special Thanks to Community Outreach and the Fire & Rescue Department for assisting citizens that sustained damage to their homes and were displaced.
- Council Member Jones thanked Public Works and Columbus Light & Water for working during the storm last night and restoring the power.
- Council Member Jones encouraged everyone to attend the 1st Annual Job Fair, that will be held at the Convention Center, upper level, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.
- Council Member Jones reported that the Department of Justice reported that Crime was down in Columbus and thanked the Chief for his leadership.
- Chief Daughtry came before the Mayor and Council and reported that the DOJ informed him that they were monitoring Columbus and announced that violent crimes decreased drastically and would like to partner with CPD and the City of Columbus to offer training to other agencies and hold the training sessions at the Convention Center. They have toured the Convention Center and believe the setting will be ideal for training.
- Council Member Beard asked the Chief how many officers he had. The Chief answered and Beard remarked that we can address increasing your numbers the next budget year.

- Councilwoman Stewart commended Mrs. Rogena Bonner and the Convention Center Staff for all they have done at the facility.
- Councilwoman DiCicco asked the CFO about the status of the Audit and he responded by saying that they are wrapping it up and will be at City Hall tomorrow to read the Minute Books.

B. FINANCE – April 2025 Monthly Report

Jim Brigham, CFO, distributed the Monthly Financial Report for April 2025 that includes the General Fund cash balance of \$11,828,719.21, which is an increase of \$213,827.50 compared to the same time last year. The Sales Tax Receipts for April are \$1,060,665.00, which is an increase of \$56,857.00 compared to the same time last year. The balance in the Major Projects (ARPA) is \$3,146,783.37, City-wide Park Improvement project has a balance of \$1,434,767.89, Modernization Use Tax has a balance of \$2,377,430.56, the Pedestrian Bridge Repair fund has a balance of \$56,125.34 and the Amphitheater balance is \$1,000,000.00. No action was taken

C. Community Outreach – April 2025 Monthly Report

The Monthly Report from the Community Outreach Department for April 2025 was presented. No action was taken.

D. Human Resources – April 2025 Monthly Report

The Monthly Report from the Human Resources Department for April 2025 was presented. No action was taken.

E. Columbus Fire and Rescue – April 2025 Monthly Report

The Monthly Report from the Columbus Fire and Rescue Department for April 2025 was presented. No action was taken.

F. Garage – April 2025 Monthly Report

The Monthly Report from the Garage/Maintenance Department for April 2025 was presented. No action was taken.

G. Columbus Police Department – April 2025 Monthly Report

The Monthly Report from the Columbus Police Department for April 2025 was presented. No action was taken.

H. Planning & Community Development – April 2025 Monthly Report

The Monthly Report from the Planning & Community Development for April 2025 was presented. No action was taken.

I. Columbus Recreation – April 2025 Monthly Report

The Monthly Report from the Columbus Recreation Department for April 2025 was presented. No action was taken.

J. Public Works - April 2025 Monthly Report

The Monthly Report from the Public Works Department for April 2025 was presented. No action was taken.

K. Municipal Court – April 2025 Monthly Report

The Monthly Report from the Municipal Court Department for April 2025 was presented. No action was taken.

L. Facilities – April 2025 Monthly Report

The Monthly Report from the Facilities and Cemeteries Department for April 2025 was presented. No action was taken.

M. Information Technology – April 2025 Monthly Report

The Monthly Report from the Information Technology Department for April 2025 was presented. No action was taken.

N. Code Enforcement – April 2025 Monthly Report

The Monthly Report from the Code Enforcement Department for April 2025 was presented. No action was taken. .

O. Board Vacancies

Jammie Garrett, COO, participated in the meeting via ZOOM and Board Vacancies.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

2 Vacancies, 4-Year Terms, Jerry Fortenberry's Term Expires 5/18/2025 and Emily Johnson's Term Expires 5/24/2025.
Appointments will be made May 20, 2025.

