

MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS September 16, 2025

The Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 16, 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. Kevin Cuthberton, Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church, Columbus, Mississippi, to offer the Invocation.

II. CONFIRMATION OF/OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Mayor Jones noted one change to the Consent Agenda Item "L" from three (3) Police Officers to (2) Police Officers.

Councilman Greene requested to add "Discuss Public Works Department Budget" to the Policy Agenda as Item "L."

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the Agenda as amended. Councilwoman Stewart 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 September 2, 2025.

Councilman Spears made a motion to approve the Minutes for the Meeting of September 2, 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

Councilwoman Stewart made a motion to approve the Docket of Claims for September 16, 2025 in the amount of \$271,662.26. Councilman Smith seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve request for Fire and Rescue personnel, Thomas Parsons, to attend “*NFPA 1031 Fire Inspector*” course to be held in Jackson, MS and approve payment of registration, lodging, use of City vehicle for travel, and reimbursement of meal expenses, in the estimated total cost of \$975.00.
- B. Approve request for Fire and Rescue personnel, Michael Walker, to attend “*Mississippi Fire Emergency Casualty Care*” class to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, lodging, use of City vehicle for travel, and reimbursement of meal expenses, in the estimated total cost of \$935.00.
- C. Approve request for Fire and Rescue personnel to attend “*Tactical Emergency Casualty Care*” to be held in Jackson, MS and approve payment of registration, lodging, use of City vehicle for travel, and reimbursement of meal expenses in the estimated total cost of \$250.00.
- D. Approve permit request submitted by Irene McClain, on behalf of Diabetes Foundation of Mississippi to host “*Mississippi’s Walk for Diabetes – Columbus/Golden Triangle*” to be held on October 26, 2025 from 10:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at the Riverwalk. *See attached map.*
- E. Accept letter of resignation from Fire and Rescue personnel, Joshua Connors, effective October 1, 2025, and approve compensation for unused accrued vacation leave.
- F. Approve permit request submitted by Janice Richmond and Jaquise Frison, on behalf of Mt. Zion M. B. Church, to host “Mt. Zion M. B. Church Annual Parade” to be held on November 1, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m., beginning at Genesis Church, 1820 – 23rd Street North to 14th Avenue North at Mt. Zion M. B. Church to a lot at 2010 14th Avenue North across from Wells Cleaners and next to Skeets Restaurant.

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- G. Approve request for City Council to attend the Foundations of Mississippi Government CMO Elective Course on November 20, 2025, to be held in Oxford, MS and approve payment of registration fees and mileage.
- H. Approve permit request submitted by Victims' Advocate, Dorothy Sanders, to host "*Domestic Violence Awareness Candlelight Vigil*" to be held October 7, 2025 from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. in the parking lot of the Municipal Complex, 1501 Main Street.
- I. Approve request for Executive Administrative Assistant, Angela Jones, to become a Notary and payment for all expenses, in an estimate cost of \$250.00.
- J. Approve permit request submitted by Rosalynn Merchant, on behalf of First Methodist Church, Annunciation Catholic Church and St. Paul episcopal Church, to host a "Fall Festival" to be held on October 26, 2025 from 4:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. *See attached map.*
- K. Approve request for CPD personnel, Jeremy Fortney, to attend "*Accident Reconstruction Level II*" course to be held in Pearl, Mississippi and approve payment of registration, lodging, use of City vehicle for travel and reimbursement of meal expenses, in the estimated total cost of \$1,700.00.
- L. Approve request for two CPD personnel: Jacoris Hammond and DeMarco Easterwood, to attend the "*Annual Police Motorcycle Skills Training*" to be held in Gonzales, LA and approve payment of registration, lodging, use of City vehicle for travel and reimbursement of meal expenses, in the estimated total cost of \$1,344.33 each.

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Councilwoman Stewart 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

- Councilman Spears recognized Greg Drake during National I.T. Professionals Day. and thanked him for a phenomenon job.
- Councilwoman Harris recognized today as National Voters' Registration Day.

