

# MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS JUNE 2, 2015

The Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, June 2, 2015, at 5:00 p.m. in the Court Chambers of the Municipal complex. Mayor Robert Smith presided over the meeting and all Council Members were present. Also present were the COO, CFO, General Counsel, Police Chief and the Human Resources Director.

## **I. CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION**

Mayor Robert E. Smith, Sr. called the meeting to order and called upon Council Member Mickens to offer the Invocation.

## **II. APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF MAY 19, 2015.**

Council Member Karriem made a motion to approve the Minutes for the Meeting of May 19, 2015. Council Member Gavin seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

## **III. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS FOR JUNE 2, 2015.**

Council Member Taylor made a motion to approve the Docket of Claims for June 1, 2015 in the amount of \$700,821.48. Council Member Box seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

## **IV. CONFIRMATION OF/OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA.**

### **CONSENT:**

Make a correction on Item "I".

Add Item "J" – *Accept letter of resignation from one (1) Fire Engineer, effective June 15, 2015.*

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Add Item "K" – *Accept lowest bid for asbestos removal at 302 – 19<sup>th</sup> Street South.*

Add Item "L" - *Accept letter of resignation from one (1) Public Works Laborer, effective June 15, 2015, and authorize the Human Resources Director to begin the normal recruitment process.*

Add Item "M" – *Approve request for one (1) Police Department personnel to attend the "State-Wide Law Enforcement Chaplaincy Meeting" to be held in Hattiesburg, MS, and Approve payment for travel expenses.*

Add Item "N" – *Approve request for the Mayor and the Federal Programs Assistant to meet with representatives of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History and MDOT in Jackson, MS.*

Add Item "O" – *Approve request for one (1) Police Officer to attend the "MLEOA Training Conference and Competition" to be held in Biloxi, MS, and approve payment for lodging, travel and meal expenses.*

Add Item "P" – *Approve request for one (1) Police Officer to attend the "Hostage Negotiations" to be held in Tupelo, MS, and approve payment for travel and meal expenses.*

Add Item "Q" – *Approve request for one (1) Police Officer to attend the "Hostage Negotiations" to be held in Tupelo, MS, and approve payment for travel and meal expenses.*

**REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS AGENDA:**

Change swearing in of three (3) Police Officers to four (4) Police Officers.

**BOARD VACANCIES:**

Add Barbara Bigelow and Ruth Berry to the list of applicants for the Historic Preservation Commission.

Add Kegdra Gray to the list for the Columbus Housing Authority applicants.

**POLICY AGENDA:**

Delete Item "D".

Add Item "I" – *Conduct Hearing on Overgrown Lots and Dilapidated Houses.*

Add Item "J" – *Discuss/Approve purchase of used truck for the Public Works Department.*

Council Member Taylor made a motion to approve the overall agenda, according to the amendments. Council Member Mickens seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

## **V. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Approve request to refund United Way for cancellation of Trotter Convention Center Rental.
- B. Approve request for Fire personnel Josh Boyer and Will McReynolds to attend the "Chemistry of Hazardous Materials: Fire Training" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of \$272.00 for registration, \$75.00 for travel and \$460.00 for meal expenses.
- C. Approve request for Fire personnel Lance Godfrey and Darren Allbritton to attend the "Fire Officer I-II Training" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of \$1230.00 for registration, \$75.00 for travel and \$460.00 for meal expenses.
- D. Approve request of Fire personnel Madison Guyton to attend the "Hazardous Materials Technician II Training" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of \$68.00 for registration, \$75.00 for travel and \$69.00 for meal expenses.
- E. Approve request for the City Planner, Christina Berry, to attend the "ULI Southern States Exchange Conference" to be held in New Orleans, LA, and approve payment of \$275.00 for registration, \$169.00 for lodging, \$75.00 for travel and \$75.00 for meal expenses.
- F. Approve request for the Mayor's Youth Council Advisor, Brandy Gardner, and six (6) Members to attend the "2015 MML Youth Track Conference" to be held in Biloxi, MS, and approve payment \$210.00 for registration, \$390.00 for lodging and \$322.00 for meals.
- G. Approve request for Mayor Smith, Council Members, COO David Armstrong, CFO Milton Rawle, and Department Heads to attend the "2015 MML Summer Conference" to be held in Biloxi, MS, and approve payment of \$235 each for registration, lodging, travel and meal expenses.
- H. Approve request for the Municipal Court Victims Advocate to attend the "Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Training" to be held in Flowood, MS, and approve reimbursement for travel and meal expenses.
- I. Approve permit request from Ms. Mary Jones to host a "Birthday Party" to be held on June 6, 2015 from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., and block off a small part of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue South between 8<sup>th</sup> Street South and 9<sup>th</sup> Street South.
- J. Accept letter of resignation from Fire Engineer Brooks Pope, effective June 15, 2015.
- K. Accept lowest quote for asbestos removal at 302 19<sup>th</sup> Street South and award contract to EAC Environmental & Selective Demolition.
- L. Accept letter of resignation from Public Works Laborer, Lemarcus Isaac, effective

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June 15, 2015, and authorize the Human Resources Director to begin the normal recruitment process.