APPLICANTS:

Jerry Fortenberry
Bo Harrison
Emily Johnson

Council Member Jones made a motion to appoint Jerry Fortenberry and Emily Johnson to the Historic Preservation Commission for a 4-Year Term, until May 24, 2029. Council Member Beard seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

CITY UTILITIES COMMISSION

1 Vacancy, 5-Year Term, Brandy Gardner's Term Expires 6/16/2025.
Appointment will be made June 17, 2025.

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA:

A. DONEL BRIGGS – Saving The Youth (STY), 2nd Annual Hustle Tournament

Mr. Donel Briggs appeared before the Mayor and Council and apprised them of the organization, "Saving The Youth, (STY), which is comprised of basketball teams. The first year, he had 32 teams, the second year we had 48 teams, and this year, we have 62 teams. These teams are comprised of players from all around, which will bring revenue to the City. Mr. Briggs requested financial support from the City. Mayor Gaskin remarked that unfortunately, the City's fund for special events like this has been depleted and encouraged him to submit a request during our budget period if he intends to hold the event in 2026. Mr. Briggs reported that the CCVB contributed \$3,000.00. The Tournament will be May 31, 2025 – June 1, 2025 and will convene at MUW and New Hope High School. The organization is a 501 c 3. Council Member Jones remarked that he would contribute \$200.00 and Council Member Mickens encouraged each Council Member to contribute \$100.00 for this cause.

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

A. Discuss/Approve Derelict Property Docket

**TEMPLE T. HENDERSON &
c/o LEON H. MACLENNAN
11th Avenue South
CASE NUMBER: 25-0105**

Vegetation

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The General Counsel called cause number **25-0105**. No one appeared. Code Enforcement Officer Sasha James stated the property was in such a state of uncleanliness as to be a menace to the public under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code and asked the Mayor and Council to adjudicate the property as such and that an Order be entered to such effect, requested **immediate abatement** and that an Order be issued for the property. Council Member Beard made a motion in accordance with Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code, and for an Order stating the City may remove dilapidated buildings or dilapidated fences up to six (6) more times in the twelve (12) month period immediately following the Order and cutting grass and weeds and removing rubbish, personal property and other debris no more than twelve (12) times in a twenty-four (24) month period. Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

WEST PALMETTO HOLDINGS LLC

823 10th Avenue South

CASE NUMBER: 25-0109

Property Maintenance

The General Counsel called cause number **25-0109**. The Code Enforcement Officer, Sasha James, reported that this property owner has cut the grass, but a dilapidated shed remains on the property and she recommends a **45-day extension** to allow the property owner 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 Jones 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 6/0.

JOHN HARRIS, JR. AND

DIANE AUGUSTINE

922 10th Street South

CASE NUMBER: 25-0110

Property Maintenance, Dilapidated,

Closing of Vacant structure

The General Counsel called cause number **25-0110**. Mr. John Harris appeared and requested additional time to remediate the property. The Code Enforcement Officer, Sasha James, recommended a **45-day extension** to allow the property owner 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. Councilwoman Stewart 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 6/0.

THOMAS E. DISMUKES

300 Beverly Drive

CASE NUMBER: 25-0106

Vegetation, Property Maintenance

The General Counsel called cause number **25-0106**. 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 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 voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

DONNA J. HANKEE
603 Forrest Boulevard
CASE NUMBER: 25-0107

Vegetation

The General Counsel called cause number **25-0107**. 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 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 voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

MELODY RIEONA RUSSELL LLC
c/o MELODY R. RUSSELL
REG. AGT
2406 165th Avenue North
CASE NUMBER: 25-0121

Vegetation

The General Counsel called cause number **25-0121**. 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 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 voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

MARCELL HILL

CASE NUMBER: 25-0118

Vegetation

This case number was removed from the docket.

B. Discuss/Approve recommendations from the May 12, 2025 Planning Commission meeting.

Permitted Use Request 25-03

On Behalf of Now Faith Center

425 Military Road

Tax Parcel 61W07-04-07300

R-1 Single Family Residential District

Request is to establish an afterschool tutoring program in an existing church.

With a unanimous vote of 7 to 0, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the request.

Finding of Facts:

The Commission based their decision on the parking issues and pickup/drop off of children was resolved and the use in harmony with the character of the neighborhood.

Council Member Jones moved that the facts and findings of the Planning Commission be adopted as the facts and findings of the Mayor and City Council, and that the recommendation of the Planning Commission to *establish an afterschool tutoring program in an existing church be approved*. Councilwoman DiCicco 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 6/0.

Permitted Use Request 25-04

On Behalf of Gayle Guynup

1302 Main Street

Tax Parcel 61W10-02-01300

C-3 Highway Commercial District

Request is to convert the first floor into residential apartments

With a unanimous vote of 7 to 0, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the request.