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- Mayor Jones recognized Claudette Gilman and staff during National Forensic Week.
- **Councilman Spears** updated the Mayor and Council on the Highway 45 North Drainage Project, stating that progress has been made. Columbus Light and Water will come out and look at some problem areas. The City's Engineering staff have completed surveys. Kevin Stafford remarked that plans are scheduled to be completed by the end of this month and advertisement for bids will take place in October to be awarded in November. We should begin on the project the end of the year or early 2026. Public Works has been working in Bluecutt Estates and has done a great job.
- **Councilman Jefferson** updated the Mayor and Council on improvements made on 4th Avenue North that involved cleaning out ditches and drains. Cut limbs in Lee Park and restored running water. Restrooms are being repaired. We will be soliciting volunteers to assist.
- **Councilman Smith** thanked Mayor Jones, Chief Daughtry, and others that have been walking around downtown and visiting businesses. In regards to the Gaylane drainage project, which should be completed by the end of the month.
- **Councilwoman Stewart** updated the Mayor and Council on progress being made on 15th Street South and 10th Street South. Engineers are working diligently to improve the drainage issues. Citizens in and around Bell Avenue, City crews have begun planting grass in the park.
- **Mayor Jones** offered condolences to Councilman Greene in the loss of his mother-in-law.

B. BOARD VACANCIES

Jammie Garrett, COO, announced vacancies on various boards.

COLUMBUS PLANNING COMMISSION

2 Vacancies, 3-Year Terms. Chuck Bigelow and MacArthur Inge's Terms Expire 10/04/2025.

Appointments will be made October 21, 2025.

APPLICANTS:

None at this time

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COLUMBUS-LOWNDES LIBRARY BOARD

1 Vacancy, 5-Year Term. Randi Robison's Term Expires 10/16/2025.
Appointment will be made October 21, 2025.

APPLICANTS:

None at this time

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD

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

APPLICANT:

Chris Chain

Councilwoman Harris made a motion to reappoint Chris Chain to the
Redevelopment Authority Board for a 5-Year Term, until September 15,
2030. Councilman Spears seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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

Appointment will be made September 16, 2025.

APPLICANT

Mary Jeter

Councilman Greene made a motion to appoint Mary Jeter to the Historic
Preservation Commission for a 4-Year Term, until September 20, 2029.
Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

C. Garage – August 2025 Monthly Report

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The Garage Superintendent presented the Monthly Report for August 2025.. No action was taken.

D. Facilities - August 2025 Monthly Report

The Facilities Director presented the Monthly Report for August 2025. No action was taken.

E. Columbus Police Department – August 2025 Monthly Report

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

F. Public Works – August 2025 Monthly Report

The Public Works Director presented the Monthly Report for August 2025. No action was taken.

G. Code Enforcement – August 2025 Monthly Report

The Code Enforcement Director presented the Monthly Report for August 2025. No action was taken.

H. Columbus Recreation Department – August 2025 Monthly Report

The Recreation Director presented the Monthly Report for August 2025. No action was taken.

I. Human Resources – August 2025 Monthly Report

The Human Resources Director presented the Monthly Report for August 2025. No action was taken.

J. Columbus Fire & Rescue Department – August 2025 Monthly Report

The Columbus Fire & Rescue Department presented the Monthly Report for August 2025. No action was taken.

K. Information Technology – August 2025 Monthly Report

The Information Technology Director presented the Monthly Report for August 2025. No action was taken.

L. Building Inspection – August 2025 Monthly Report

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The Building Inspector/Zoning Coordinator presented the Monthly Report for August 2025. No action was taken.

M. Community Outreach – August 2025 Monthly Report

The Community Outreach Coordinator presented the Monthly Report for August 2025. No action was taken.

N. Planning & Community Development – August 2025 Monthly Report

The Interim Planner/Director of Community Development presented the Monthly Report for August 2025. No action was taken.

O. Finance – August 2025 Monthly Report

Jim Brigham, CFO, distributed the Monthly Financial Report for August 2025 that includes the General Fund cash balance of \$8,763,271.81, which is a decrease of \$956,422.47 compared to the same time last year. Sales Taxes for August were \$1,002,482.00, which is an increase of \$83,148.00 compared to the same time last year. No action was taken.