- M. Approve request for Police Department personnel, Captain Fred Shelton, to attend the "State-Wide Law Enforcement Chaplaincy Meeting" to be held in Hattiesburg, MS, and approve payment of \$40.00 for travel expenses.
- N. Approve request for Mayor Smith and Federal Programs Assistant, George Irby, to meet with representatives of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History and MDOT in Jackson, MS.
- O. Approve request for Police Officer Raymond Hackler to attend the "MLEOA Training Conference and Competition" to be held in Biloxi, MS, and approve payment of \$535.50 for lodging, \$150.00 for travel and \$253.00 for meal expenses.
- P. Approve request for Police Officer Robert Eguire to attend the "Hostage Negotiations" to be held in Tupelo, MS, and approve payment of \$207.00 for meal expenses.
- Q. Approve request for Police Officer Raymond Hackler to attend the "Hostage Negotiations" to be held in Tupelo, MS, and approve payment of \$207.00 for meal expenses.

Council Member Karriem made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, according to the Amendments. Council Member Mickens seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

## **VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:**

### **A. General Comments from the Mayor and Council Members**

Mayor Smith read a Proclamation to be presented in Commemoration of the U.S. Army's 240<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

Council Member Turner thanked the committee that organized Memphis Town Day 2015 and all those who participated in the event.

### **B. Swearing in of four (4) Police Officers**

Mayor Smith swore in four (4) new Police Officers: Christopher Barker, Joseph Inmon, Tyler Conwill, and Christopher Blaylock.

### **C. Board Vacancies:**

**G.T. Regional Waste Management Authority**

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- One Vacancy
- John Dickerson passed away January 19, 2015.
- Applicant will fill the remainder of unexpired 4-Year Term which ends 12/31/2016.
- Appointment can be made immediately.
- No Applicants at this time

**Historic Preservation Commission**

- Three Vacancies
- Betty Miller's 4-Year Term expired May 16, 2015.
- Mike Lowery's 4-Year Term expired May 16, 2015.
- John Hudson's 4-Year Term expired May 16, 2015.
- Appointments can be made June 2, 2015.

**APPLICANTS**

- Dr. Jim Borsig
- Dr. Chance Laws
- Blaine Walters
- Julie Tompkins
- Barbara Bigelow
- Ruth Berry

Council Member Karriem made a motion to appoint Dr. Jim Borsig to the Historic Preservation Commission for a four (4) year term, until May 16, 2019. Council Member Gavin seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

Council Member Gavin made a motion to appoint Dr. Chance Laws to the Historic Preservation Commission for a four (4) year term, until May 16, 2019. Council Member Karriem seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

Council Member Gavin made a motion to appoint Barbara Bigelow to the Historic Preservation Commission for a four (4) year term, until May 16, 2019. Council Member Mickens seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**Columbus-Lowndes Recreation Authority**

- One Vacancy

- Oop Swoope's 5-Year Term expired May 25, 2015.
- Joint Appointment from the Mayor and Board of Supervisor's President
- No Applicants at this time

**City Utilities Commission**

- One Vacancy
- Brandy Gardner's 5-Year Term will expire June 30, 2015.
- No Applicants at this time
- Appointment can be made July 7, 2015.

**Board of Adjustment & Appeals of Development Codes**

- One Vacancy
- Mike Gibson's 3-Year Term will expire July 6, 2015.
- No Applicants at this time

**Convention & Visitors Bureau**

- One Vacancy
- Elizabeth "Liz" Terry's Term will expire July 7, 2015.

**APPLICANT**

- Elizabeth "Liz" Terry

**Columbus Housing Authority**

- One Vacancy
- S. B. Platt's 5-Year Term will expire July 13, 2015.