Finding of Facts:

The Commission based their decision on a precedent when they previously allowed first floor residential use, this building is not within the downtown corridor, and it has onsite parking.

Council Member Jones moved that the facts and findings of the Planning Commission be adopted as the facts and findings of the Mayor and City Council, and that the recommendation of the Planning Commission to *approve request is to convert the first floor into residential apartments*. Councilwoman DiCicco 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 6/0.

Council Member Greene recused himself and exited the room.

Permitted Use Request 25-01

On Behalf of Cribs LLC

115 Waverly Road

Tax Parcel 57W20-01-03700

A-1 General Agricultural District

Request is to approve a Planned Unit Development consisting of three small modular homes.

With a unanimous vote of 7 to 0, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the request.

Finding of Facts:

The Commission based their decision on the modular homes would have to meet the City's currently adopted residential building codes and, with the exception of the lot width, the use complied with parking and setback requirements.

Council Member Jones 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 5/0.

Council Member Greene returned to the meeting.

C. Discuss/Approve Change Order No. 3 (Final) for the CLCA Box Hangar Construction project.

Council Member Beard made a motion to approve Change Order No. 3 (Final) for the CLCA Box Hangar Construction project, in the amount of \$3,079.46. Council Member Greene seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

The supporting documents follows:

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CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER

OWNER: City of Columbus

CONTRACTOR: Tabor Construction and Development

DATE: May 7, 2025

CHANGE ORDER NO. 3-F PROJECT NO.: NS.18469.000

PROJECT NAME: Columbus-Lowndes County Airport Box Hangar Construction

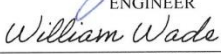
REASON FOR CHANGE: Extend underground electrical service to eliminate approx. 200' of overhead
electrical service/power and final summary of quantities.

YOU ARE HEREBY REQUESTED TO COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES FROM THE
CONTRACT PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, CONTRACT DOCUMENTS: (USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF
REQUIRED)

ITEM NO.	PAY ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT	ORIGINAL QUANTITY	REVISED QUANTITY	UNIT COST	TOTAL CONTRACT ADJUSTMENT
	SEE ATTACHED FINAL SUMMARY ITEMIZATION					
NET <u>DECREASE</u> THIS CHANGE ORDER						\$ 3,079.46
ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT						\$ 1,063,775.58
CURRENT CONTRACT AMOUNT						\$ 1,098,155.90
REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT						\$ 1,095,076.44
CURRENT CONTRACT COMPLETION DATE						April 25, 2025
TIME EXTENSION REQUIRED BY CHANGE (Calendar Days)						0
REVISED CONTRACT TIME						April 25, 2025

THIS DOCUMENT SHALL BE AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT AND ALL PROVISIONS OF THE
CONTRACT WILL APPLY.

RECOMMENDED BY:  May 14, 2025
ENGINEER DATE

ACCEPTED BY:  May 14, 2025
CONTRACTOR DATE

APPROVED BY: _____ DATE
OWNER

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FINAL SUMMARY CHANGE ORDER ITEMIZATION
COLUMBUS-LOWNDES COUNTY AIRPORT
BOX HANGAR CONSTRUCTION