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

A. Joe Dillon – FOIA Cost

Mayor Jones called for Joe Dillon to come forward. Mr. Dillon did not appear. Mayor Jones asked the General Counsel, Jeff Turnage, to apprise the Council and the public of the process of seeking and providing Public Records pursuant to the Public Records Act Miss. Code Ann. 25-61-1 et seq. and how the fees are determined. Attorney Turnage also remarked that certain records are Exempt: Personnel matters; employment applications; individual tax records; academic examination questions; appraisal information concerning the sale or purchase of property for public purposes; and attorney work product concerning litigation. No records are produced before a cost estimate has been generated and the amount paid in full. If the information is readily available and need no redaction, then such records may be produced with no charge if the documents can be assembled and reproduced at minimal effort without redaction. CFO Jim Brigham also added comments about the process of producing public records.

B. Brad Morris – PFAS Lawsuit

Attorney Brad Morris dba Brad Morris Law Firm, was present and provided a follow-up to the presentation made at the last Work Session regarding the Forever Justice

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Alliance. Morris is working with attorneys across Mississippi and experts on the PFAS Lawsuit and the Water System, protecting communities and pursuing accountability. The Forever Justice Alliance is a Mississippi-based coalition of legal, public health, and strategic experts working together to help cities, town, and water systems respond to the growing threat of PFAS contamination –the so-called “forever chemicals.” Our Law Firm is asking to represent the City of Columbus in terms of claims in an existing class action Lawsuit with the understanding that the existing class action only relates to defendants manufacturing firefighting foams that contain the contaminating chemicals and the four (4) main manufacturers of the raw chemicals. Councilman Smith made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign necessary documents. Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

VIII. POLICY AGENDA

A. Discuss/Approve Derelict Property Docket

JAITRA ABRAMS

1318 7th Street South

CASE NUMBER: 25-0352

Overgrown Lot

The General Counsel called cause number **25-0352**. The Code Enforcement Officer, Sasha James, reported that this property owner has made some progress and she recommends a **7-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. Councilman Smith made a motion to give the property owner a **7-day extension** to remediate the property. Ms. James also recommends that an Order be issued for the property in accordance with Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code, stating the City may remove dilapidated buildings or dilapidated fences up to six (6) more times in the twelve (12) month period immediately following the Order and cutting grass and weeds and remove rubbish, personal property and other debris no more than twelve (12) times in a twenty-four (24) month period. Councilwoman Harris seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

**SARAH WRIGHT ELINBURG /JESSICA
ELINBURG / JASPER HAMILTON**

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316 Woolbright Street

CASE NUMBER: 25-0360

Storage of Travel Trailer in front yard

The General Counsel called cause number **25-0352**. The Code Enforcement Officer, Sasha James, reported that this property owner has made some progress and she recommends a **7-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 Smith made a motion to give the property owner a **7-day extension** to remediate the property. Ms. James also recommends that an Order be issued for the property in accordance with Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code, stating the City may remove dilapidated buildings or dilapidated fences up to six (6) more times in the twelve (12) month period immediately following the Order and cutting grass and weeds and remove rubbish, personal property and other debris no more than twelve (12) times in a twenty-four (24) month period. Councilwoman Harris seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

CLELIA GLADYS CASH ESTATE

c/o TIMOTHY HUGH SEWELL &

NANCY CASH SEWELL

101 South Browder Street

CASE NUMBER: 25-0363

Abandoned Structure

Property Maintenance Code Violation

The General Counsel called cause number **25-0363**. Mr. & Mrs. Tim Sewell, Administrators of the late Ms. Cash's estate appeared and stated that they will remediate the overgrowth first, remove the trash and rubbish and place "no trespassing signs on the property. The house is structurally sound. The Code Enforcement Officer, Sasha James, recommended giving the administrators a **45-day extension** to remediate the property and recommended applying for a building permit prior to performing any renovations to the structure. 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 Smith 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

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

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

**ADDIE L. WHITE ESTATE &
GLORIA W. DAVIS ESTATE
1511 12th Avenue North
CASE NUMBER: 25-0365**

**Property Maintenance Code Violation
Overgrown Lot**

The General Counsel called cause number **25-0365**. The Code Enforcement Officer, Sasha James, 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. Councilman Spears 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. Councilman Smith seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

**FLOYD WELLS
1329 21st Street North
CASE NUMBER: 25-0366**

Abandoned Structure

The General Counsel called cause number **25-0366**. Ms. Wells appeared. The Code Enforcement Officer, Sasha James, 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. Councilwoman Harris 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)

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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.

