

MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS August 19, 2025

The Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, August 19, 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 (via ZOOM), the CFO, the Police Chief, HR Director, and all other Department Heads.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION.

Mayor Jones called the meeting to order and called on Rev. Craig Blaylock, Pastor of Authentic Church, to offer the Invocation.

II. CONFIRMATION OF/OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA.

Change Consent Agenda Item "E" to read A/C unit at the Park's Main Office and move the request to the Policy Agenda.

Councilman Spears made a motion to approve the 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, 6/0.

III. APPROVE MINUTES FOR PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

APPROVE MINUTES FOR MEETING OF AUGUST 5, 2025.

Councilwoman Harris made a motion to approve the Minutes for the Meeting of August 5, 2025. Councilman Smith seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

IV. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS:

Approve Docket of Claims for August 19, 2025.

Councilman Spears made a motion to approve the Docket of Claims for August 19, 2025 in the amount of \$903,775.99, with modification. The modification is Advanced Air was coded incorrectly to be paid from the City/County airport, so the modification was that it be paid from Recreation Department. Councilman Greene seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

V. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Accept resignations from Public Works Department Laborers, Leroy Malone, effective August 7, 2025 and Daylun Hughes, effective July 14, 2025 and Boom Truck Operator Joshua Sharp, effective July 31, 2025. and authorize the Human Resources Director to begin the normal recruitment process.
- B. Approve request for Fire and Rescue personnel, Clayton Aldridge, to attend "Machine Rescue" training to be held in Jackson, MS and approve payment of registration, lodging, use of a city vehicle for travel and reimbursement of meal expenses, in the estimated cost of \$500.00 each.
- C. Accept resignation from Deputy Court Clerk, Sarah Watkins, effective September 4, 2025 and approve compensation for unused, accrued vacation leave, up to 240 hours.
- D. Ratify/Approve Mayor of the City as the municipal designee for emergency purchases for the remainder of his term of office.
- E. MOVED TO POLICY AGENDA AS ITEM "I."

Councilman Spears made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Councilwoman Harris seconded the motion. Mayor Jones called for discussion, and there being none, all Council Members voted in favor of same. The motion carried with a unanimous vote, 6/0.

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

- A. Mayor Stephen Jones asked Council Members if they had any remarks or announcements.
 - Councilman Smith thanked everyone for coming out to the first East Columbus Day and noted that there were "zero incidents."

- Mayor Jones wished Councilman Smith a “Happy Birthday and members in the audience joined in singing birthday wishes.
- Councilwoman Harris shared with the Council and the public knowledge gained when attending the MML Summer Conference and the Mississippi Policy Conference.
- Councilman Spears shared valuable information gained when he attended the Tenn-Tom Waterway Development conference. and brought back great information.
- Mayor Jones announced that, with the exception of Emergency personnel, City offices will be closed Monday, September 1, 2025 in observance of Labor Day
- Mayor Jones thanked all the city staff for their work during National Night Out on Crime and thanked all who helped plan it. The event was held at the Columbus Riverwalk and was a great success!

B. Swearing-In of four (4) Fire and Rescue Firefighters

. **Zachary Anderson**
Colton Birmingham
Dalton Cook
Tavonta Macon

Chief Hughes came forward and introduced Firefighters Zach Anderson, Colton Birmingham, Dalton Cook and Tavonta Macon. Mayor Jones swore in all four (4) Firefighters as they recited the Oath of Office. Members of the Fire and Rescue Command Staff were present to present the Firefighters with their helmets.

C. Garage – July 2025 Monthly Report

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

D. Community Outreach - July 2025 Monthly Report

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

E. Columbus Police Department – July 2025 Monthly Report

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

F. Building Inspection – July 2025 Monthly Report

The Monthly Report from the Building & Inspection Department for July 2025 was presented. No action was taken.

G. Columbus Fire and Rescue – July 2025 Monthly Report

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

H. Planning and Community Development – July 2025 Monthly Report

The Monthly Report from the Planning and Community Development Department for July 2025 was presented. No action was taken.

