

MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS September 2, 2025

The Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 2, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the Court Chambers of the Municipal Complex. Mayor Stephen Jones presided over the meeting and all Council Members were present. Also present were the General Counsel, the COO, CFO, the Police Chief, HR Director, and all other Department Heads.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

Mayor Stephen Jones called the meeting to order and called upon Rev. Ethan Boggs, pastor of Vibrant Church, to offer the Invocation.

II. CONFIRMATION OF/OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Councilman Spears requested to add **Paving Update** to the Policy Agenda as Item "R."

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the Agenda as amended.
Councilwoman Harris seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion

The motion carried 6/0.

III. APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

A. Approve Minutes for Meeting of August 19, 2025.

Councilwoman Harris made a motion to approve the Minutes for the Meeting of August 19, 2025. Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

IV. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS

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Councilwoman Stewart made a motion to approve the Docket of Claims for September 2, 2025 in the adjusted amount of \$584,216.46 reflected by the return of a chair. Councilwoman Harris seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve request for Mayor Jones to attend the 2025 Mayors' Summit Against Antisemitism: Combat Antisemitism Movement" to be held in New Orleans, LA, December 2 – 4, 2025 and approve the use of city vehicle for travel.
- B. Approve permit request submitted by Tiffany Jefferson, on behalf of Columbus High School Homecoming Committee, to host a "Homecoming Parade" to be held on October 10, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., leaving Fairview Baptist Church, left on South Browder Street, right on Alabama Street, left on North McCrary and ending at the tennis courts in front of the high school. *See attached map.*
- C. Approve permit request submitted by Tiffany Jefferson, on behalf of Columbus High School Homecoming Committee, to host "Tailgate" to be held on October 10, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m., blocking North McCrary at Warpath Road and Hemlock Street. *See attached map.*
- D. Approve request Fire and Rescue personnel, Chase Price, to attend "NFPA 1001-1 & 2 Basic Firefighter" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, lodging, use of city vehicle for travel, reimbursement of meal expenses and any other expenses, in the estimated total cost of \$2,200.00.
- E. Approve request for two (2) CPD personnel and City Attorney to attend "Risk Management for Law Enforcement Executives" to be held in Oxford, MS and approve travel in a city vehicle.
- F. Approve request for or two (2) CPD personnel and City Attorney to attend "Risk Management for Law Enforcement Executives" to be held in Hattiesburg, MS and approve travel in a city vehicle.
- G. Approve Facilities Usage permit submitted by Renee Sanders, on behalf of United Way Golden Triangle Region, to host the United Way Campaign Kick-off in Catfish Alley on September 4, 2025, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for use of the stage.

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- H. Approve Facilities Usage Permit submitted by Mt. Zion M. B. Church/ Memphis Town Community Day for use of the stage.
- I. Approve Facilities Usage Permit submitted by Councilman Roderick Smith, to host “Thrive In Pink Health Fair” to be held on October 4, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the East Columbus Gym.
- J. Approve Facilities Usage Permit submitted by Councilman Roderick Smith, to host 2025 “Kids Day Talent Show” to be held on November 1, 2025 from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the East Columbus Gym.

Councilwoman Stewart made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilman Smith seconded the motion. Mayor Jones called for discussion, and there being none, all Council Members voted in favor of same, with a unanimous vote.

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

A. Comments from Mayor and Council

- Mayor Jones announced that there will be a Special Meeting to discuss the FY26 Budget, Wednesday, September 3, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. in the City Hall Court Room.

B. BOARD VACANCIES

COLUMBUS HOUSING AUTHORITY

1 Vacancy, 5-Year Term. Bo Harrison’s Term Expired July 7, 2025.
Appointment will be made September 2, 2025.

APPLICANTS:

Velma Woodard
Jackie Exxum
Bo Harrison
Donald Pope

Councilman Spears made a motion to appoint Velma Woodard to the Columbus Housing Authority for a 5-Year Term, until July 7, 2030.
Councilwoman Harris seconded the motion.