EMMETT S. PORTER

108 Lee Street

CASE NUMBER: 25-0376

Accumulation of Rubbish & Garbage

The General Counsel called cause number **25-0378**. No one appeared. Code Enforcement Officer Sasha James stated the property was in such a state of uncleanness as to be a menace to the public under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code and asked the Mayor and Council to adjudicate the property as such and that an Order be entered to such effect, requested **immediate abatement** and that an Order be issued for the property. Councilman Smith 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.

The next two (2) cases were removed from the Docket.

DONELL EVANS

1216 7th Street South

CASE NUMBER: 25-0366

TOMMIE / WILLIE MAE FRAZIER

709 Waterworks Road

CASE NUMBER: 25-0356

\$250.00 OR LESS CASES:

Code Enforcement Officer, Sasha James, presented three (3) cases, \$250.00 or less for adjudication. Councilman Spears made a motion to accept the

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notices for property clean-up of properties \$250.00 and less to be adjudicated according to statute. Councilman Smith seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

THE LIST FOLLOWS:

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

\$250 OR LESS Derelict Properties for September 16, 2025 Mayor and City Council Meeting

Case # and Violation	Ward	Name and Address	Notes
25-0383 <i>Overgrown Lot</i>	2	RENASANT BANK c/o CENLAR FSB 405 Springdale Drive	
25-0385 <i>Overgrown Lot</i>	2	JAMES AND ALICE HEMBY 206 Springdale Drive	
25-0388 <i>Overgrown Lot</i>	5	JOSEPH FOEMAN 1411 12 th Avenue North	

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RENASANT BANK C/O CENLAR FSB
425 PHILLIPS BLVD
EWING, NJ 08618

NUISANCE PROPERTY NOTICE TO OWNER - PURSUANT TO
SECTION 21-19-11(2) OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE (Effective 7/1/2023)

RF: 405 SPRINGDALE DR
APN: 62W14010400
Case No: CE-25-0383
Officer: Sasha James - Ward: 2

Date: September 4, 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 11th day of September, 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 21-19-11(2) (a)&(b) 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: September 4, 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: September 4, 2025

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

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

The cost and any penalty imposed may become a civil debt against the property owner, and/or, at the option of the governing authority, an assessment against the property. The "cost assessed against the property" means either the cost to the municipality of using its own employees to do the work or the cost to the municipality of any contract executed by the municipality to have the work done, and additionally may include administrative costs of the municipality not to exceed Fifty Dollars (\$50.00). For subsequent cleaning within the one-year period, upon seven (7) days' notice posted both on the property or parcel of land adjudicated in need of cleaning and at city hall or another place in the municipality where such notices are generally posted, and consistent with the municipal official's determination as authorized, a municipality may reenter the property or parcel of land to maintain clearances without further notice or hearing no more than six (6) times in any twelve-month period with respect to removing abandoned or dilapidated buildings, slabs, dilapidated fences and outside toilets, and no more than twelve (12) times in any twenty-four-month period with respect to cutting grass and weeds and removing rubbish, personal property and other debris on the land, and the expense of cleaning of the property shall not exceed an aggregate amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per year. The governing authority may assess the same actual costs, administrative costs, and penalty for each time the property or land is cleaned as otherwise provided. The penalty provided herein shall not be assessed against the State of Mississippi upon request for reimbursement under Section 29-1-145, nor shall a municipality clean a parcel owned by the State of Mississippi without first giving notice. Upon written authority from the Secretary of State's office, for state-owned properties, a municipality may forgo the notification process that is prescribed in this subsection and proceed to clean the properties and assess costs as prescribed in this subsection, except that, penalties shall not be assessed against the State of Mississippi. A determination made by an appropriate municipal employee under this subsection (2) that the state or condition of property or a parcel of land is a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the community shall not subsequently be used to replace a hearing if Section 21-19-11(1) is later utilized by a municipality when the prerequisites of Section 21-19-11(2) are not satisfied.

An appeal of this decision may be made to the Governing Authority of the City of Columbus and such appeal shall be in writing, state the basis for the appeal and be filed with the city clerk no later than seven (7) days from the latest date of notice required under MCA 21-19-11(2).

