

MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS SEPTEMBER 15, 2015

The Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 15, 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 Smith called the meeting to order and called on Council Member Mickens to offer the Invocation.

II. APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE MEETINGS OF AUGUST 18, 2015, SEPTEMBER 1 & 8, 2015.

Council Member Karriem made a motion to approve the Minutes for the Meetings of August 18, 2015, and September 1 & 8, 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 SEPTEMBER 15, 2015:

Council Member Taylor made a motion to approve the Docket of Claims for September 15, 2015 in the amount of \$409,084.62. Council Member Mickens seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

IV. CONFIRMATION OF/OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Council Member Taylor made a motion to approve the Agenda, according to the amendments. Council Member Box seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

V. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approve request for the Mayor, Fire Chief and four (4) Fire and Rescue Personnel to travel to Appleton, WI, for final approval of CFR's new ladder truck at no cost to City.
- B. Approve request for Fire and Rescue Personnel Michael Miller and Josh Boyer to attend the "Advanced Search & Rescue Class" to be held in Meridian, MS, and approve payment of \$75.00 for travel and \$121.00 for meal expenses.
- C. Approve request for Fire and Rescue Administrative Assistant Tabitha Barham to attend the "MS Certified Municipal/Deputy Clerk Program" to be held in Pearl, MS, and approve payment of \$200.00 for registration, \$359.67 for lodging, \$75.00 for travel and \$138.00 for meal expenses.
- D. Accept letter of resignation from Police Officer Christopher S. Barker, effective September 3, 2015.
- E. Approve request for Police Officer Robert Eguire to attend the "PTO Basic Course" to be held in Bluffton, SC, and approve payment of \$695.00 for registration, \$515.00 for lodging, \$200.00 for travel and \$225.00 for meal expenses.
- F. Approve permit request from Eddie Jones representing Street Jumpers MC for an escort from Hwy 45 North (Leigh Mall to fuel up), travel on bypass to Hwy 82 West, then exit onto Hwy 45 North toward West Point, on September 19, 2015 at approximately 4:00 P. M. The purpose of this ride is for a fundraiser.
- G. Approve request for Federal Programs Assistant George Irby to attend the "Mississippi Regional Housing Summit" to be held in Vicksburg, MS, and approve payment of \$35.00 for registration, \$224.00 for lodging and \$72.00 for meal expenses.
- H. Approve Letter of Engagement for City Attorney Jeffrey J. Turnage.
- I. Approve permit request from Shiloh Full Gospel M. B. Church to host a "Church Picnic" to be held on September 26, 2015 from 11:00 A. M. until 7:00 P. M., and to block off 18th Street South (west of the church).
- J. Approve acceptance of drainage easements for City drainage improvements along Union Drive, Matilda Drive, HWY 182, and Airline Road.

Council Member Mickens made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Council Member Taylor 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

Council Member Mickens announced that Airline Road will be closed for construction work for the next several weeks.

B. Swearing in of one (1) Police Officer

Mayor Smith sworn in newly Police Officer Aaron Andrew and read him the Oath of Office.

C. Monthly Report from the Columbus Police Department for August 2015

The Monthly Report from the Columbus Police Department for August 2015 was presented. No action was taken.

D. Monthly Report from the Columbus Fire & Rescue Department for August 2015

The Monthly Report from the Columbus Fire & Rescue Department for August 2015 was presented. No action was taken.

E. Monthly Report from the Municipal Court Division for August 2015

The Monthly Report from the Municipal Court Division for August 2015 was presented. No action was taken.

F. Monthly Report from the Public Works Department for August 2015

The Monthly Report from the Public Works Department for August 2015 was presented. No action was taken.

G. Monthly Report from the City Planning and Community Development Department for August 2015

The Monthly Report from the City Planning and Community Development Department for August 2015 was presented. No action was taken.

H. Monthly Report from the Building Inspection Department for August 2015

The Monthly Report from the Building Inspection Department for August 2015 was presented. No action was taken.

I. Monthly Report from the Code Enforcement Division for August 2015

The Monthly Report from the Code Enforcement Division for August 2015 was presented. No action was taken.