I. Facilities Department – July 2025 Monthly Report

The Monthly Report from the Facilities Department for July 2025 was presented. No action was taken.

J. Public Works Development - July 2025 Monthly Report

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

K. Columbus Recreation Department – July 2025 Monthly Report

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

L. Code Enforcement Department – July 2025 Monthly Report

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

M. Human Resources – July 2025 Monthly Report

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

N. Information Technology – July 2025 Monthly Report

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

O. Finance – July 2025 Monthly Report

Jim Brigham, CFO, distributed the Monthly Financial Report for July 2025 that includes the General Fund cash balance of \$9,000,235.00, which is a decrease of \$1,588,373.00 compared to the same time last year. The balance in the Major Projects (ARPA) is \$3,061,204.00, City-wide Park Improvement project has a balance of \$1,061,988.00, Modernization Use Tax has a balance of \$3,400,829.00, the Pedestrian Bridge Repair fund has a balance of \$54,695.00 and the Amphitheater balance is \$1,000,000.00. No action was taken

P. Board Vacancies

Jammie Garrett, COO, announced Board Vacancies.

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD

1 Vacancy, 5-Year Term, Chris Chain's Term Expires 9/05/2027.
Appointment to fill the unexpired term will be made August 5, 2025.

APPLICANTS:

Chris Chain

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

1 Vacancy, 4-Year Term, Tiffany Turner resigned July 9, 2025. Term Expires 6/20/2027.

Appointment to fill the unexpired term will be made August 19, 2025.

APPLICANT:

Frances Glenn

Councilwoman Harris made a motion to appoint Frances Glenn to fill the unexpired term vacated by Tiffany Turner, until June 20, 2027. 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 Bart Lawrence Jr's Term Expires 9/20/2025.

Appointment will be made September 16, 2025.

COLUMBUS HOUSING AUTHORITY

1 Vacancy, 5-Year Term, Bo Harrison's Term expired July 7, 2025.

Appointment will be made September 2, 2025.

APPLICANTS:

Jackie Exxum

Bo Harrison

Velma Woodard

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA:

A. Columbus Redevelopment Authority – Notification of Intent to Approve Purchase and Sale Agreement and Associated Agreements

General Counsel Turnage introduced Ms. Marthalie Porter with a preliminary statement and stated that Columbus Redevelopment Authority has been working for years to acquire all the properties in the Burns Bottom Urban Renewal District and successfully acquired the last property a few months ago that required asbestos testing prior to demolishing the structure. All in the course of negotiations sale of the property for redevelopment, CLRA published RFPs and received a response from Friendly City Development. Ms. Porter, Chairperson of CLRA is here tonight to provide formal notification of the sale. She is here because Section 45-33-19 of the MS Code says that before CRA enters into a final agreement for purchase and sale of property, it must give notification to the governing authority not less than thirty (30) days before execution of the purchase and sale agreement is executed. The Redevelopment Board voted on August 13, 2025 to approve the sale. Ms. Porter is here to outline the terms of the proposed agreement and prepared the proposed Resolution for the Mayor and City Council to adopt. Ms. Porter came before the Mayor and Council to discuss this matter further, stating that the CLRA has agreed upon a sale price of \$800,000.00 with \$200,000.00 earnest money as well as an exclusive option for purchase and sale of CRA property where the Holiday Chevron and Fant parcels are located for an additional \$350,000. A public reception has been scheduled for September 9, ~~2025~~ 2025, at 5:30 p.m. to hear from CRA and the Friendly City Development, LLC about the plans for redevelopment. The location will be determined.