**APPLICANT**

- Kegdra Gray

**VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA**

**VIII. POLICY AGENDA:**

- A. Discuss/Approve cost of property clean up on cases previously heard by Council and for which remediation has been completed.**

Council Member Taylor made a motion to adjudicate the cost of property clean-up on cases previously heard by Council and for which remediation has been completed. Council Member Mickens seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

The adjudication follows:

**REPORT OF LOT CLEANING ACTIVITY**

Cases Previously Heard by Council for Which Remediation Has Been Completed

TOTAL COST BILLED TO OWNERS THIS REPORT							\$3,817.00
CASE NO	WARD	OWNER NAME	C/O NAME	SITE ADDRESS	LOT CLEANED BY	BUILDING DEMOLISHED BY	TOTAL CLEANING COST w/Penalty
13-058.4	2	Christopher Clinton		214 19th Street South	Public Works	N/A	<b>\$131.50</b>
		ASBESTOS SAMPLES \$0.00	ASBESTOS REMOVAL \$0.00	PUBLIC WORKS \$119.00	ATTORNEY FEES \$0.00	LEGAL ADVERTISING \$12.50	Approved Penalty \$0.00
NOTES							
13-091.6	5	Lowndes Co. Voters League		1300(block) 6th Ave. North	Public Works	N/A	<b>\$176.50</b>
		ASBESTOS SAMPLES \$0.00	ASBESTOS REMOVAL \$0.00	PUBLIC WORKS \$164.00	ATTORNEY FEES \$0.00	LEGAL ADVERTISING \$12.50	Approved Penalty \$0.00
NOTES							
13-209.2	2	Wilbert Anthony Clementin, Jr		2017 College Street	Public Works	N/A	<b>\$131.50</b>
		ASBESTOS SAMPLES \$0.00	ASBESTOS REMOVAL \$0.00	PUBLIC WORKS \$119.00	ATTORNEY FEES \$0.00	LEGAL ADVERTISING \$12.50	Approved Penalty \$0.00
NOTES							
13-229.3	5	Essie Harris Luckett		725 18th Street North	Public Works	N/A	<b>\$131.50</b>
		ASBESTOS SAMPLES \$0.00	ASBESTOS REMOVAL \$0.00	PUBLIC WORKS \$119.00	ATTORNEY FEES \$0.00	LEGAL ADVERTISING \$12.50	Approved Penalty \$0.00
NOTES							
13-293.4	5	Richard Rucker		1118 18th St. North	Public Works	N/A	<b>\$176.50</b>
		ASBESTOS SAMPLES \$0.00	ASBESTOS REMOVAL \$0.00	PUBLIC WORKS \$164.00	ATTORNEY FEES \$0.00	LEGAL ADVERTISING \$12.50	Approved Penalty \$0.00
NOTES							
13-315.3	4	Transportation Alliance Bank I		1801 5th Ave. North	Public Works	N/A	<b>\$131.50</b>
		ASBESTOS SAMPLES \$0.00	ASBESTOS REMOVAL \$0.00	PUBLIC WORKS \$119.00	ATTORNEY FEES \$0.00	LEGAL ADVERTISING \$12.50	Approved Penalty \$0.00
NOTES							

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CASE NO	WARD	OWNER NAME	C/O NAME	SITE ADDRESS	LOT CLEANED BY	BUILDING DEMOLISHED BY	TOTAL CLEANING COST w/Penalty
13-318.4	1	Kim Parker		1403 13th Ave. South	Public Works	N/A	<b>\$1,176.50</b>
		ASBESTOS SAMPLES	ASBESTOS REMOVAL	PUBLIC WORKS	ATTORNEY FEES	LEGAL ADVERTISING	Approved Penalty
		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,164.00	\$0.00	\$12.50	\$0.00
NOTES							
13-325.5		Roy and Emma Watson		615 15th Street South	Public Works	N/A	<b>\$176.50</b>
		ASBESTOS SAMPLES	ASBESTOS REMOVAL	PUBLIC WORKS	ATTORNEY FEES	LEGAL ADVERTISING	Approved Penalty
		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$164.00	\$0.00	\$12.50	\$0.00
NOTES							
13-334.3	2	Alandrew & Arlene Jones		302 19th St. South	Public Works	N/A	<b>\$176.50</b>
		ASBESTOS SAMPLES	ASBESTOS REMOVAL	PUBLIC WORKS	ATTORNEY FEES	LEGAL ADVERTISING	Approved Penalty
		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$164.00	\$0.00	\$12.50	\$0.00
NOTES							
13-340.3	5	Tonya Quinn		809 14th St. North	Public Works	N/A	<b>\$131.50</b>
		ASBESTOS SAMPLES	ASBESTOS REMOVAL	PUBLIC WORKS	ATTORNEY FEES	LEGAL ADVERTISING	Approved Penalty
		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$119.00	\$0.00	\$12.50	\$0.00
NOTES							
13-393.4	1	Kenneth Pate		701 22nd St. South	Public Works	N/A	<b>\$131.50</b>
		ASBESTOS SAMPLES	ASBESTOS REMOVAL	PUBLIC WORKS	ATTORNEY FEES	LEGAL ADVERTISING	Approved Penalty
		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$119.00	\$0.00	\$12.50	\$0.00
NOTES							
13-419.4	5	Annie/Laura Richardson		1601 8th Avenue North	Public Works	N/A	<b>\$131.50</b>
		ASBESTOS SAMPLES	ASBESTOS REMOVAL	PUBLIC WORKS	ATTORNEY FEES	LEGAL ADVERTISING	Approved Penalty
		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$119.00	\$0.00	\$12.50	\$0.00
NOTES							