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Pay Item No.	Description	Bid Qty	Unit	Unit Price	Contract Amount	Final Qty	Recorded Final Amount
BASE BID							
C-102-5.1e	Installation and Removal of Silt Fence	420	L.F.	\$ 9.98	\$ 4,191.60	420	\$ 4,191.60
C-102-5.1f	Sediment Tube / Wattle, 20-inch	20	L.F.	\$ 23.94	\$ 478.80	20	\$ 478.80
C-105-6.1	Mobilization	1	L.S.	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 23,000.00	1	\$ 23,000.00
P-101-5.1	Pavement Removal (Full Depth)	370	S.Y.	\$ 12.07	\$ 4,465.90	370	\$ 4,465.90
P-101-5.6	Cold Milling (All Depths)	440	S.Y.	\$ 11.97	\$ 5,266.80	440	\$ 5,266.80
P-152-4.1	Unclassified Excavation	1,035	C.Y.	\$ 21.34	\$ 22,086.90	1,131	\$ 24,135.54
P-152-4.2	Borrow Excavation (Off Site Source)	945	C.Y.	\$ 42.55	\$ 40,209.75	1,131	\$ 48,124.05
P-209-5.1	Crushed Aggregate Base Course	85	C.Y.	\$ 53.23	\$ 4,524.55	85	\$ 4,524.55
P-209-5.2	Separation Geotextile	205	S.Y.	\$ 4.38	\$ 897.90	1556	\$ 6,815.28
P-401-8.1	Bituminous Surface Course	120	TON	\$ 329.18	\$ 39,501.60	86.51	\$ 28,477.36
P-501-8.1	Reinforced Concrete Pavement	180	S.Y.	\$ 77.15	\$ 13,887.00	210	\$ 16,201.50
T-901-5.1	Seeding	1	L.S.	\$ 897.75	\$ 897.75	1	\$ 897.75
T-904-5.1	Sodding	210	S.Y.	\$ 26.33	\$ 5,529.30	210	\$ 5,529.30
T-908-5.1	Mulching	1	L.S.	\$ 1,795.50	\$ 1,795.50	1	\$ 1,795.50
TS-129-5.1	Implementation of Construction Safety Plan and Maintenance of Traffic	1	L.S.	\$ 4,189.50	\$ 4,189.50	1	\$ 4,189.50
TS-190-22.1	Box Hangar, Complete In Place	1	L.S.	\$ 744,407.12	\$ 744,407.12	1	\$ 744,407.12
TS-190-22.2	Electrical Service to Hangar	1	L.S.	\$ 5,985.00	\$ 5,985.00	1	\$ 5,985.00
				TOTAL BASE BID	\$ 921,314.97		
ADDITIVE BID ALTERNATE 1							
TS-190-22.3	Box Hangar Expansion	1	L.S.	\$ 59,040.83	\$ 59,040.83	1	\$ 59,040.83
P-152-4.1	Unclassified Excavation	115	C.Y.	\$ 22.44	\$ 2,580.60	104	\$ 2,333.76
P-152-4.2	Borrow Excavation (Off Site Source)	105	C.Y.	\$ 43.89	\$ 4,608.45	104	\$ 4,564.56
T-904-5.1	Sodding	55	S.Y.	\$ 26.33	\$ 1,448.15	55	\$ 1,448.15
				TOTAL ADDITIVE BID ALTERNATE 1	\$ 67,678.03		
ADDITIVE BID ALTERNATE 2							
TS-190-22.4	Restroom	1	L.S.	\$ 74,782.58	\$ 74,782.58	1	\$ 74,782.58
				TOTAL ADDITIVE BID ALTERNATE 2	\$ 74,782.58		
CHANGE ORDER ITEMS							
C01-1	Translucent Wall Panels	0	L.S.	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 0	1	\$ 3,500.00
C02-1	Epoxy Flooring	0	L.S.	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 0	1	\$ 15,000.00
C03-1	Install Approx. 200' of 3" Conduit to Relocate Overhead Power Underground	0	L.S.	\$ 5,921.01	\$ 0	1	\$ 5,921.01
				TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	\$ 1,063,775.58		
				TOTAL CONTRACT CHANGE	\$ 1,095,076.44		
				TOTAL CONTRACT	\$ 31,300.86		

D. Discuss/Approve replacement of CLCA Terminal Windows and Doors with Lowndes County's D.O.E. EECBG voucher at no cost to the City.

Council Member Beard made a motion to approve the replacement of CLCA Terminal Windows and Doors with Lowndes County's D.O.E. EECBG voucher at no cost to the City. Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOLLOW:

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May 2, 2025

Lowndes County
Board of Supervisors
P.O. Box 684
Columbus, MS 39703

RE: COLUMBUS-LOWNDES COUNTY AIRPORT DOOR AND WINDOW REPLACEMENT
D.O.E. – ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT
CERTIFICATION OF QUOTES RECEIVED

Dear Board:

We have received quotes for the above-referenced project. The quotes received for this project are summarized below and attached hereto.

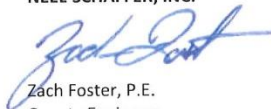
COLUMBUS-LOWNDES COUNTY AIRPORT TERMINAL DOOR AND WINDOW REPLACEMENT

Contractor	Base Quote
American Glass Company, Inc.	\$73,260.00
Glass, Inc.	\$88,853.00
Weathers Construction, Inc.	\$104,327.31

These quotes are presented for the County's consideration for award of contract to the lowest responsive Contractor.