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

A. Discuss/Approve Derelict Property Docket

ERIC BECKWITH
1521 21st Street North
CASE NUMBER: 25-0320

Dilapidated Structure
Burned Structure

The General Counsel called cause number **25-0320**. The Code Enforcement Officer, Sasha James, reported that this property owner has made some progress, and she recommends a **45-day extension** to allow the property owner to remediate the property providing he secures a building permit. 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) more times in the twelve (12) month period immediately following the Order and cutting grass and weeds and remove rubbish, personal property and other debris no more than twelve (12) times in a twenty-four (24) month period. Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

ELDRICK D. HILL /
KRISTIAN R. HILL
2413 5th Avenue South
CASE NUMBER: 25-0321

Property Maintenance Code Violation

The General Counsel called cause number **25-0321**. 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.

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All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

BETTY MOORE

630 Oak Street

CASE NUMBER: 25-0322

Property Maintenance Code Violation

The General Counsel called cause number **25-0322**. Willie Moore, the property owner's son, appeared and remarked that the property is still registered in his late mother's name. Code Enforcement Officer Sasha James Stated that 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 recommended a **45-day extension** to allow the property owner to remediate the property providing he secures a building permit. 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 Stewart made a motion to give the property owner a **45-day extension** to remediate the property. Ms. James also recommends that an Order be issued for the property in accordance with Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code, stating the City may remove dilapidated buildings or dilapidated fences up to six (6) more times in the twelve (12) month period immediately following the Order and cutting grass and weeds and remove rubbish, personal property and other debris no more than twelve (12) times in a twenty-four (24) month period. Councilman Greene seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0

PATONYA GREEN

1020 Military Road

CASE NUMBER: 25-0323

**Dilapidated / Abandoned Structure
Overgrown Lot**

T The General Counsel called cause number **25-0323**. 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. Ms. James also recommended giving the property owner a **30-day extension** to the building on the property. Councilman Jefferson 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

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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 and give the property owner a **30-day extension** to remediate the building on the property. Councilman Greene 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. Councilwoman Stewart made a motion to accept the notices for property clean-up of properties \$250.00 and less to be adjudicated according to statute. Councilman Greene seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

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\$250 OR LESS Derelict Properties for September 2, 2025 Mayor and City Council Meeting

Case # and Violation	Ward	Name and Address	Notes
25-0367 <i>Overgrown Lot</i>	4	WILLIAM AND ALICE LENOIR 2002 13 th Avenue North	
25-0372 <i>Overgrown Lot</i>	4	FLOYD WELLS 1329 21 st Street North	
25-0374 <i>Overgrown Lot</i>	1	DORIS JONES C/O DEMEIR JONES 1610 Washington Avenue	
25-0375 <i>Overgrown Lot</i>	1	DEMEIR JONES 16 th Street South	

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

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

RE: 2002 13TH AVE N
APN: 56W19-02-14900
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 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 is/are one or more of the following:

- ☒ The presence of overgrowth of weeds, grass or other vegetation
- ☐ The presence of rubbish/garbage and other debris
- ☐ The presence of abandoned building
- ☐ The presence of abandoned or dilapidated fence(s)
- ☐ The presence of burned structure
- ☐ The presence of dilapidated building(s), slabs or personal property
- ☐ The presence of property maintenance code violation
- ☐ The presence of standing water in cesspools
- ☐ The presence of clutter(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 fence, 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: 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 August 20, 2025

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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 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 forego 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 662-245-5963 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 21-19-11 (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: August 20, 2025

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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: 56W19-02-06900
Case No: CE-25-0372
Officer: Sasha James - Ward: 4

Date: August 20, 2025

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JONES DEMETR
1612 WASHINGTON AVE
COLUMBUS, MS 39701

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

RE: 16TH ST S
APN: 61W11-02-1350
Case No: CE-25-0375
Officer: Sasha James - Ward 4

Date: August 20, 2025

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- The presence of standing water in cesspools
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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 cesspools, removing rubbish, abandoned or dilapidated fences, outside toilets, abandoned or dilapidated buildings, slabs, personal property, which removal of personal property shall not be subject to the provisions of Section 21-39-21, and other debris, and draining cesspools and standing water therefrom.