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CASE NO	WARD	OWNER NAME	C/O NAME	SITE ADDRESS	LOT CLEANED BY	BUILDING DEMOLISHED BY	TOTAL CLEANING COST w/Penalty
14-033.1	5	G Johnson Enterprises, LLC		1611 7th Ave. North	Public Works	N/A	<b>\$176.50</b>
		ASBESTOS SAMPLES	ASBESTOS REMOVAL	PUBLIC WORKS	ATTORNEY FEES	LEGAL ADVERTISING	Approved Penalty
		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$164.00	\$0.00	\$12.50	\$0.00
NOTES							
14-157.1	2	Hatcher Invest. Prop, LLC		2015 Bell Avenue	Public Works	N/A	<b>\$131.50</b>
		ASBESTOS SAMPLES	ASBESTOS REMOVAL	PUBLIC WORKS	ATTORNEY FEES	LEGAL ADVERTISING	Approved Penalty
		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$119.00	\$0.00	\$12.50	\$0.00
NOTES							
14-193.2	1	Earnest Davis, III		1500(block) 5th Ave. South	Public Works	N/A	<b>\$176.50</b>
		ASBESTOS SAMPLES	ASBESTOS REMOVAL	PUBLIC WORKS	ATTORNEY FEES	LEGAL ADVERTISING	Approved Penalty
		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$164.00	\$0.00	\$12.50	\$0.00
NOTES							
14-210.2	5	Anita Monts		7th Ave. North	Public Works	N/A	<b>\$176.50</b>
		ASBESTOS SAMPLES	ASBESTOS REMOVAL	PUBLIC WORKS	ATTORNEY FEES	LEGAL ADVERTISING	Approved Penalty
		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$164.00	\$0.00	\$12.50	\$0.00
NOTES							
14-453.1	1	Olivia Buck		1308 10th Ave. South	Public Works	N/A	<b>\$176.50</b>
		ASBESTOS SAMPLES	ASBESTOS REMOVAL	PUBLIC WORKS	ATTORNEY FEES	LEGAL ADVERTISING	Approved Penalty
		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$164.00	\$0.00	\$12.50	\$0.00
NOTES							
14-284.2	3	Realco, LLC		Sylvan Rd.	Public Works	N/A	<b>\$176.50</b>
		ASBESTOS SAMPLES	ASBESTOS REMOVAL	PUBLIC WORKS	ATTORNEY FEES	LEGAL ADVERTISING	Approved Penalty
		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$164.00	\$0.00	\$12.50	\$0.00
NOTES							

**B. Discuss/Approve Resolution accepting the issuance of State obligation funds, pursuant to Senate Bill 2906 of the 2015 Mississippi Regular Legislative Session, to provide for the “2015 City of Columbus – Columbus Air Force Base Improvements.”**

Council Member Taylor made a motion to approve the Resolution accepting the issuance of State obligation funds, pursuant to Senate Bill 2906 of the 2015 Mississippi Regular Legislative Session, to provide for the “2015 City of Columbus – Columbus Air Force Base Improvements.” Council Member Gavin seconded the motion, and after careful deliberation of the same, the Mayor Called for a vote on the motion and then recorded the votes as follows:

Council Member Taylor voted:	<u>YES</u>
Council Member Mickens voted:	<u>YES</u>
Council Member Box voted:	<u>YES</u>
Council Member Turner voted:	<u>YES</u>
Council Member Karriem voted:	<u>YES</u>
Council Member Gavin voted:	<u>YES</u>

The Mayor thereby announced that the motion carried, having the unanimous vote of the City Council.

**THE RESOLUTION FOLLOWS:**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THE NECESSITY FOR THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus has undertaken a project to plan, design, construct and develop walking tracks, walking trails, bicycle paths and trails, hunting ranges, firing ranges and other recreational properties and facilities for the purpose of providing and improving available quality of life activities located on and/or near Columbus Air Force Base; and,

WHEREAS, with the anticipated completion date in \_\_\_\_\_ 20XX, the City of Columbus is in need of funds to assist in the payment of the costs incurred for constructing and developing walking tracks, walking trails, bicycle paths and trails, hunting ranges, firing ranges and other recreational properties and facilities for the purpose of providing and improving available quality of life activities locate on and/or near Columbus Air Force Base in the city; and,