If you have any questions or need additional information concerning these quotes, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,
NEEL-SCHAFFER, INC.


Zach Foster, P.E.
County Engineer

Enclosure

CC: Jay Fisher w/Attachments



landscape architects
architects
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planners
engineers

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2310 Martin Luther King Junior Drive
Columbus, MS 39705
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2206 SHORT MAIN STREET, COLUMBUS, MS 39701 662.327.4874 662.328.7316

Certificate of Responsibility Number 02937 ALA LIC #19564, TN LIC # 75620

Date: 5/3/24
Project: KUBS FBO
Location: Columbus, FBO
Architect: N/A
Specifications:

We acknowledge addenda(s):
We propose to furnish and install all for \$ 73,260.00 dollars, net cash.
(PLUS TAX)

3 x 7" single door with transom and sidelites east facing

6' x 7" pair with transom west facing

SB70 Solargrey 1" IGU

Kawneer 451 dark bronze anodized finish

demo included

wide stile standard duty entrances

exterior windows replaced typical of window mock up already installed

Project Specific Exclusions:

3 x 7 singles (2) on west facing (NOT PREVIOUSLY INCLUDED)
3 x 7 singles (2) on south and east by mock up window (NOT PREVIOUSLY INCLUDED)
shop drawings and engineering

General Exclusions:

Fireproofing; stainless steel flashing; wood blocking; Any and All final cleaning except for removal of tabs and stickers from glazing; mirrors unless stated above; display case glazing unless stated above; electrified hardware and access control; All independent field testing unless included above; Any temporary enclosures; PE stamp; All demolition; All bond requests will result in a 2% add to contract price

Accepted by:

Signed: _____

American Glass Company, Inc.

Jonathan D. Nuesch

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Glass, Inc.
210 GRAND AVE.
MERIDIAN, MS 39301
PHONE (601) 693-9251 FAX (601) 485-2436

PROPOSAL

FOR:	ESTIMATING	JOB:	COLUMBUS-LOWNDES COUNTY AIRPORT RENOVATION
		LOCATION:	COLUMBUS, MS
		ARCHITECT:	N/A
ATTENTION:	ESTIMATING	DATE:	4/29/2025

SUBJECT TO PROMPT ACCEPTANCE WITHIN 30 DAYS

WE PROPOSE TO FURNISH AND INSTALL THE FOLLOWING:

PRODUCTS: Kawneer Series 451 Storefront and Series 500 Wide Stile Doors

FINISH: Dark Bronze Anodized - standard warranty

GLASS: 1" Solargrey IG with Solarban70 Low-E

SCOPE: Approximately 700 Sq.ft. of 2" X 4 1/2" Storefront including 1 EA Aluminum Pair and 1 EA Aluminum Single Doors. Standard hardware as directed per email 4/23.

Takeoff and elevations attached per building pictures sent 4/23.

ALL FOR THE SUM OF----- \$ **88,853.00**
BOND RATE 1.75% CONTRACT VALUE

Specific Exclusion: Opening prepwork and waterproofing of opening is by others. Glass Incorporated will not be responsible for any pre-existing conditions that could hinder new storefront windows being installed. New storefront windows to have adequate structural support prior to install.

EXCLUSIONS: TAXES, BONDS, BREAKAGE BY OTHERS, OPENING PREPARATIONS, PROTECTION, CARD READERS, ACCESS CONTROL, BLOCKING, STRUCTURAL SUPPORTS, TESTING, MOCK-UPS, OUT OF SQUARE OPENINGS, FINAL CLEANING, H.M. FRAMES, SPECIAL TESTING, STRUCTURAL CALCS, PE STAMP, PROTECTIVE COATINGS, SPECIAL HARDWARE, INSTALLATION OF HARDWARE BY OTHERS, FIRE RATED GLASS, ATTIC STOCK, DEMO, WATER PROOFING, S.S. FLASHING, OR ANY THING NOT LISTED IN ABOVE SCOPE OF WORK.

THE UNDERSIGNED ACCEPTS THIS PROPOSAL AND ALL ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS A BINDING CONTRACT SUBJECT ONLY TO THE APPROVAL OF THE CREDIT OF THE BUYER GLASS, INC.