Code Section:	Corrective Action:	Compliance Date:
102.4 - Overgrown Lot	Cut, trim, and maintain overgrown grass, hedges, shrubs, trees, and other vegetation.	August 27, 2025

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

This Notice was posted on the subject property on: August 20, 2025

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

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: August 20, 2025

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

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

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

The cost and any penalty imposed may become a civil debt against the property owner, and/or, at the option of the governing authority, an assessment against the property. The "cost assessed against the property" means either the cost to the municipality of using its own employees to do the work or the cost to the municipality of any contract executed by the municipality to have the work done, and additionally may include administrative costs of the municipality not to exceed Fifty Dollars (\$50.00). For subsequent cleaning within the one-year period, upon seven (7) days' notice posted both on the property or parcel of land adjudicated in need of cleaning and at city hall or another place in the municipality where such notices are generally posted, and consistent with the municipal official's determination as authorized, a municipality may require 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 21-19-11(1) is later utilized by a municipality when the prerequisites of Section 21-19-11(2) are not satisfied.

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

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

This the 20th day of August, 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).

B. Discuss/Approve request to adjudicate Derelict Property Cases previously heard by the Council.

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the request to adjudicate the cost of cleanup of the Derelict Property Cases previously heard by the Council. Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

(Councilman Spears requested a list of all properties).

THE LIST FOLLOWS:

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AUGUST 19, 2025



City of Columbus
POST OFFICE BOX 1408
COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI 39703

Invoice

WATSON EMMA MRS/ROY A W
P O BOX 214
FOLEY, AL 36536

Invoice #: 23-0531-0618
Date: June 18, 2025

Address:	15TH ST S
APN:	61W14-00-08300
Case No:	CE-23-0531
Violation:	Property Maintenance

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, THE CITY HAS INCURRED THE EXPENSES NOTED BELOW IN REMEDIATING THE UNACCEPTABLE CONDITION OF YOUR PROPERTY. A LIEN HAS BEEN FILED AGAINST THE PROPERTY IN THE OFFICE OF THE LOWNDES COUNTY CHANCERY CLERK.

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QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
	Admin Fee		8.00
	Public Works		168.50
	Filing Fee		26.00
	Release Fee		26.00
DATE HEARD BY CITY COUNCIL		10/03/2023	
SUBTOTAL			228.50
TAX RATE			
SALES TAX			
SHIPPING & HANDLING			
TOTAL			228.50

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WILLIAMS MAGGIE ESTATE c/o OLLIE LESTER
1351 ROCKDALE DR
JACKSON, MS 39213

Address: 510 PEAR ST
APN: 61W06-03-05700
Case No: CE-23-0234
Violation: Property Maintenance

Invoice #: 23-0234-0618
Date: June 18, 2025

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QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
	Admin Fee		8.00
	Public Works		86.00
	Filing Fee		26.00
	Release Fee		26.00
DATE HEARD BY CITY COUNCIL		06/06/2023	
SUBTOTAL			146.00
TAX RATE			
SALES TAX			
SHIPPING & HANDLING			
TOTAL			146.00

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NEAL CURTIS
6003 WICKENDEN ST
FREDRICKSBURG, VA 22407

Address: APPLE ST
APN: 61W06-03-07500
Case No: CE-23-0235
Violation: Property Maintenance

Invoice #: 23-0235-0618
Date: June 18, 2025

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QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
	Admin Fee		8.00
	Public Works		86.00
	Filing Fee		26.00
	Release Fee		26.00
	DATE HEARD BY CITY COUNCIL	06/06/2023	
	SUBTOTAL		146.00
	TAX RATE		
	SALES TAX		
	SHIPPING & HANDLING		
	TOTAL		146.00

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Invoice

DEGRAFFENREID DIANE H.
405 APPLE ST
COLUMBUS, MS 39701

Invoice #: 24-0145-0618
Date: June 18, 2025

Address: PEAR ST
APN: 61W06-03-05800
Case No: CE-24-0145
Violation: Property Maintenance