WHEREAS, during the regular session of the 2015 Legislature, Senate Bill 2906 was approved and Sent to the Governor; and,

WHEREAS, within Senate Bill 2906, which authorizes the issuance of State General Obligation Funds, there is a provision to authorize the issuance of Two Million, Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$2,250,000.00) in State General Obligation Bonds to provide funds

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to assist the City of Columbus, Mississippi in paying costs associated with planning, designing, constructing and developing walking tracks, walking trails, bicycle paths and trails, hunting ranges, firing ranges and other recreational properties and facilities for the purpose of providing and improving available quality of life activities located on and/or near Columbus Air Force Base; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus, Mississippi has determined that it is now necessary to request that these bonds be issued and the proceeds thereof be distributed to the City of Columbus, Mississippi.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI that pursuant to Senate Bill 2906 of the 2015 Mississippi Regular Legislative Session, the Department of Finance and Administration adopt a resolution to be presented to the State Bond Commission declaring the necessity for the issuance of Two Million, Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$2,250,000.00) in General Obligation Bonds for the City of Columbus to plan, design, construct and develop walking tracks, walking trails, bicycle paths and trails, hunting ranges, firing ranges and other recreational properties and facilities for the purpose of providing and improving available quality of life activities locate on and/or near Columbus Air Force Base during the fall issue of bonds; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the purpose of these bonds is to assist the City of Columbus in the payment for the costs incurred to plan, design, construct and develop walking tracks, walking trails, bicycle paths and trails, hunting ranges, firing ranges and other recreational properties and facilities for the purpose of providing and improving available quality of life activities locate on and/or near Columbus Air Force Base; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor of the City of Columbus, Mississippi is hereby authorized to represent the City in all dealings with the Department of Finance and Administration and/or the State Bond Commission and to assist in the issuance of these bonds in any manner which is required.

The above and foregoing resolution was first read aloud and thereafter, Council Member **TAYLOR** moved for adoption of same. Council Member **GAVIN** seconded the motion. After careful deliberation of the same, the Mayor called for a vote on the motion and then recorded the votes as follows:

	<b>Yes/No</b>
Council Member Taylor voted	<u>YES</u>
Council Member Mickens voted	<u>YES</u>
Council Member Box voted	<u>YES</u>
Council Member Turner voted	<u>YES</u>
Council Member Karriem voted	<u>YES</u>
Council Member Gavin voted	<u>YES</u>

The Mayor thereby announced that the motion carried having the unanimous vote of the City Council.

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SO RESOLVED, this the 2nd day of JUNE, 2015.

City of Columbus, Mississippi

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert E. Smith, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

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Title: Secretary/Treasurer (City Clerk)

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**C. Discuss/Approve applying to the 2015 USDOT TIGER Discretionary Grant Program.**

Christina Berry, City Planner, came forth and apprised the Mayor and Council of The 2015 USDOT TIGER Discretionary Grant program and requested approval to make application for same.

Council Member Gavin made a motion to approve the request to apply for the 2015 USDOT TIGER Discretionary Grant. Council Member Turner seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**D. DELETE**

**E. Discuss/Approve the hiring of a Records Clerk for the Columbus Police Department, contingent on successful completion of the pre-employment medical examination and drug screen.**

Council Member Taylor made a motion to hire Mrs. Doris Bluitt to fill the vacant position of Records Clerk in the Police Department at \$10.40/hour, contingent on successful completion of a pre-employment medical examination and drug Screen. Council Member Box seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**F. Discuss/Approve advertisement of the FY 2015 AIP Project: Obstruction Removal.**

Kevin Stafford with Neel-Schaffer, came forward and requested approval to advertise for the FY2015 AIP Project: Obstruction Removal Grant. FAA will pay 90%, MDOT will pay 5% and the City and Lowndes County will be responsible for 2.5% each.

Council Member Gavin made a motion to approve the request to advertise for the FY2015 AIP Project: Obstruction Removal Grant. Council Member Karriem seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**G. Discuss/Approve Phase II Road Improvements.**

Kevin Stafford provided a list of city streets to be paved in Phase II Road

Improvements and requested approval from the Council.

Council Member Karriem made a motion to approve the list of city streets to be paved in Phase II of road improvements. Council Member Taylor seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**H. Discuss request to allow consumption of beer in Sim Scott Park for the 2015 Juneteenth Festival on Friday, June 19 and Saturday, June 20, 2015.**

Cindy Lawrence came forward and requested that the Council approve consumption of beer in Sim Scott Park for the 2015 Juneteenth Festival on Friday, June 19, 2015 and Saturday June 20, 2015.