Substitute Motion

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Councilwoman Stewart made a substitute motion to reappoint Bo Harrison to the Columbus Housing Authority for a 5-Year Term. Mayor Jones called for a second. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Initial Motion

Mayor Jones called for the vote on the initial motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

1 Vacancy, 4-Year Term. William Bart Lawrence's Term Expires 9/20/2025.

Appointment will be made September 16, 2025..

APPLICANT

Mary Jeter

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD

1 Vacancy, 5-Year Term. Chris Chain's Term Expires 9/15/2025. that Appointment will be made September 16, 2025.

APPLICANTS

Chris Chain

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

A. Taylor Chisolm: Columbus Pickleball

Mr. Taylor Chisolm came before the Mayor and City Council and thanked them for their support in bringing Pickleball Courts to Propst Park. We see diversity in all age groups enjoying the sport. The first Club Event will be held on September 13, 2025. We are committed to seeing the sport grow.

B. Wanda Holley, partner at Watkins, Ward & Stafford

Mrs. Wanda Holley dba Watkins, Ward and Stafford, came before the Mayor and Council and presented the Independent Auditors' Report for the City of Columbus for FY2022 and discussed the findings. This report included the Basis for Opinions, Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements, Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements, Required Supplementary Information, Supplementary

Information and Other Reporting Required by Governmental Auditing
Standards.

VIII. POLICY AGENDA

A. Discuss/Approve Derelict Property Docket

**CHARLES COLVIN &
GAME CHANGERS REALTORS LLC
1301 7th Avenue North
CASE NUMBER: 25-0330**

Property Maintenance Code Violation

The General Counsel called cause number **25-0330**. 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. Councilwoman Stewart 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. Councilman Smith seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

**M34L STUDIO LLC
301 Forrest Boulevard
CASE NUMBER: 25-0337**

Property Maintenance Code Violation

The General Counsel called cause number **25-0337**. 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. Councilwoman Stewart 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

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rubbish, personal property and other debris no more than twelve (12) times in a twenty-four (24) month period. Councilman Smith seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

MARQUET D. MCBRIDE
273 South Pickensville Road
CASE NUMBER: 25-0338

Dilapidated/Abandoned Structure
Overgrown Lot
Property Maintenance Code Violation

The General Counsel called cause number **25-0338**. 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. Councilwoman Stewart 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. Councilman Smith seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

JOHN RALPH IDOM & APOLONIA GARCIA
c/o JULIA DAWSON, POA
409 13th Street North
CASE NUMBER: 25-0339

Dilapidated/Abandoned Structure
Property Maintenance Code Violation

The General Counsel called cause number **25-0339**. 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. Councilwoman Stewart 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

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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. Councilman Smith seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

MARK D. & PAULA G. WALLS

823 Cannon Trace

CASE NUMBER: 25-0340

Overgrown Lot

The General Counsel called cause number **25-0340**. Mr. & Mrs. Walls appeared. The Code Enforcement Officer, Sasha James, reported that this property owners have made some progress and she recommends a **10-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. Councilman Greene made a motion to give the property owner a **10-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. Councilman Smith seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

JTB REAL ESTATE GROUP LLC

C.O J. REAU BERRY REG. AGT.

Waterworks Road

CASE NUMBER: 25-0341

Overgrown Lot

The General Counsel called cause number **25-0341**. Monica Rayfield came forth. Code Enforcement Officer Sasha James stated the property has been **remediated** by the owner, and it is her recommendation to enter the proposed Order under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code, finding that this property was in such a state of uncleanness as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community. This Order should provide for such re-entry as the Statute allows. Councilwoman Harris made a motion in accordance with

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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. Councilman Spears seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

MICHAEL M. JAMES

210 Mill Street

CASE NUMBER: 25-0342

**Accumulation of Rubbish & Garbage
Overgrown Lot**

The General Counsel called cause number **25-0342**. The Code Enforcement Officer, Sasha James, reported that this property owner has made some progress and she recommends a **10-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 Harris made a motion to give the property owner a **10-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. Councilman Spears 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. Councilman Smith made a motion to accept the notices for property clean-up of properties \$250.00 and less to be adjudicated according to statute and spread across the minutes of the meeting. Councilwoman Harris seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

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The motion carried 6/0.