J. Monthly Financial Report

Milton Rawle, CFO, reported that the sales taxes increased by \$61,004.95 compared to the same time last year.

K. Board Vacancies:

David Armstrong, COO, announced vacancies on various boards and remarked that no appointments can be made tonight.

Columbus-Lowndes Recreation Authority

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

Columbus Library Board

- One Vacancy
- L. Nicole Clinkscales' 5-Year Term will expire September 30, 2015.
- Appointment can be made October 6, 2015.

APPLICANT

- L. Nicole Clinkscales

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

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

Council Member Karriem made a motion to adjudicate property previously heard by Council and for which remediation has been completed. Council Member Gavin seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

THE ADJUDICATION FOLLOWS ON THE NEXT PAGE:

REPORT OF LOT CLEANING ACTIVITY
Cases Previously Heard by Council for Which Remediation Has Been Completed

TOTAL COST BILLED TO OWNERS THIS REPORT							\$1,382.50
CASE NO	WARD	OWNER NAME	C/O NAME	SITE ADDRESS	LOT CLEANED BY	BUILDING DEMOLISHED BY	TOTAL CLEANING COST w/Penalty
13-229.4	2	Wilbert Anthony Clementin, Jr		2017 College Street	Public Works	N/A	\$164.00
		ASBESTOS SAMPLES	ASBESTOS REMOVAL	PUBLIC WORKS	ATTORNEY FEES	LEGAL ADVERTISING	Approved Penalty
		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$164.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NOTES							
13-261.5	1	Hatcher Invest. Prop. LLC		1305 4th Street South	Public Works	N/A	\$119.00
		ASBESTOS SAMPLES	ASBESTOS REMOVAL	PUBLIC WORKS	ATTORNEY FEES	LEGAL ADVERTISING	Approved Penalty
		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$119.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NOTES							
13-283.4	5	Cross Regional Funding		1423 6th Ave. N	Public Works	N/A	\$119.00
		ASBESTOS SAMPLES	ASBESTOS REMOVAL	PUBLIC WORKS	ATTORNEY FEES	LEGAL ADVERTISING	Approved Penalty
		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$119.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NOTES							
13-325.5		Roy and Emma Watson		615 15th Street South	Public Works	N/A	\$176.50
		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							
13-340.4	5	Tonya Quinn		809 14th Street North	Public Works	N/A	\$119.00
		ASBESTOS SAMPLES	ASBESTOS REMOVAL	PUBLIC WORKS	ATTORNEY FEES	LEGAL ADVERTISING	Approved Penalty
		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$119.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NOTES							
14-049.2	5	Dismuke Development		1319 9th Ave. North	Public Works	N/A	\$119.00
		ASBESTOS SAMPLES	ASBESTOS REMOVAL	PUBLIC WORKS	ATTORNEY FEES	LEGAL ADVERTISING	Approved Penalty
		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$119.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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VIII. A.

REPORT OF LOT CLEANING ACTIVITY
 Cases Previously Heard by Council for Which Remediation Has Been Completed

CASE NO	WARD	OWNER NAME	C/O NAME	SITE ADDRESS	LOT CLEANED BY	BUILDING DEMOLISHED BY	TOTAL CLEANING COST w/Penalty
14-095.2	4	Ada/John Valentine		2004 13th Ave. North	Public Works	N/A	\$164.00
		ASBESTOS SAMPLES	ASBESTOS REMOVAL	PUBLIC WORKS	ATTORNEY FEES	LEGAL ADVERTISING	Approved Penalty
		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$164.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NOTES							
14-193.3	1	Earnest Davis, III		1500(block) 5th Ave. South	Public Works	N/A	\$119.00
		ASBESTOS SAMPLES	ASBESTOS REMOVAL	PUBLIC WORKS	ATTORNEY FEES	LEGAL ADVERTISING	Approved Penalty
		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$119.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NOTES							
14-254.2	4	John/Laura Granderson		1309 21st. St. North	Public Works	N/A	\$164.00
		ASBESTOS SAMPLES	ASBESTOS REMOVAL	PUBLIC WORKS	ATTORNEY FEES	LEGAL ADVERTISING	Approved Penalty
		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$164.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NOTES							
14-486.2	2	Justin Jackson		Bell Avenue	Public Works	N/A	\$119.00
		ASBESTOS SAMPLES	ASBESTOS REMOVAL	PUBLIC WORKS	ATTORNEY FEES	LEGAL ADVERTISING	Approved Penalty
		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$119.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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		ASBESTOS SAMPLES	ASBESTOS REMOVAL	PUBLIC WORKS	ATTORNEY FEES	LEGAL ADVERTISING	Approved Penalty
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							\$0.00
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Cases Previously Heard by Council for Which Remediation Has Been Completed