Council Member Karriem made a motion to allow consumption of alcohol in Sim Scott Park during the 2015 Juneteenth Festival on Friday, June 19, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. and on Saturday, June 20, 2015 from 5:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Council Member Taylor then seconded the motion.

The Council then engaged in a lengthy discussion. Council Member Gavin stated that he had always supported beer for such events, but he was concerned with it in view of the comments made by citizens at several crime-prevention town hall meetings; Council Member Box remarked that he consistently votes against the sale and consumption of beer in parks but that he was inclined toward approving it in this case because of the history of allowing it and no reported spike in criminal activity. Council Member Mickens remarked that he does not support the sale of beer, or alcoholic beverages in any parks and argued that the Council denied the request to sell beer in the parks at the last meeting and that if it cannot be sold it should not be allowed to consume it. Council Member Mickens stated that he wanted the minutes to reflect that he is opposed to drinking of beer or alcoholic beverages in any neighborhood parks and that neighborhood parks are different from festivals held in streets or Riverside Park, which are not designed for youth athletics.

Council Member Karriem offered an amendment to the original motion to include a provision in the motion that the Council apply the same level of scrutiny for future events as are being applied to the Juneteenth Festival.

Mayor Smith remarked that the amendment is out of order unless Council Member Karriem wished to rescind his original motion and then to restate it with the proposed amended language and Council Member Taylor wished to rescind his second. Council Member Karriem did not wish to rescind his motion.

Council Member Mickens made a motion to end debate and called for the question. Council Member Gavin seconded the motion.

Council Members Mickens, Karriem, and Gavin voted in favor of the motion.

Council Members Taylor, Box, and Taylor opposed the motion.

Mayor Smith voted in favor of the motion to call for the question.

The motion carried. The Mayor then announced that debate on the motion was suspended and called for a vote on the motion.

**ORIGINAL MOTION:**

Council Members Taylor, Karriem, and Gavin voted in favor of the motion.  
Council Members Mickens, Box, and Turner opposed the motion.

Mayor Smith voted in favor of the original motion, stated he was only voting in favor if the beer would be only carried in plastic cups or styrofoam cups. Ms. Lawrence stated that was the case and the Mayor then voted in favor.

The motion carried.

Council Member Turner made a motion to approve for the Police Department sending two (2) officers on Friday, June 19, 2015, 5:00 p.m. until close, two (2) officers Saturday, June 20, 2015, 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., and six (6) officers Saturday afternoon, 5:00 p.m. until close. Council Member Taylor seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**I. Conduct Hearing on Overgrown Lots and Dilapidated Houses.**

**NATASHA AND WADE WILSON  
502 – 23<sup>rd</sup> Street South  
Case Number 15-042 Structure**

The General Counsel called cause number **15-042**. No one appeared. Code Enforcement Officer Tomarris Jones remarked that the property owner requested a **45-day extension** to remediate the property and stated that he concurs with the request and recommends entering an Order under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code, finding that this property is in such a state of uncleanness as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community. This Order should give the owner seven (7) days on remediation of vegetation and forty-five (45) days to remediate the exterior property and provide for such re-entry as the Statute allows. Council Member Taylor made a motion to grant the extension in accordance with Section 21-19-11, and for an Order stating the City may remediate the property with respect to cutting grass and weeds and removing rubbish, personal property, and other debris no more than twelve (12) times in a twenty-four (24) month period and remove dilapidated buildings or dilapidated fences up to six (6) more times in the twelve (12) month period immediately following the Order, with further notice to the owner as required by law. Costs are to be assessed as allowed under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code. Council Member Turner seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**KIMBERLY PORTER**  
**1106 – 16<sup>th</sup> Street North**  
**Case Number 15-063 Structure/Debris**

The General Counsel called cause number **15-063**. No one appeared. Code Enforcement Officer Tomarris Jones stated the property was in such a state of uncleanliness as to be a menace to the public under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code and asked the Mayor and Council to adjudicate the property as such and that an Order be entered to such effect, requested **immediate abatement** and that an Order be issued for the property. Council Member Karriem 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 immediately following the Order, with further notice to the owner as required by law. Costs are to be assessed as allowed under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code. Council Member Taylor seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**WILLIAM GREENLAW AND**  
**CRYSTAL HUGHES NICKOLS**  
**2115 – 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue South**  
**Case Number 15-097 Structure/Debris**