THE LIST FOLLOWS:

\$250 OR Less Derelict Property for September 2, 2025 Mayor and City Council Meeting

Case # and Violation	Ward	Name and Address	Notes
25-03657 <i>Overgrown Lot</i>	4	WILLIAM AND ALICE LENOIR 2002 13th Avenue North	
25-0372 <i>Overgrown Lot</i>	4	FLOYD WELLS 1329 21st Street North	
25-0374 <i>Overgrown Lot</i>	1	DORIS JONES c/o DEMEIR JONES 1618 Washington Avenue	
25-0375 <i>Overgrown Lot</i>	1	DEMEIR JONES 16th Street South	

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LENDOR WILLIAM/ALICE R
2002 13 AVE N
COLUMBUS, MS 39701

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

RE: 2002 13TH AVE N
APN: 56W 19-02-14900
Case No: CE-25-0367
Officer: Sasha James - Ward 4

Date: August 20, 2025

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:

- ☒ [X] The presence of overgrowth of weeds, grass or other vegetation
- ☐ [] The presence of rubbish/garbage and other debris
- ☐ [] The presence of abandoned building
- ☐ [] The presence of abandoned or dilapidated fence(s)
- ☐ [] The presence of burned structure
- ☐ [] The presence of dilapidated building(s), slabs or personal property
- ☐ [] The presence of property maintenance code violation
- ☐ [] The presence of standing water in cesspools
- ☐ [] The presence of cistern(s), standing water and cesspools

You are hereby advised that by this correspondence a determination has been made that the condition of property or parcel of land as described is a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the community, and as such the governing authority of the City of Columbus, if the owner does not do so himself, on or before the 27th day of August, 2025, 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 21-19-1(2) (a)(6) SHALL BE RECORDED IN THE MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HEARING REQUIRED BY SAID SECTION.

This Notice was posted at the City Building Inspection Office on: August 20, 2025

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

The cost and any penalty imposed may become a civil debt against the property owner, and/or, at the option of the governing authority, an assessment against the property. The "cost assessed against the property" means either the cost to the municipality of using its own employees to do the work or the cost to the municipality of any contract executed by the municipality to have the work done, and additionally may include administrative costs of the municipality not to exceed Fifty Dollars (\$50.00). For subsequent cleaning within the one-year period, upon seven (7) day's 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, 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 21-19-1(1) is later utilized by a municipality when the prerequisites of Section 21-19-1(2) are not satisfied.

An appeal of this decision may be made to the Governing Authority of the City of Columbus and such appeal shall be in writing, state the basis for the appeal and be filed with the city clerk no later than seven (7) days from the latest date of notice required under MCA 21-19-1(7).

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 20th day of August, 2025.

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.

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WELLS FLOYD
405 HOLLY HILLS RD
COLUMBUS, MS 39705

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

RE: 1329 21ST ST N
APN: 56W19-02-00900
Case No: CE-25-0372
Officer: Sasha James - Ward: 4

Date: August 20, 2025

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JONES O DORIS C/O DUMEIR JONES
1612 WASHINGTON AVE
COLUMBUS, MS 39701

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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, 2025

YOU ARE ADVISED THAT A FINDING BY THE MUNICIPAL OFFICIAL THAT THE PROPERTY OR PARCEL OF LAND IS IN NEED OF CLEANING WILL AUTHORIZE THE MUNICIPALITY TO REENTER THE PROPERTY OR PARCEL OF LAND FOR A PERIOD OF TWO (2) YEARS AFTER THE MUNICIPAL OFFICIAL'S DETERMINATION WITHOUT ANY FURTHER HEARING OR ACTION IF NOTICE IS POSTED ON THE PROPERTY OR PARCEL OF LAND AND AT CITY HALL OR ANOTHER PLACE IN THE MUNICIPALITY WHERE SUCH NOTICES ARE GENERALLY POSTED AT LEAST SEVEN (7) DAYS BEFORE THE PROPERTY OR PARCEL OF LAND IS REENTERED FOR CLEANING. A COPY OF THE REQUIRED NOTICE MAILED AND POSTED AS REQUIRED BY MCA SECTION 21-19-1(2) (a)(b) SHALL BE RECORDED IN THE MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HEARING REQUIRED BY SAID SECTION.