ACCEPTED:

FIRM: _____

BY: _____

DATE: _____

MISSISSIPPI CERTIFICATE OF
RESPONSIBILITY # 24157-SC

GLASS, INC. _____

BY:

JUSTIN SMITH

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"Serving The South Since 1982"

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April 24, 2025

Quote # 25086

Carisa Grieve, P.E.
Neel-Schaffer, Inc.
P: 660.238.3922

RE: CLCA – Airport Terminal Doors & Windows

Mrs. Grieve,

Thank you for the opportunity to quote this work for you. This quote is for the following scope of work:

- Demolition and replacement of all windows and doors except for two (2) 3'x7' Doors with transom (on west photo) & two (2) 3'x7' standard doors (on south and east photo) these are below as an add alternate.
- As requested in emails, WCI will abide by the window and glazing finishes
 1. Dark Brown Anodized – approved equal
 2. Solargrey – approved equal
- All hardware required for windows and Doors
- Tax
- Bond

Base bid minus four (4) above mentioned doors **Total: \$104,327.31**

➤ Add Alternate – (4) above mentioned doors **Total: \$12,836.59**

*If any item or feature of work is not stated above it will be considered an exclusion

Thank you for the opportunity to quote this project for you, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully,

Lee Colvin

Lee Colvin
Weathers Construction, Inc.

NOTE: WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO WITHDRAW THIS BID IF NOT ACCEPTED WITHIN 10 DAYS.

ACCEPTED BY: _____
DATE: _____

E. Discuss/Approve the cleaning of approximately 1,100 linear feet of the Gaylane Drive ditch, located north of Highway 182, in the amount of \$20,065.00, to be reimbursed by Lowndes County.

Council Member Greene made a motion to the cleaning of approximately 1,100 linear feet of the Gaylane Drive ditch, located north of Highway 182, in the amount of \$20,065.00, to be reimbursed by Lowndes County.
Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOLLOW:

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PERMA CORP

UTILITIES CONSTRUCTION

Date: April 9, 2025

To: Mr. Kevin Stafford
Neel-Schaffer, Inc.

Re: City of Columbus, MS - Gaylane Ditch Cleaning

We propose to furnish the following:

Item	Description	Quantity	Units	Unit Price	Extension
1	Debris Removal from Gaylane Ditch	1	LS	\$35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
Total					\$ 35,000.00

PRICE INCLUDES MPC TAX. QUANTITIES ARE FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY. PAYMENT SHALL BE MADE FOR ANY ADDITIONAL WORK PERFORMED BEYOND ORIGINAL SCOPE AT THE SPECIFIED UNIT PRICES. PRICE IS GOOD FOR 15 DAYS.
PAYMENT DUE WITHIN 10 DAYS OF INVOICE.

This proposal includes:

1. Mobilization & Demobilization to Site
2. Furnishing & Installing Labor & Equipment Required for Clearing & Snagging of Debris from Ditch
3. Removing & Re-installing fencing as necessary for access thru storage warehouse facility
4. Removal of dilapidated fencing, overgrown trees & brush, debris, etc...

This proposal specifically excludes the following, including, but not limited to:

1. Any permits, fees, dump fees, etc... City to provide nearby dumping location at no cost
2. Any re-grading, erosion control, cleaning of culverts, etc...
3. Provisions for unforeseen conditions or circumstances
4. Obtaining easements and/or access. City to provide access and easements as indicated on drawings provided.
5. Any work outside of normal work hours, 8 am - 4 pm, M-F.

Sincerely,

PERMA CORPORATION

Don Durst

Don Durst, P.E.

ACCEPTED BY: _____

POSITION: _____

DATE OF ACCEPTANCE: _____

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[illegible]



BURNS DIRT

Burns Dirt Construction, Inc.

**P.O. Box 2982
Columbus, MS 39704**
Phone: (662) 329-3703
Fax: (662) 329-9843

Project: Gaylane Ditch Clearing - Columbus, MS

Date: 4/23/25

PROPOSAL

<i>Bid Item</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Units</i>	<i>Total</i>
1	Ditch Clearing	1	LS	\$ 20,065.00
	Total	1	LS	\$ 20,065.00

Burns Dirt Construction, Inc. will furnish the labor, equipment and material for the above referenced Project to complete the following scopes of work.