For any questions, please call Sasha James, the Code Enforcement Director for the City of Columbus at 662-245-0063 or 662-245-5070.

This the 4th day of September, 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 21-19-11 (2).

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

This Notice was posted on the subject property on: September 4, 2025

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

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

HEMBY JAMES M JR/ALICE
206 SPRINGDALE DR
COLUMBUS, MS 39702

RE: 206 SPRINGDALE DR
APN: 62W140200300
Case No: CE-25-0385
Officer: Sasha James - Ward 2

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This Notice was posted at the City Building Inspection Office on: September 4, 2025

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

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Thereafter, the governing authority shall by resolution adjudicate the actual cost of clearing 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.

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For any questions, please call Sasha James, the Code Enforcement Director for the City of Columbus at 662-245-3063 or 662-245-3070.

This the 4th day of September, 2025.

Sasha James,
City of Columbus Director of Code Enforcement

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FOEMAN JOSEPH L.
1215 17TH ST N
COLUMBUS, MS 39701

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

RE: 1411 12TH AVE N
APN: 50W18-02-10600
Case No: CE-25-0183
Officer: Sasha James - Ward 5

Date: September 4, 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 uncleanness as to be a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the community when the fee or cost to clean property or a parcel of land that is one (1) acre or less does not exceed Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00), excluding administrative costs.

The particular condition(s) as determined by the authorized municipal employee existing as of the date of this notice include 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 11th day of September, 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 21-39-31, and other debris, and draining cesspools and standing water therefrom.

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B. Discuss/Approve Internet Sales Tax Plan

Kevin Stafford dba Neel-Shaffer, Inc. came forth and discussed plans for move forward with the use of Infrastructure Modernization Act funds:

- Dial-A-Bus
- Public Works Barn
- Roof Repairs– Municipal Complex
- City-wide Street Assessment
- Additional Paving

Councilmember Spears stated that he would like to see more planning for all of the needs throughout the City and believes we should begin setting aside funding for use of the money for paving and drainage and that the City find other sources for other needs that may be authorized under the Act. Thus, Council Member Spears made a motion that the City restrict the Infrastructure Modernization Act funds to paving and drainage and discuss a plan for these other projects at our next work session. Councilmember Jefferson seconded the motion.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Councilmember Greene remarked that while he generally agrees with Councilman Spears, he would like to see the roofs repaired and the dilapidated building in East Columbus refurbished and that these needs are in immediate need of completion. Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion. The Council engaged in a discussion of the existing needs. Councilman Spears asked the Council to be intentional and focus on paving and drainage.

Council Members Stewart, Smith, and Greene voted in favor of the substitute motion. Council Members Harris, Jefferson and Spears opposed the substitute motion. Mayor Jones voted in favor of the substitute motion.

The substitute motion carried 4/3.

C. Discuss/Approve reopening Emergency Repair Grant Program

George Irby came before the Mayor and Council and requested approval to reopen the Emergency Repair Grant program that was discussed at the September 10, 2025 Work Session. As discussed earlier, this grant originated in December of 1993 and was approved by the City Council. Later, a

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moratorium was placed on this program, but a Repair List (attached) was established for homeowners that requested assistance. Mr. Irby asked that the program be reopened with an increase in the maximum amount from \$5,000 to \$6,000 per structure. Currently, there is \$92,000 in the Home Improvement account. Councilman Jefferson made a motion to approve the opening of the Emergency Repair Grant Program for repairs to structures up to \$6,000. Councilman Smith seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

D. Discuss/Approve Resolution approving PSA, Redevelopment Agreement, Escrow Agreement, Option to Purchase, Memorandum of Option and Real Estate License Agreement.