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

The cost and any penalty imposed may become a civil debt against the property owner, and/or, at the option of the governing authority, an assessment against the property. The "cost assessed against the property" means either the cost to the municipality of using its own employees to do the work or the cost to the municipality of any contract executed by the municipality to have the work done, and additionally may include administrative costs of the municipality not to exceed Fifty Dollars (\$50.00). For subsequent cleaning within the one-year period, upon seven (7) days' notice posted both on the property or parcel of land 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 notification process that is prescribed in this subsection and proceed to clean the properties and assess costs as prescribed in this subsection, except that, penalties shall not be assessed against the State of Mississippi. A determination made by an appropriate municipal employee under this subsection (2) that the state or condition of property or a parcel of land is a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the community shall not subsequently be used to replace a hearing if Section 21-19-1(1) is later utilized by a municipality when the prerequisites of Section 21-19-1(2) are not satisfied.

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For any questions, please call Sasha James, the Code Enforcement Director for the City of Columbus at 662-245-5063 or 662-245-5070.

This the 20th day of August, 2025.

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.

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MEETING OF
THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 2, 2025



JONES DEMIER
1612 WASHINGTON AVE
COLUMBUS, MS 39701

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

RE: 16TH ST S
APN: 61W11-02-13500
Case No: CE-23-0375
Officer: Sasha James - Ward: 4

Date: August 20, 2025

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:

- [X] The presence of overgrowth of weeds, grass or other vegetation
The presence of rubbish/garbage and other debris
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B. Discuss/Approve Adoption of Flood Maps and Ordinance.

Nathan Katona, Building Inspector, presented the Flood Maps and Amended Ordinance for adoption. Councilman Spears made a motion to approve the Adoption of Flood Maps and Amendment to the Ordinance. Councilwoman Harris seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

THE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS WILL BE ADDED IN MINUTE BOOK.

C. Discuss/Approve Acceptance of MDOT Matching Grant in the amount of \$3,948.00 for Columbus/Lowndes County Airport Automated Weather Observing System – Phase I.

Councilman Greene made a motion to approve the Acceptance of MDOT Matching Grant in the amount of \$3,948.00 for Columbus-Lowndes County Airport Automated Weather Observing System – Phase I. Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

Attachments were added, system malfunction.

D. Discuss/Approve Acceptance of MDOT Matching Grant in the amount of \$2,482.00 for Columbus/Lowndes County Airport Box Hangar Project.

Councilman Spears made a motion to approve the MDOT Matching Grant in the amount of \$2,482.00 for Columbus/Lowndes County Airport Box Hangar Project Councilwoman Harris seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

Attachments were added, system malfunction.

E. Discuss/Approve Applying for FY2026 AIG-BIL Grant for the CLCA Open Hangar Construction project.

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Councilman Greene made a motion to approve the request to Apply for FY2026 AIG-Bil Grant for the CLCA Open Hangar Construction project. Councilman Smith seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

Attachments were added, system malfunction.

29 Pages of supporting documents will be uploaded and added in minute book.

F. Discuss/Approve Applying for FY2026 AIP Grant for the CLCA Automated Weather Observing System – Phase II.

Councilman Greene made a motion to approve the request to apply for FY2026 AIP Grant for the CLCA Automated Weather Observing System – Phase II. Councilman Jefferson seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

Attachments were added, system malfunction.

G. Discuss/Approve the installation of approximately 225 linear feet of riprap in the Gaylane Drive ditch, located north of Highway 182, in the amount of \$54,461.77, to be split 50/50 with Lowndes County.