The General Counsel called cause number **15-097**. Crystal Hughes Nickols and William Greenlaw came forth. Ms. Nickols previously owned the property and sold it to Mr. Greenlaw. Mr. Greenlaw requested a **45-day extension** to remediate the property and/or securing the property. Code Enforcement Officer Tomarris Jones remarked that he concurs with the request and recommends entering an Order under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code, finding that this property is in such a state of uncleanliness as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community. This Order should give the owner seven (7) days on remediation of vegetation and forty-five (45) days to remediate the exterior property and provide for such re-entry as the Statute allows. Council Member Turner made a motion to grant the extension in accordance with Section 21-19-11, and for an Order stating the City may remediate the property with respect to cutting grass and weeds and removing rubbish, personal property, and other debris no more than twelve (12) times in a twenty-four (24) month period

and remove dilapidated buildings or dilapidated fences up to six (6) more times in the twelve (12) month period immediately following the Order, with further notice to the owner as required by law. Costs are to be assessed as allowed under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code. Council Member Taylor seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**ROBERT ROSS c/o M. ROSS**  
**11<sup>th</sup> Street North**  
**Case Number 15-120 Vegetation**

The General Counsel called cause number **15-120**. No one appeared. Code Enforcement Officer Tomarris Jones stated the property was in such a state of uncleanliness as to be a menace to the public under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code and asked the Mayor and Council to adjudicate the property as such and that an Order be entered to such effect, requested **immediate abatement** and that an Order be issued for the property. Council Member Taylor made a motion in accordance with Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code, and for an Order stating the City may cut grass and weeds and removing rubbish, personal property and other debris no more than twelve (12) times in a twenty-four (24) month period immediately following the Order, with further notice to the owner as required by law. Costs are to be assessed as allowed under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code. Council Member Box seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**SHEILA SANDERS**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Avenue North**  
**Case Number 15-121 Vegetation**

The General Counsel called cause number **15-121**. No one appeared. Code Enforcement Officer Tomarris Jones stated the property was in such a state of uncleanliness as to be a menace to the public under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code and asked the Mayor and Council to adjudicate the property as such and that an Order be entered to such effect, requested **immediate abatement** and that an Order be issued for the property. Council Member Box made a motion in accordance with Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code, and for an Order stating the City may cut grass and weeds and remove rubbish, personal property and other debris no more than twelve (12) times in a twenty-four (24) month period immediately following the Order, with further notice to the owner as required by law. Costs are to be assessed as allowed under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code. Council Member Turner seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**MS STATE OF TAX SALE**  
**2218 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South**  
**Case Number 15-126 Vegetation**

The General Counsel called cause number **15-126**. No one appeared. Code Enforcement Officer Tomarris Jones stated the property was in such a state of uncleanliness as to be a menace to the public under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code and asked the Mayor and Council to adjudicate the property as such and that an Order be entered to such effect, requested **immediate abatement** and that an Order be issued for the property. Council Member Taylor made a motion in accordance with Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code, and for an Order stating the City may cut grass and weeds and remove rubbish, personal property and other debris no more than twelve (12) times in a twenty-four (24) month period immediately following the Order, with further notice to the owner as required by law. Costs are to be assessed as allowed under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code. Council Member Box seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**DAVID AND CARRIE WINDHAM**  
**2408 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South**  
**Case Number 15-127 Vegetation**

The General Counsel called cause number **15-127**. No one appeared. Code Enforcement Officer Tomarris Jones stated the property was in such a state of uncleanliness as to be a menace to the public under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code and asked the Mayor and Council to adjudicate the property as such and that an Order be entered to such effect, requested **immediate abatement** and that an Order be issued for the property. Council Member Taylor made a motion in accordance with Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code, and for an Order stating the City may cut grass and weeds and remove rubbish, personal property and other debris no more than twelve (12) times in a twenty-four (24) month period immediately following the Order, with further notice to the owner as required by law. Costs are to be assessed as allowed under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code. Council Member Gavin seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**JOHNNIE THOMAS, ET AL.**  
**422 – 24<sup>th</sup> Street South**

**Case Number 15-129 Vegetation**

The General Counsel called cause number **15-129**. No one appeared. Code Enforcement Officer Tomarris Jones stated the property has been **remediated** by the owner, and it is his recommendation to enter the proposed Order under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code, finding that this property was in such a state of uncleanliness as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community. This Order should provide for such re-entry as the Statute allows. Council Member Taylor made a motion in accordance with Section 21-19-11, and for an Order stating the City may remediate the property with respect to cutting grass and weeds and removing rubbish, personal property and other debris no more than twelve (12) times in a twenty-four (24) month period immediately following the Order, with further notice to the owner as required by law. Costs are to be assessed as allowed under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code. Council Member Box seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**RUBY LATHAM**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Avenue South**  
**Case Number 15-132 Vegetation**