SCOPE OF WORK

- Includes cleaning ditch of trash, debris, trees and overgrown vegetation for approx. 1,100 LF x 20' wide
- Includes haul off of cleared debris from the site
- Excludes seeding/grassing, erosion mat, stabilization, etc.
- Excludes re-shaping/grading of ditch
- Pricing assumes access will be granted to mini storage property for dump trucks to be loaded

Clarification on All Work:

- Price includes 3.5" MPC tax
- Price is only for those items specifically included in the above Scope of Work
- Price excludes any Allowances and/or Contingencies
- Price excludes any provisions for damage to or relocation of underground utilities affected.
- Price excludes Removal/Replacement/Relocation for utilities not included in above Scope of Work, including but not limited to: electric, gas, phone, internet, and TV cable
- Burns will be allowed to price any additional work from unforeseen conditions prior to continuing.

Yours truly,

Chris Moore
Director of Pre-Construction

F. Discuss/Approve request to hire five (5) CPD Officers, contingent on successful completion of all preliminary testing.

Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the request to hire five (5) CPD Officers: Eleaseya Beeks, Jakayh Bowden, Briunna Hardy, Jermy Harris, and Breanna Williams, contingent on 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.

G. Discuss/Approve the School Bus Transportation Service Agreement between Columbus Recreation Department and Columbus Municipal School District.

General Counsel remarked that he has read the Agreement and has made some edits. Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the School Bus Transportation Service Agreement between Columbus Recreation Department and Columbus Municipal School District, contingent on both parties agreeing with the final version of the Agreement. Council Member Beard seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

**THE SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE AGREEMENT
FOLLOWS (UNSIGNED)**

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SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE AGREEMENT

This **SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AGREEMENT** (the "Agreement") is effective as of the day of _____, by and between the City of Columbus at 2535 Main St Columbus Ms, 39701 hereinafter referred to as the "**CRD**" and the **COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (CMSD)**, located at 2630 McArthur Drive, Columbus, MS (hereinafter referred to as the "**School District**").

SECTION 1: TERMS

- 1.1 The terms of this Agreement shall commence _____ and shall continue through _____ unless otherwise notified in writing by any party of this agreement.
- 1.2 The District hereby finds that the use of the school buses for the summer programs. Columbus Recreation Department will further the educational purposes of the District and is in the best interest of its' students and supports the District's educational mandate.

SECTION 2: SCOPE OF SERVICES REQUIRED

- 2.1 The "**CRD**" requires school bus transportation services for its Summer Camp Field Columbus Municipal School District shall provide during the term of this Agreement a qualified school bus driver at a \$23 hourly rate to the "**CRD**". CMSD shall provide during the term of this Agreement a school bus; The "**CRD**" shall provide a "Tentative Summer 2024 Travel Plan."

SECTION 3: COMPENSATION AND BILLING

- 3.1 The "**CRD**" shall pay the School District **\$3.00** per mile traveled by the school bus for payment. Columbus Municipal School District shall track and provide invoice information for mileage to the School District and the School District shall then invoice the "**CRD**" in July 2024.

SECTION 4: INSURANCE

- 4.1 Columbus Municipal School District shall carry, pay for, and keep in force, with a company or companies licensed to do business in Mississippi, comprehensive general liability including sexual abuse and molestation coverage, and comprehensive automobile liability on the school bus.
- 4.2 The CRD shall carry, pay for and keep in force, with a company or Companies licensed to do business in Mississippi, general liability including sexual abuse and molestation coverage, auto liability including hired and non-owned liability coverage on their organization. The Columbus Recreation Department shall name the School District as additional insured on both policies. The policies shall also contain a waiver of subrogation in favor of the Columbus Municipal School District, and be written on primary and non-contributory basis.

SECTION 5: ENTIRE AGREEMENT

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5.1 This Agreement sets forth the entire agreement between the CRD, and CMSD concerning the subject matter hereof. There are no representations, either oral or written, between the CRD and CMSD other than those contained in this Agreement.

SECTION 6: COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW

6.1 Notwithstanding any contrary provision in this Agreement, CMSD shall comply with federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations in providing transportation services described herein.

SECTION 7: PLACE OF CONTRACT/CONTROLLING LAW

7.1 This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Mississippi. All references in this contract to the "state" shall mean the State of Mississippi. All regulations, laws and requirements of the state shall mean the regulation, laws or requirements of the State of Mississippi.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been signed and on behalf of the parties hereto, and person so duly authorized, as of _____ 2025.