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QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
	Admin Fee		8.00
	Public Works		116.00
	Filing Fee		26.00
	Release Fee		26.00
DATE HEARD BY CITY COUNCIL		05/21/2024	
SUBTOTAL			176.00
TAX RATE			
SALES TAX			
SHIPPING & HANDLING			
TOTAL			176.00

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BECKON WILLIAM
1700 MADRONE LANE
DAVIS, CA 95618

Address: 702 14TH ST N
APN: 61W07-02-13400
Case No: CE-23-0170
Violation: Property Maintenance

Invoice #: 23-0170-0618
Date: June 18, 2025

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QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
	Admin Fee		8.00
	Public Works		231.00
	Filing Fee		26.00
	Release Fee		26.00
	DATE HEARD BY CITY COUNCIL	05/02/2023	
		SUBTOTAL	291.00
		TAX RATE	
		SALES TAX	
		SHIPPING & HANDLING	
		TOTAL	291.00

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BLACKMAN NIA COLOM
305 CENTURY ST
RIPLEY, MS 38663

Invoice #: 23-0347-0618
Date: June 18, 2025

Address:	1103 5TH AVE N
APN:	61W07-03-10400
Case No:	CE-23-0347
Violation:	Property Maintenance

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QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
	Admin Fee		8.00
	Public Works		256.00
	Filing Fee		26.00
	Release Fee		26.00
	DATE HEARD BY CITY COUNCIL	08/01/2023	
	SUBTOTAL		316.00
	TAX RATE		
	SALES TAX		
	SHIPPING & HANDLING		
	TOTAL		316.00

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LUCKETT IVAN
309 19TH ST N
COLUMBUS, MS 39701

Address: 1411 SCHOOLHOUSE AVE
APN: 56W18-02-15200
Case No: CE-23-0350
Violation: Property Maintenance

Invoice #: 23-0350-0618
Date: June 18, 2025

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QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
	Admin Fee		8.00
	Public Works		211.00
	Filing Fee		26.00
	Release Fee		26.00
DATE HEARD BY CITY COUNCIL		08/01/2023	
SUBTOTAL			271.00
TAX RATE			
SALES TAX			
SHIPPING & HANDLING			
TOTAL			271.00

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HAIRSTON ROSELL/CHARLIE
1015 4TH AVE N
COLUMBUS, MS 39701

Address:	1015 4TH AVE N
APN:	61W07-04-05800
Case No:	CE-24-0130
Violation:	Property Maintenance

Invoice #: 24-0130-0618
Date: June 18, 2025

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QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
	Admin Fee		8.00
	Public Works		161.00
	Filing Fee		26.00
	Release Fee		26.00
	DATE HEARD BY CITY COUNCIL	05/07/2024	
	SUBTOTAL		221.00
	TAX RATE		
	SALES TAX		
	SHIPPING & HANDLING		
	TOTAL		221.00

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WALKER CHRISTOPHER / ELAINE
1003 3RD AVE N
COLUMBUS, MS 39701

Address: 1003 3RD AVE N
APN: 61W10-01-13400
Case No: CE-25-0090
Violation: Property Maintenance

Invoice #: 25-0090-0618
Date: June 18, 2025

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, THE CITY HAS INCURRED THE EXPENSES NOTED BELOW IN REMEDIATING THE UNACCEPTABLE CONDITION OF YOUR PROPERTY. A LIEN HAS BEEN FILED AGAINST THE PROPERTY IN THE OFFICE OF THE LOWNDES COUNTY CHANCERY CLERK.