The General Counsel called cause number **15-132**. No one appeared. Code Enforcement Officer Tomarris Jones stated the property has been **remediated** by the owner, and it is his recommendation to enter the proposed Order under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code, finding that this property was in such a state of uncleanliness as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community. This Order should provide for such re-entry as the Statute allows. Council Member Taylor made a motion in accordance with Section 21-19-11, and for an Order stating the City may remediate the property with respect to cutting grass and weeds and removing rubbish, personal property and other debris no more than twelve (12) times in a twenty-four (24) month period immediately following the Order, with further notice to the owner as required by law. Costs are to be assessed as allowed under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code. Council Member Box seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**RUE, LLC**  
**715 – 16<sup>th</sup> Street North**  
**Case Number 15-152 Vegetation**

The General Counsel called cause number **15-152**. No one appeared. Code Enforcement Officer Tomarris Jones stated the property has been **remediated** by the owner, and it is his recommendation to enter the proposed Order under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code, finding that this property was in such a

state of uncleanliness as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community. This Order should provide for such re-entry as the Statute allows. Council Member Taylor made a motion in accordance with Section 21-19-11, and for an Order stating the City may remediate the property with respect to cutting grass and weeds and removing rubbish, personal property and other debris no more than twelve (12) times in a twenty-four (24) month period immediately following the Order, with further notice to the owner as required by law. Costs are to be assessed as allowed under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code. Council Member Box seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**ROY AND DOROTHY GANDY**  
**702 – 14<sup>th</sup> Street North**  
**Case Number 15-157 Vegetation**

The General Counsel called cause number **15-157** No one appeared. Code Enforcement Officer Tomarris Jones stated the property has been **remediated** by the owner, and it is his recommendation to enter the proposed Order under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code, finding that this property was in such a state of uncleanliness as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community. This Order should provide for such re-entry as the Statute allows. Council Member Taylor made a motion in accordance with Section 21-19-11, and for an Order stating the City may remediate the property with respect to cutting grass and weeds and removing rubbish, personal property and other debris no more than twelve (12) times in a twenty-four (24) month period immediately following the Order, with further notice to the owner as required by law. Costs are to be assessed as allowed under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code. Council Member Box seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**WILLIAM AND MINNIE LANGFORD**  
**1625 – 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue South**  
**Case Number 15-165 Vegetation**

The General Counsel called cause number **15-165**. No one appeared. Code Enforcement Officer Tomarris Jones stated the property has been **remediated** by the owner, and it is his recommendation to enter the proposed Order under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code, finding that this property was in such a state of uncleanliness as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community. This Order should provide for such re-entry as the Statute allows. Council Member Taylor made a motion in accordance with Section 21-19-11, and for an Order stating the City may remediate the property with respect to cutting grass and weeds and removing rubbish, personal property and other debris no

more than twelve (12) times in a twenty-four (24) month period immediately following the Order, with further notice to the owner as required by law. Costs are to be assessed as allowed under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code. Council Member Box seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**ALLIE RUTH SYKES**  
**811 – 18<sup>th</sup> Street North**  
**Case Number 15-243 Debris, Structure**

The General Counsel called cause number **15-243**. No one appeared. Code Enforcement Officer Tomarris Jones stated the property was in such a state of uncleanliness as to be a menace to the public under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code and asked the Mayor and Council to adjudicate the property as such and that an Order be entered to such effect, requested **immediate abatement** and that an Order be issued for the property. Council Member Taylor 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 immediately following the Order, with further notice to the owner as required by law. Costs are to be assessed as allowed under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code. Council Member Gavin seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**ANGELA VERDELL**  
**1702 Washington Avenue**  
**Case Number 15-242 Debris, Rubbish**

The General Counsel called cause number **15-242**. No one appeared. Code Enforcement Officer Tomarris Jones stated the property was in such a state of uncleanliness as to be a menace to the public under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code and asked the Mayor and Council to adjudicate the property as such and that an Order be entered to such effect, requested **immediate abatement** and that an Order be issued for the property. Council Member Turner made a motion in accordance with Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code, and for an Order stating the City may remediate the property by cutting grass and weeds and removing rubbish, personal property and other debris no more than twelve (12) times in a twenty-four (24) month period immediately following the Order, with further notice to the owner as required by law. Costs are to be

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assessed as allowed under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code. Council Member Taylor seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**J. Discuss/Approve purchase of used truck for the Public Works Department.**

Council Member Turner made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2006 Ford 250, super crew pick-up truck for the Public Works Department in the amount of \$12,500.00. Milton Rawle, CFO, remarked that the purchase is not budgeted and the funds will be taken from the General Fund. Council Member Gavin seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Mayor then asked if there was any other business to come before the Mayor and City Council. There being none, Council Member Karriem moved that the meeting be adjourned. Upon second by Council Member Turner and unanimous vote, the Mayor announced that the meeting was ADJOURNED.

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert E. Smith, Sr., Mayor

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Milton Rawle, Jr.,  
CFO- Secretary-Treasurer