TOTAL COST BILLED TO OWNERS THIS REPORT							\$820.00
CASE NO	WARD	OWNER NAME	C/O NAME	SITE ADDRESS	LOT CLEANED BY	BUILDING DEMOLISHED BY	TOTAL CLEANING COST w/Penalty
13-270.5	2	Ed Thomas		1920 Short Main Street	Public Works	N/A	\$164.00
		ASBESTOS SAMPLES \$0.00	ASBESTOS REMOVAL \$0.00	PUBLIC WORKS \$164.00	ATTORNEY FEES \$0.00	LEGAL ADVERTISING \$0.00	Approved Penalty \$0.00
NOTES							
13-293.6	5	Richard Rucker		1118 18th St. North	Public Works	N/A	\$164.00
		ASBESTOS SAMPLES \$0.00	ASBESTOS REMOVAL \$0.00	PUBLIC WORKS \$164.00	ATTORNEY FEES \$0.00	LEGAL ADVERTISING \$0.00	Approved Penalty \$0.00
NOTES							
14-029.4	1	Southrail Corp		5th Street South	Public Works	N/A	\$164.00
		ASBESTOS SAMPLES \$0.00	ASBESTOS REMOVAL \$0.00	PUBLIC WORKS \$164.00	ATTORNEY FEES \$0.00	LEGAL ADVERTISING \$0.00	Approved Penalty \$0.00
NOTES							
14-280.3	1	Shirley Mays		1100(Block) 13th St. South	Public Works	N/A	\$164.00
		ASBESTOS SAMPLES \$0.00	ASBESTOS REMOVAL \$0.00	PUBLIC WORKS \$164.00	ATTORNEY FEES \$0.00	LEGAL ADVERTISING \$0.00	Approved Penalty \$0.00
NOTES							
14-545.3	5	Olufemi Okunoren		900(Block) Military Rd.	Public Works	N/A	\$164.00
		ASBESTOS SAMPLES \$0.00	ASBESTOS REMOVAL \$0.00	PUBLIC WORKS \$164.00	ATTORNEY FEES \$0.00	LEGAL ADVERTISING \$0.00	Approved Penalty \$0.00
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							\$0.00
		ASBESTOS SAMPLES	ASBESTOS REMOVAL	PUBLIC WORKS	ATTORNEY FEES	LEGAL ADVERTISING	Approved Penalty
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REPORT OF LOT CLEANING ACTIVITY
 Current List of Cases Ready for Invoice Preparation and Lien Filing - New Process