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	Admin Fee		8.00
	Public Works		146.00
	Filing Fee		26.00
	Release Fee		26.00
DATE HEARD BY CITY COUNCIL		05/06/2025	
SUBTOTAL			206.00
TAX RATE			
SALES TAX			
SHIPPING & HANDLING			
TOTAL			206.00

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FIG 20 LLC
1000 RIVERSIDE AVE STE 400
JACKSONVILLE, FL 32204

Address: 1104 3RD AVE N
APN: 61W10-01-10200
Case No: CE-25-0089
Violation: Property Maintenance

Invoice #: 25-0089-0618
Date: June 18, 2025

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, THE CITY HAS INCURRED THE EXPENSES NOTED BELOW IN REMEDIATING THE UNACCEPTABLE CONDITION OF YOUR PROPERTY. A LIEN HAS BEEN FILED AGAINST THE PROPERTY IN THE OFFICE OF THE LOWNDES COUNTY CHANCERY CLERK.

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	Admin Fee		8.00
	Public Works		231.00
	Filing Fee		26.00
	Release Fee		26.00
	DATE HEARD BY CITY COUNCIL	05/06/2025	
		SUBTOTAL	291.00
		TAX RATE	
		SALES TAX	
		SHIPPING & HANDLING	
		TOTAL	291.00

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DUCK BELVIN
1903 BELL AVE
COLUMBUS, MS 39701

Address: 1903 BELL AVE
APN: 61W11-01-07200
Case No: CE-23-0045
Violation: Property Maintenance

Invoice #: 23-0045-0806
Date: August 6, 2025

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, THE CITY HAS INCURRED THE EXPENSES NOTED BELOW IN REMEDIATING THE UNACCEPTABLE CONDITION OF YOUR PROPERTY. A LIEN HAS BEEN FILED AGAINST THE PROPERTY IN THE OFFICE OF THE LOWNDES COUNTY CHANCERY CLERK.

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QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
	Admin Fee		8.00
	Asbestos Inspection Fee		250.00
	Asbestos Removal		(0.00}
	Permit Fee		50.00
	Public Works		4333.02
	Filing Fee		26.00
	Release Fee		26.00
DATE HEARD BY CITY COUNCIL		03/21/2023	
SUBTOTAL			4693.02
TAX RATE			
SALES TAX			
SHIPPING & HANDLING			
TOTAL			4693.02

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BAILEY KENNETH
219 20th St N
COLUMBUS, MS 39702

Address:	219 20TH ST N
APN:	61W11-01-19400
Case No:	CE-23-0236
Violation:	Property Maintenance

Invoice #: 23-0236-0806
Date: August 6, 2025

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QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
	Admin Fee		8.00
	Asbestos Inspection Fee		250.00
	Permit Fee		50.00
	Public Works		5558.95
	Filing Fee		26.00
	Release Fee		26.00
DATE HEARD BY CITY COUNCIL		06/06/2023	
SUBTOTAL			5918.95
TAX RATE			
SALES TAX			
SHIPPING & HANDLING			
TOTAL			5918.95

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

Address:	2002 13TH AVE N
APN:	56W19-02-14900
Case No:	CE-20-0186
Violation:	Property Maintenance

Invoice #: 20-0186-0421

Date: April 21, 2025

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, THE CITY HAS INCURRED THE EXPENSES NOTED BELOW IN REMEDIATING THE UNACCEPTABLE CONDITION OF YOUR PROPERTY. A LIEN HAS BEEN FILED AGAINST THE PROPERTY IN THE OFFICE OF THE LOWNDES COUNTY CHANCERY CLERK.

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QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
	Admin Fee		12.50
	Asbestos Removal		250.00
	Public Works		513.00
	Admin Fee		12.50
	Permit Fee		50.00
	Public Works		5801.89
	Filing Fee		26.00
	Release Fee		26.00
DATE HEARD BY CITY COUNCIL		09/15/2020	
SUBTOTAL			6691.89
TAX RATE			
SALES TAX			
SHIPPING & HANDLING			
TOTAL			6691.89

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Case No: CE-23-0449
Violation: Property Maintenance

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, THE CITY HAS INCURRED THE EXPENSES NOTED BELOW IN REMEDIATING THE UNACCEPTABLE CONDITION OF YOUR PROPERTY. A LIEN HAS BEEN FILED AGAINST THE PROPERTY IN THE OFFICE OF THE LOWNDES COUNTY CHANCERY CLERK.