General Counsel Jeff Turnage apprised the Mayor and Council of the proposed Resolution approving PSA, Redevelopment Agreement, Escrow Agreement, Option to Purchase, Memorandum of Option and Real Estate License Agreement. Councilman Smith moved to adopt a resolution approving the Purchase and Sale Agreement, Redevelopment Agreement, Option to Purchase and Sale, Escrow Agreement and Memorandum of Option Agreement with attachments, and due to the volume of the documents, only the Resolution and Purchase and Sale Agreement be spread across the minutes, but the other contracts be maintained as part of the records of the City. Councilman Spears seconded the motion and after a thorough discussion of the propriety of the Agreements, the Mayor called for a vote on the Motion and recorded the votes as follows:

Council Member Ethel Stewart	voted:	<u>YES</u>
Council Member Roderick Smith	voted:	<u>YES</u>
Council Member Rusty Greene	voted:	<u>YES</u>
Council Member Lavonne Harris	voted:	<u>YES</u>
Council Member Gary Jefferson	voted:	<u>YES</u>
Council Member Jason Spears	voted:	<u>YES</u>

The Mayor declared the Motion passed and that the Resolution was thereby adopted on this the 16th day of September, 2025.

THE RESOLUTION FOLLOWS:

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**RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT, REDEVELOPMENT
AGREEMENT, ESCROW AGREEMENT, OPTION TO PURCHASE AND SALE
AGREEMENT AND MEMORANDUM OF OPTION TO
PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus, Mississippi ("Mayor and Council") Created the Columbus Redevelopment Authority ("CRA") and gave CRA certain urban renewal powers and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council thereafter, upon request of the CRA, approved the creation of an urban renewal district in a five block area of Burns Bottom near the Lowndes County Soccer Complex; and

WHEREAS, the CRA worked thereafter to acquire all the property within the urban renewal district and did acquire title to each such parcel and cleared the site of all improvements to such site; and

WHEREAS, the CRA thereafter by public notice did invite proposals and made available pertinent information to private developers interested in undertaking to redevelop or rehabilitate the Burns Bottom urban renewal district; and

WHEREAS, the CRA received a proposal from Friendly City Development, LLC (FCD) and has since that time negotiated with FCD for the purchase, lease or other transfer of the real property acquired by CRA in the Burns Bottom urban renewal district; and

WHEREAS, CRA and FCD have reduced their negotiations to writing and have agreed to the conveyance by CRA of its interest in the Burns Bottom urban renewal district, subject to terms specified in said writings, except for certain property immediately surrounding the former Holiday Chevron parcel [lots 101-106], which CRA and FCD have agreed to an exclusive option for purchase and sale; and

WHEREAS, CRA and FCD have also negotiated terms of a Redevelopment Agreement and have reduced those terms to writing, spelling out their joint efforts to redevelop the public and private portions of the land to be developed; and

WHEREAS, Section 43-35-19(b) of the Mississippi Code requires that the CRA give notice to the Mayor and Council of its acceptance of proposals and thereafter allows for the land to be sold subject to the terms specified in said agreements;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council approve the form and content of the Purchase and Sale Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit 1, the Redevelopment Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit 2, the Escrow Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit 3; the Option to Purchase and Sale Agreement, attached hereto as Exhibit 4, and the Memorandum of Option to Purchase and Sale Agreement; and Real Estate License Agreement, attached hereto as Exhibit 5;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Mayor and Council authorize the Mayor of the City of Columbus to execute all of the attached documents and to execute whatever other documents are required to consummate the sale and that at the ultimate closing of the transaction, that the proceeds of the sale be paid to the record title owner, to wit, the Columbus Redevelopment Authority.

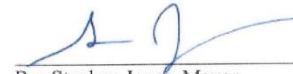
Council Member R. Smith moved that the resolution be adopted and that the resolution, together with the attached Exhibits be spread across the minutes of the meeting of the Mayor and City Council. Council Member J. Spears seconded the motion and after a

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thorough discussion of the propriety of the Agreements, the Mayor called for a vote on the Motion and recorded the votes as follows:

Council Member	Yea	Nay
Stewart	<u>✓</u>	_____
Smith	<u>✓</u>	_____
Greene	<u>✓</u>	_____
Harris	<u>✓</u>	_____
Jefferson	<u>✓</u>	_____
Spears	<u>✓</u>	_____

The Mayor declared the Motion passed and that the Resolution was thereby adopted on this the 16th day of September, 2025.