TOTAL COST BILLED TO OWNERS THIS REPORT							\$ 987.81
CASE NO	WARD	OWNER NAME	C/O NAME	SITE ADDRESS	LOT CLEANED BY	BUILDING DEMOLISHED BY	TOTAL CLEANING COST w/Penalty
15-299	5	Lowndes County Voters		6th Ave. North	Public Works		\$ 164.00
TASK MEMO		ASBESTOS SAMPLES	ASBESTOS REMOVAL	PUBLIC WORKS	ATTORNEY FEES	LEGAL ADVERTISING	Approved Penalty
		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 164.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
NOTES							
CASE NO	WARD	OWNER NAME	C/O NAME	SITE ADDRESS	LOT CLEANED BY	BUILDING DEMOLISHED BY	TOTAL CLEANING COST w/Penalty
							\$ -
TASK MEMO		ASBESTOS SAMPLES	ASBESTOS REMOVAL	PUBLIC WORKS	ATTORNEY FEES	LEGAL ADVERTISING	Approved Penalty
NOTES							
CASE NO	WARD	OWNER NAME	C/O NAME	SITE ADDRESS	LOT CLEANED BY	BUILDING DEMOLISHED BY	TOTAL CLEANING COST w/Penalty
							\$ -
TASK MEMO		ASBESTOS SAMPLES	ASBESTOS REMOVAL	PUBLIC WORKS	ATTORNEY FEES	LEGAL ADVERTISING	Approved Penalty
NOTES							
CASE NO	WARD	OWNER NAME	C/O NAME	SITE ADDRESS	LOT CLEANED BY	BUILDING DEMOLISHED BY	TOTAL CLEANING COST w/Penalty
							\$ -
TASK MEMO		ASBESTOS SAMPLES	ASBESTOS REMOVAL	PUBLIC WORKS	ATTORNEY FEES	LEGAL ADVERTISING	Approved Penalty
NOTES							
CASE NO	WARD	OWNER NAME	C/O NAME	SITE ADDRESS	LOT CLEANED BY	BUILDING DEMOLISHED BY	TOTAL CLEANING COST w/Penalty
							\$ -
TASK MEMO		ASBESTOS SAMPLES	ASBESTOS REMOVAL	PUBLIC WORKS	ATTORNEY FEES	LEGAL ADVERTISING	Approved Penalty
NOTES							
CASE NO	WARD	OWNER NAME	C/O NAME	SITE ADDRESS	LOT CLEANED BY	BUILDING DEMOLISHED BY	TOTAL CLEANING COST w/Penalty
							\$ -
TASK MEMO		ASBESTOS SAMPLES	ASBESTOS REMOVAL	PUBLIC WORKS	ATTORNEY FEES	LEGAL ADVERTISING	Approved Penalty
NOTES							

B. Discuss/Approve promotion of one (1) Firefighter to Engineer.

Council Member Taylor made a motion to approve the request to promote Donald Herbert Tedford from Firefighter to Fire Engineer at the increased rate of \$11.77 per hour. Council Member Turner seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

C. Approve 2015-2016 Fiscal Year Budget.

Council Member Box made a motion to approve the 2015 – 2016 Fiscal Year Budget in the amount of \$24,336,750.00 Council Member Taylor seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed 4/2.

D. Discuss/Approve Stop Sign request at 4th Avenue South and 2nd Street South.

Council Member Karriem made a motion to approve the Stop Sign request at 4th Avenue South and 2nd Street South. Council Member Gavin seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

E. Discuss/Approve Firing Range License from the City to the Department of Air Force.

Council Member Box made a motion to approve the Firing Range License from the City to the Department of the Air Force. Council Member Gavin seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion passed.

F. Discuss/Approve hiring of four (4) Police Officers contingent upon completion of a successful drug screen and physical.

Council Member Taylor made a motion to approve the request to hire two certified police officers, Robert McCraw and Wisam Guerriere and two (2) entry level police officer, Eric Potts and Matthew Minga, contingent on

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successful completion of a pre-employment medical exam and drug screen.

G. Consider/Approve hiring of a Municipal Court Judge.

Pat Mitchell, Human Resources Director, reported that a committee was appointed to participate in the application and selection process. The committee conducted interviews and recommends that Gary Street Goodwin be hired at an annual salary of \$23,448.62, including retirement and insurance, contingent on successful completion of the required testing.

Council Member Mickens made a motion to hire Gary Street Goodwin at Municipal Court Judge at an annual salary of \$23,448.62, including retirement and insurance, contingent on successful completion of the required testing. Council Member Taylor seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion, with the exclusion of Council Member Karriem, who opposed.

The motion carried with a 5/1 vote.

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 Gavin and unanimous vote, the Mayor announced that the meeting was ADJOURNED.

Approved by: _____
Robert E. Smith, Sr., Mayor

Milton Rawle, Jr.,
CFO- Secretary-Treasurer