PAYMENT IS DUE UPON RECEIPT AND IF NOT PAID IN FULL BEFORE 12/04/2025 IT WILL BE ADDED TO YOUR PROPERTY TAX BILL AS A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT. SUBSEQUENTLY, IF PAYMENT TO THE TAX COLLECTOR BECOMES DELINQUENT, YOUR PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD IN THE ANNUAL TAX SALE TO SATISFY THE CITY'S LIEN.

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
	Admin Fee		8.00
	Public Works		244.00
	Filing Fee		26.00
	Release Fee		26.00
DATE HEARD BY CITY COUNCIL		09/05/2023	
SUBTOTAL			304.00
TAX RATE			
SALES TAX			
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TOTAL			304.00

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C. Discuss/Approve Recommendations from the August 11, 2025 Planning Commission meeting.

CASE NUMBER 25-10

**On Behalf of City of Columbus
2535 Main Street – Propst Park
R-1 Single Family Residential District**

Request to name a portion of creek side property within Propst Park near the Luxapalila Creek and north of Main Street be named as Dr. John “Jack” Kaye Cretaceous Fossil Park

The Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of the above request. The Commission based their decision on current guidelines for naming public places and there was no public outcry against it.

Councilman Smith moved that the facts and findings of the Planning Commission be adopted as the facts and findings of the Mayor and City Council, and that the recommendation of the Planning Commission to allow the installation of a 155-foot-tall monopole telecommunication tower be approved. Councilwoman Harris seconded the motion. There followed discussion, consideration, and review by the Council of the issues and facts presented by this request and the action taken by the City of Columbus Planning Commission.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

D. Discuss/Approve Public Information Officer Contract.

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the Public Information Officer contract between the City of Columbus and Shawanda Jones, effective immediately and extend through September 30, 2025. This Independent Contractor will also assist the I T Director and the pay is \$2,000.00 monthly. Councilwoman Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

E. Discuss/Approve the donation of surplus fire hose to the Noxubee County Fire Service

Councilwoman Harris made a motion to approve the request to donate surplus fire hose to the Noxubee County service. Councilman Jefferson seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

F. Discuss/Approve request to hire three (3) Certified officers, contingent on successful completion of all preliminary testing.

Councilwoman Stewart made a motion to approve the request to hire Raven Ivy, Traven Jung and Robert O'Briant and certified police officer, contingent upon them successfully completing all preliminary testing. Councilwoman Harris seconded the motion..

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

G. Discuss/Approve the promotion of four (4) Columbus Fire and rescue personnel from Probation Firefighter to Certified Firefighter, effective September 1, 2025.

Councilwoman Harris made a motion to approve the promotion of four (4) Columbus Fire and Rescue Firefighters: Zach Anderson, Colton Birmingham, Dalton Cook and Tavonta Macon, from probationary Firefighter to Certified Firefighters, effective September 1, 2025. Councilman Spears seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

H. Discuss/Approve request to fill vacant Maintenance Technician position in the Recreation Department, pending successful completion of all preliminary testing.

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the request to hire **Alexander Jones** as Maintenance Technician for the Recreation Department at \$15.00 per hour, pending successful completion of all preliminary testing. Councilwoman Harrist seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

This Item was moved from Consent Agenda as Item “E.”