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the installation of approximately 225 linear feet of riprap in the Gaylane Drive ditch, located north of Highway 182, in the amount of \$54,461.77, to be split 50/50 with Lowndes County. Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion.

Attachments were added, system malfunction.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

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- H. Approve request to purchase additional Badgepass access doors for the Trotter Convention Center and City Hall, in the amount of \$14,914.20 from line item 001-041-635-001 and find that purchase is a Sole Source item (letter attached).**

Councilwoman Stewart made a motion to approve the purchase additional Badgepass access doors for the Trotter Convention Center and City Hall, in the amount of \$14,914.20 from line item 001-041-635-001 and find that purchase is a Sole Source item (letter attached). Councilwoman Harris seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

SOLE SOURCE LETTER ATTACHED:

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November 19, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

As the manufacturer of BadgePass, we would like to personally thank you for your interest in the BadgePass Identity Management Platform.

Please be advised that BadgePass Inc. is the only authorized sales and service provider for BadgePass products in the counties of Attala, Carol, Choctaw, Clarke, Clay, Covington, Holmes, Jasper, Jefferson Davis, Jones, Kemper, Lauderdale, Leake, Lowndes, Montgomery, Neshoba, Newton, Noxubee, Oktibbeha, Rankin, Scott, Simpson, Smith, Wayne, Webster, Winston, Adams, Amite, Claiborne, Copiah, Franklin, Hinds, Humphreys, Issaquena, Jefferson, Lawrence, Lincoln, Madison, Pike, Sharkey, Walthall, Warren, Washington, Wilkinson, Yazoo, Forrest, George, Greene, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Lamar, Marion, Pearl River, Perry, and Stone in the state of Mississippi.

I feel confident that your service will be outstanding. Please feel free to call me with any questions.

Best regards,

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- I. Approve request to accept estimates from Columbus Light and Water to build out electrical grid to power Riverwalk cameras and one (1) camera on Gregory Road, in the amount of 48,950.00.**

Councilwoman Stewart made a motion to accept & approve estimates from Columbus Light and Water to build out electrical grid to power Riverwalk cameras and one (1) camera on Gregory Road, in the amount of 48,950.00, to be paid out of special projects fund. Councilwoman Harris second the motion.

All Council Members seconded the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

- J. Discuss/Approve request to apply for the Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund grant for the Columbus Recreation Department, in the amount of \$497,250.00. If awarded, the grant match would \$118,625.00 (in kind from private businesses) for a grand total of \$615,825.00.**

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the request to apply for the Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund grant for the Columbus Recreation Department, in the amount of \$497,250.00. If awarded, the grant match would be \$118,625.00 (in kind from private businesses) for a grand total of \$615,825.00. Councilman Greene seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

- K. Discuss/Approve request to hire a Custodian for the Police Department, contingent on successful completion of all preliminary testing.**

Councilman Spears made a motion to approve the request to hire **Ethel Robinson** as Custodian for the Police Department at \$15.00 per hour, pending on successful completion of all preliminary testing. Councilman Greene seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

- L. Discuss/Approve request to promote Public Works employee to one (1) of the vacant Boom Truck Operator positions.**

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Councilwoman Harris made a motion to approve the request to promote **Ceasar Sherrod** to Boom Truck Operator with an increase in pay from 417.00 per to \$18.50 per hour. Councilman Jefferson seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

M. Discuss/Approve request to fill the third (3rd) vacant Boom Truck Operator position.

Councilman Greene made a motion to hire **Jamal Robinson** as Boom Truck Operator at \$18.50 per hour, pending successful completion of all preliminary testing. Councilwoman Harris seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

N. Discuss/Approve request to fill Street Sweeper position that will be vacated by the request to promote the current employee to Boom Truck Operator.

Councilman Smith made a motion to hire **Joshua Hendricks** to fill Street Sweeper position at \$17.00 per hour that will be vacated by the request to promote the current employee to Boom Truck Operator, pending successful completion of all preliminary testing. Councilwoman Harris seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

O. Discuss/Approve request to hire three (3) Laborers for the Public Works Department, pending successful completion of all preliminary testing.