City of Columbus COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

By: _____

By: _____

Title: _____

Title: _____

ATTEST:

ATTEST:

By: _____

By: _____

Title: _____

Title: _____

H. Discuss/Approve accepting the USTA MS Community Tennis and Facility Grant, in the amount of \$4,000.00.

Councilwoman Stewart made a motion to accept the USTA MS Community Tennis and Facility Grant, in the amount of \$4,000.00. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOLLOW (UNSIGNED):

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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

on the Use of the tennis courts owned and operated by the City of Columbus

BETWEEN

The City of Columbus, Mississippi

and

USTA Mississippi, the Parties

The parties agree as follows:

1. The City of Columbus Propst Park Tennis Courts will be open to the public, defined by having time set aside that anyone will be able to reserve a court and access the facility.
2. The City of Columbus will allow USTA adult and junior programs at the Propst tennis facility, including allowing the public to reserve courts for USTA adult or junior league team play.
3. The City of Columbus will work with USTA Mississippi and be open to allow grassroots programming connected with the USTA mission of growing tennis to inspire healthier people and communities everywhere.
4. The City of Columbus will provide USTA Mississippi access to reserve the Propst tennis courts for USTA League or Championship tournaments in the area, or 3rd party providers that are running USTA Sanctioned tournaments.
5. In return, USTA Mississippi pledges The City of Columbus an amount for resurfacing courts consistent with the parameters of its Community Tennis and Facility Grant.

City of Columbus

USTA Mississippi

Per: _____

Per: _____

Authorized Signatory

Authorized Signatory

Date Signed: _____

Date Signed: _____

I. Discuss/Approve *Memorandum of Understanding* FundPlay Impact Grant, contingent upon vendor approval of contract revisions.

Council Member Beard made a motion to approve the *Memorandum of Understanding* FundPlay Impact Grant, contingent upon vendor approval of contract revisions. Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

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J. Discuss/Approve Naming the Columbus Fossil Park after Dr. Jack Kaye.

Councilwoman DiCicco made a motion to approve the Naming of the Columbus Fossil Park after Dr. Jack Kaye. Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion. After receiving a motion and a second, Mayor Gaskin asked if there was any discussion. Council Members asked questions about the naming process and if the City has a policy in place. Mayor Gaskin remarked that the COO is working on a policy and should have in completed soon. The General Counsel suggested naming the Columbus Fossil Park and any future requests for naming will not be approved until a policy is adopted.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Council Member Jones made a substitute motion to table this request until we approve a policy. Council Member Mickens seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried 4/2.

K. Discuss Travel to Washington, DC

Council Member Jones remarked that this request was previously approved, pending the recommendation from the City's Lobbyists. After discussing the matter with the Lobbyists, the recommendation is to wait until July or August. The General Counsel suggested that the Council rescind its previous action and revisit it when the new administration takes office. Council Member Jones made a motion to rescind the motion previously made to approve the request to travel to Washington, DC until the next administration takes office. Council Member Beard seconded the motion. *Council Member Beard*

remarked that whenever City officials decide to travel to Washington, DC, that the Grant Writer/Administrator be permitted to travel with them.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

Item "L" was moved from the Consent Agenda to the Policy Agenda for discussion.

The next two items were moved from the Consent Agenda for discussion:

L. Discuss/Approve request to sell beer in Sim Scott Park on June 20 – 21, 2025 for the Annual Juneteenth Festival

Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the request to sell beer in Sim Scott Park on June 20 – 21, 2025 for the Annual Juneteenth Festival. Councilwoman Stewart table this request until the new administration takes office. Council Member Beard seconded the motion. After receiving a motion and second, Mayor Gaskin asked if there was any discussion. Council Member Mickens remarked that we talk about reclaiming our communities and set positive examples for our children, we should not be selling alcohol in our parks.

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

The motion carried 5/1.

M. Discuss/Approve to sell beer in Townsend Park on July 3 – 5, 2025 for the Annual Southside Blues Festival.

Councilwoman Stewart made a motion to approve the request to sell beer in Townsend Park on July 3 – 5, 2025 for the Annual Southside Blues Festival. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried 5/1.

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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

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