- I. Ratify/Approve Mayor’s finding that an emergency existed with regard to the replacement of an A/C Unit at Townsend Community Center which went out during the hottest part of the year, with the finding that delays incident to competitive bidding would have been detrimental to the interest of the City and approve payment for emergency replacement of same \$5,700 (plus two other small amounts).**

Councilman Spears made a motion to ratify the Mayor’s finding that an emergency existed with regard to the replacement of an A/C Unit at main office of the Recreation Department which went out during the hottest part of the year, with the finding that delays incident to competitive bidding would have been detrimental to the interest of the City and approve payment for emergency replacement of same \$5,700 (plus two other small amounts). Councilwoman Harris seconded the motion. Councilman Spears requested this item to be moved to the Policy agenda so that the CFO can correct the coding for payment.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

- J. Discuss/Approve Project 45 South Drain and Project Beaver T.**

Councilman Spears remarked that this Project will allow the city to clean out the ditches on Highway 45 North to improve drainage. The Project will cost in excess of \$75,000.00 and Councilman Spears will use allocated paving funds for Ward VI to pay for this project. Bidding will be required. Kevin Stafford, dba Neel-Schaffer, Inc. came forward and elaborated on the project. Councilman Spears made a motion to approve Project 45 South Drain and Project Beaver T and use allocated paving funds for this project. Councilwoman Harris seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

- K. Discuss/Approve Pursuing Right-of-Entry Agreement with CPKC Railroad for the ARPA Drainage Project.**

Councilman Greene 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.

L. Discuss/Approve additional paving allocation.

The Mayor and Council discussed the additional paving allocation. Councilwoman Harris made a motion to table this request because she has not received a list of the streets. Councilman Jefferson seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

IX. CLOSED DETERMINATION:

Councilwoman Harris made a motion to go into closed session to determine whether it is necessary to go into Executive Session. Councilman Smith seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

All members of the public, with the exception of the Mayor, the Council, the COO, the CFO, General Counsel, the Police Chief and the HR Director, exited the meeting.

Mayor Jones apprised the Council of two (2) personnel matters involving the job performance of an employee in the Police Department and remarked that these matters warrant being heard in Executive Session pursuant to Section 25-41-7 (4)(a) of the Open Meetings Act.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilwoman Stewart made a motion to go in Executive Session to discuss two (2) personnel matters related to job performance and remarked that these matters warrant being heard in Executive Session pursuant to Section 25-41-7 (4)(a) of the Open Meetings Act. Councilwoman Harris seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

The Police Chief announced to the general public outside the Council Chambers that the Council was going into Executive Session to discuss two (2) personnel matters.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

The first matter of personnel to come before the Mayor and Council involved the job performance of an employee in the police department. Employee I. D. 1535 was involved in two (2) Chargeable Accidents in a city vehicle, one on 7/01/2024 with damages costing \$1,888.26 and the second one occurring December 19, 2024 and the damages cost \$1,323.45. This employee was invited in the Accident Review Board meeting and accepted fault for the damages. The Accident Review Board recommended a one (1) day suspension for the second chargeable accident. Councilman Greene made a motion to accept the recommendation from the Accident Review Board to suspend Employee I. D. Number 1535 for one (1) day without pay. Councilwoman Harris seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

The second matter of personnel to come before the Mayor and Council involved the job performance of an employee in the police department. Employee I. D. Number 1557 was involved in a Chargeable accident that caused heavy damage to a city vehicle and collided with another vehicle with five (5) people inside. The Accident Review Board reviewed the accident and met with the employee, and after hearing from him, made a recommendation to terminate his employment. Before tonight's City Council Meeting the employee resigned from his position as Patrol Officer. Council Members viewed the video of the accident. Councilman Smith made a motion to accept the resignation of the employee. Councilman Greene seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

OPEN SESSION:

Councilman Greene made a motion to end the discussion of this matter and return to Open Session. Councilwoman Harris seconded the motion.

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All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried 6/0.

The Police Chief then announced to the general public outside the Council Chambers that the Council was back in Open Session.

The General Counsel announced that the Mayor and Council considered two (2) personnel matters in Executive Session and voted to suspend one (1) employee for a second chargeable accident. The second employee resigned and the Mayor and City Council voted to accept his resignation.

Councilman Jefferson noted that there were some areas in PIO Contract that references the previous PIO. Councilwoman Harris made a motion to make the necessary corrections. Councilman Greene seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion passed 6/0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Jones 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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