Councilwoman Harris made a motion to hire **Cedrick Williams, Raymond Brown** and **Thomas E. Thomas** as Laborers for the Public Works Department at 415.00 per hour, pending successful completion of all preliminary testing. Councilman Spears seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

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P. Discuss/Approve request to fill two (2) vacant Deputy Court Clerk positions in Municipal Court, pending successful completion of all preliminary testing.

Councilman Smith made a motion to hire **Martha Frierson and Bridget McCleod** as deputy Court Clerks in the Municipal Court Department at \$15.00 per hour, pending successful completion of all preliminary testing. Councilwoman Harris seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

Q. Discuss/Consider adopting the millage

Councilman Smith moved that the Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus, Mississippi fixing the Tax Rate or Levy for the Municipality and for Other Taxing Districts of which the City is part be adopted. Councilman Greene seconded the motion. After a thorough discussion about the merits of the motion, the Mayor called for a vote and the votes were recorded as follows:

Council Member Ethel Stewart	voted:	<u>YES</u>
Council Member Roderick Smith	voted:	<u>YES</u>
Council Member Russell Greene	voted:	<u>YES</u>
Council Member Lavonne L. Harris	voted:	<u>YES</u>
Council Member Gregory L. Jefferson	voted:	<u>YES</u>
Council Member Jason D. Spears	voted:	<u>YES</u>

The Mayor announced that the Resolution was passed and adopted upon a majority vote of the City Council on this the 2nd day of September 2025.

THE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOLLOW:

**MEETING OF
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**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL,
OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI
FIXING THE TAX RATE OR LEVY FOR THE MUNICIPALITY
AND FOR OTHER TAXING DISTRICTS OF WHICH THE
CITY IS PART**

Council Member Smith moved that the above and foregoing resolution be adapted as follows, BE IT RESOLVED, that:

1. The Mayor and City Council intend to levy a municipal ad valorem tax for the fiscal year next succeeding, and shall by this resolution, fix the tax rate or levy for the municipality and for any other taxing district of which the City may be a part, expressed in mills or a decimal fraction of a mill, which tax rates, or levies, shall determine the ad valorem taxes to be collected upon each dollar of valuation upon the assessment rolls of the municipality for municipal taxes, and to be collected upon each dollar of valuation as shown upon the assessment rolls of the municipality for each such taxing district, except as to such values as may be exempt in whole or in part, from the certain tax rates or levies; and
2. A mill rate of 53 mills will produce \$11,713,000 of Revenue from Ad Valorem taxes. The millage rate for the previous year was 53 mills for the City of Columbus.
3. These assessments and tax rates or levies shall be as follows:
 - a. For general revenue purposes and for general improvements, as authorized by Section 27-39-307 39.65 mills.
 - b. For school purposes, including all maintenance levies, whether made against the property within such municipality, or within any taxing district embraced in such municipality, as authorized by Section 27-39-307 and Section 37-57-3 et seq. 53.79 mills.
 - c. For municipal bonds and interest thereon, for school bonds and interest thereon, separately for municipal-wide bonds and for the bonds of each school district 11.02 mills.
 - d. For municipal-wide bonds and interest thereon, other than for school bonds 10.0 mills.
 - e. For loans, notes or any other obligation, and interest thereon, if permitted by law .67 mills.
 - f. For special improvement or special benefit levies, as now authorized by law 3.35 mills.

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- g. For any other purpose for which a levy is lawfully made. If any municipality-wide levy is made for any general or special purpose under the provisions of any law other than Section 27-39-307 each levy shall be separately stated in the resolution, and the law authorizing same shall be expressly stated therein
___0___ mills.

Council Member Greene seconded the motion. After a thorough discussion about the merits of the motion, the Mayor called for a vote and the votes were recorded as follows:

Council Member Stewart voted: Yes
Council Member Smith voted: Yes
Council Member Greene voted: Yes
Council Member Harris voted: Yes
Council Member Jefferson voted: Yes
Council Member Spears voted: Yes

The Mayor announced that the Resolution was passed and adopted upon a majority vote of the City Council on this the 2nd day of September, 2025.