By: Stephen Jones, Mayor

Attest: 
By: James Brigham, Secretary / Treasurer

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- E. Discuss/Approve Resolution Vacating and Closing portions of unopened and unimproved section of First Street South, beginning at the southern edge of 8th Avenue South and continuing South across 9th Avenue South, unopened and unimproved section of 8th Avenue South, beginning at the western edge of First Street South and unopened and unimproved section of 9th Avenue North lying West of 2nd Street South.**

Councilman Smith made a motion to table this request. Councilwoman Harris seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

- F. Discuss/Approve request to fill the vacant Site Supervisor position for Sim Scott, pending successful completion of all preliminary testing.**

Councilman Spears made a motion to approve the request to hire Shemeka L. Harrison as Site Supervisor at Sim Scott at an hourly rate of \$13.27 per hour, 30 hours per week with benefits. Councilwoman Harris seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

- G. Discuss/Approve the price Increase for Friendship Cemetery lots, grave openings & Closings and exhumations.**

Councilwoman Harris made a motion to approve the price Increase for Friendship Cemetery lots, grave openings & Closings and exhumations. Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

UPDATED PRICE LIST FOLLOWS:



FRIENDSHIP CEMETERY PRICE LIST

<u>Lot Size</u>	<u>Price</u>
10	\$3,900.00
9	\$3,645.00
8	\$3,425.00
7	\$3,125.00
6	\$2,850.00
5	\$2,600.00
4	\$2,300.00
3	\$2,025.00
2	\$1,820.00
1	\$1,400.00

Full Body Grave Opening & Closing	\$ 700.00	(Monday-Friday)
	\$ 750.00	(Saturday & Sunday)

Regular-Sized Cremation Opening & Closing	\$ 375.00	(Monday-Friday)
	\$ 425.00	(Saturday & Sunday)

Cremation Vault Opening & Closing (15x15)	\$ 425.00	(Monday-Friday)
	\$ 475.00	(Saturday & Sunday)

- Full Body Exhumation
\$2,300.00 (Monday-Friday)
\$2,500.00 (Saturday & Sunday)

- The exhumation cost above is based on moving a full body from one grave to another grave in the same lot. Cost can elevate to move a body from one section of the Cemetery to a totally different area.

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H. Approve/Approve request to fill two (2) Deputy Court Clerk vacancies in the Court Division, pending successful completion of all preliminary testing.

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the request to hire **Ashley Brandon and Markeda Lewis** as Deputy Court Clerks in the Court Division, pending successful completion of all preliminary testing. The rate of pay is \$15.00 per hour. Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

I. Discuss/Approve proposed Organization Chart

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the proposed Organization Chart. Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Councilwoman Harris made a substitute motion to table this request. Councilman Spears seconded the motion.

Council Members Greene, Harris, Jefferson and Spears voted in favor of the motion. Council Members Stewart and Smith opposed the motion.

The motion carried 4/2.

J. Discuss/Accept the 2022 Audit

CFO Jim Brigham reported that he has uploaded the FY2022 Audit to the Federal Clearing House and mailed a copy to the State Auditor's Office. Councilman Smith made a motion to accept the CFO's report. Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

K. Discuss/Approve Awarding Propst Park Activity Center bids to the lowest responsive bidder, Turner Excavating and Erosion, LLC , in the amount of \$41,800.00.

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Councilman Spears made a motion to Award the Propst Park Activity Center bid to K & R Construction at a cost of \$48,655.00, the best responsive bidder since the lowest bidder is requesting 60% of the cost up front once awarded the contract. Councilwoman Harris seconded the motion.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Councilman Smith made a motion to award the Propst Park Activity Center bid to lowest and best bidder, Turner Excavating and Erosion, LLC at a cost of \$41,800.00, requiring no up front payment. Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion.

Council Members Stewart, Smith, Harris and Jefferson voted in favor of the substitute motion. Council Members Greene and Spears opposed the substitute motion.

The substitute motion carried 4/2.

L. Discuss/Approve repairs to the Chiller at the James M. Trotter Convention Center

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the repairs to the Chiller at the James M. Trotter Convention Center in the amount of \$7,386. Councilwoman Harris seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

M. Discuss/Approve adjustments to the Public Works Department budget and approve purchase of equipment

Councilman Greene made a motion to utilize surplus funds in the Public Works Department salary account as a result of unfilled positions in the estimate amount of \$100,000.00 to the equipment line item for the purchase of much-needed equipment. Councilwoman Harris seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

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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: _____
Stephen Jones, Mayor

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

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