Stephen Jones MAYOR

ATTEST:


James Brigham
SECRETARY/TREASURER



**MEETING OF
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**RESOLUTION SETTING AD VALOREM TAX LEVIES
FOR THE CITY OF COLUMBUS AND THE COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
COLUMBUS:**

SECTION 1. For the fiscal year 2025-2026, there shall be and there hereby is levied on all taxable property, real and personal, within the corporate and Special District limits of the City of Columbus for City and Municipal School District purposes, the following ad valorem millage, as attached hereto.

SECTION 2. That the Tax Collector of Lowndes County, Mississippi be and hereby is authorized and directed to levy and collect said millage for the City of Columbus and the Columbus Municipal School District, as per the attached Ad Valorem Tax Levy.

RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this the 2nd day of September, 2025.



MAYOR

ATTEST:

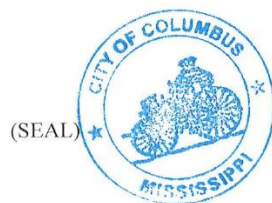


CITY CLERK

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned Clerk of the City of Columbus, Mississippi does hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the Resolution setting the 2025-2026 Ad Valorem Tax Levy duly adopted at a special meeting of the Mayor and City Council held on September 2, 2025, at which a quorum was present and did adopt same by 6/0 vote.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has hereunto set his hand and the Seal of the City of Columbus, Mississippi on this the 2nd day of September, 2025





CITY CLERK

**MEETING OF
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SEPTEMBER 2, 2025**

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GEORGE IRBY

FISCAL YEAR AD VALOREM TAX LEVY

2025-2026

CITY OF COLUMBUS

General Revenue Purposes and for Operations and Maintenance (Section 21-33-45(a) and 27-39-307).....	39.65
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Mills

Disability and Relief Fund for Firemen and Policemen (Section 21-29-117).....	3.35 Mills
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General Obligation Bonds (Section 21-33-45 (d)).....	<u>10.00 Mills</u>
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TOTAL FOR CITY	53.00 Mills
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COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Operations & Maintenance of District Maintenance Fund (Section 37-57-104 through 107).....	53.79 Mills
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General Obligation Bonds (Section 37-59-23).....	11.04 Mills
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3-Mill note (Section 37-59-107).....	.67 Mills
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Qualified Zone Academy Bond (Section 37-59-107).....	<u>0.0 Mills</u>
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TOTAL FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT	65.50 Mills
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TOTAL FOR CITY AND SCHOOL DISTRICT	<u>118.50 Mills</u>
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Stephen Jones, Mayor

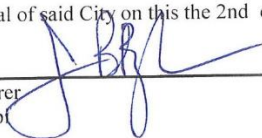
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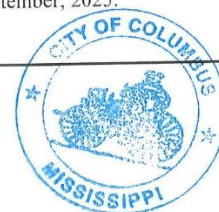
Adopted September 2, 2025 by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus MS

I, James Brigham, CFO/Treasurer of the City of Columbus, Mississippi, certify that the above
And foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Certified Millage of said City and School District.

Given under my hand and Seal of said City on this the 2nd day of September, 2025.



James Brigham, CFO/Treasurer
City of Columbus, Mississippi



**MEETING OF
THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 2, 2025**

Councilman Spears added request to discuss **Paving** to the Policy Agenda.

Councilman Spears made a motion to move forward with the paving in the amount of 51,930,000.00 that was discussed at the previous Work Session meeting. Councilwoman Harris seconded the motion.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION

Councilman Smith made a motion to table this request and continue discussion at the next Work Session. Councilman Greene seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion, except Councilman Spears, who opposed.

The motion carried 5/1.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Mayor then asked if there was any other business to come before the Mayor and City Council. There being none, Mayor Jones announced that the meeting was ADJOURNED.

Approved by: _____
Stephen Jones, Mayor

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

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