

MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS SEPTEMBER 19, 2017

The Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in the Court Chambers of the Municipal Complex. Mayor Robert E. Smith, Sr. 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 Box to offer the Invocation.

II. APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF AUGUST 9 and SEPTEMBER 5, 2017.

Council Member Mickens made a motion to approve the Minutes for the Meeting of August 9, 2017 and September 5, 2017. 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 19, 2017.

Council Member Taylor made a motion to approve the Docket of Claims in the amount of \$749,511.43. 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 AGENDA:

Change Item "G" to read – *Approve permit request submitted by Rep. Kabir Karriem on behalf of the 7th Avenue Heritage Festival to host the "2017 - 7th Avenue Heritage Festival to be held from 12:00 p.m. on October 6, 2017 until midnight and from 9:00 a.m. to midnight on October 7, 2017.*

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Add Item "N" – *Accept letter of resignation from one (1) CPD Officer, effective September 18, 2017.*

Add Item "O" – *Approve permit request submitted by Scott Ferguson and the United Way of Lowndes County to host "Little Hands – Big Trucks" to be held at the Columbus Soccer Complex on Saturday, September 23, 2017 from 7:00 a.m. until noon. He also asks to approve the request to block off 3rd Street North from 3rd Street North from 3rd Avenue to 6th Avenue North and close access to Champions Loop via Coretta Street.*

Add Item "P" – *Approve address correction for property listed on Condemnation of Blighted Properties List that was approved on September 5, 2017. The address should be 1915 – 5th Avenue North instead of 1915 – 14th Avenue North.*

BOARD VACANCIES:

Add Margaret Ann Evans as an applicant to the Columbus-Lowndes Library Board.

POLICY AGENDA:

Add Item "E" – *Discuss/Approve Consumption of Beer and Light Wine during the 7th Avenue Heritage Festival to be held on October 6 & 7, 2017.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Change Personnel Matter to two (2).

Council Member Taylor made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented, with the above amendments. Council Member Gavin seconded the motion.

Mayor Smith called for discussion, and their being none, the Council voted unanimously in favor of same.

V. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approve request for three (3) Fire and Rescue Firefighters, Billy Cunningham, Tyler Moore, and Justin Martin, to attend the "CPAT" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of \$120.00 for registration, \$291.03 for lodging, \$ 50.00 for travel and reimbursement for meal expenses.
- B. Approve request for Fire and Rescue Firefighter Andrew McDonald to attend "Vehicle Extrication & Rescue Levels I-II" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of \$400.00 for registration, \$50.00 for travel and reimbursement for meal expenses.
- C. Approve request for Fire and Rescue Administrative Assistant Tabitha Barham, to attend an "ESAP Meeting" held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of \$50.00 for travel and reimbursement for reimbursement for meal expenses.
- D. Approve request for Public Works Director, Casey Bush, to attend the "Mississippi Public Works Association Fall Conference" to be held in Biloxi, MS, and approve payment of \$200.00 for registration, \$259.96 for lodging, \$98.97 for travel and reimbursement for meal expenses.

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- E. Approve permit request submitted by Colin Krieger to host the “Burger Bash” as a fundraiser for Columbus Main Street to be held on Saturday, September 23, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. and approve to block off the 500 block of 8th Street North.
- F. Approve permit request submitted by Chief Doran Johnson and Jessica James to host the “Columbus High School Homecoming Parade” to be held on Friday, September 22, 2017 from 4:15 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. Please see the attached route map.
- G. Approve permit request submitted by Rep. Kabir Kareem on behalf of the 7th Avenue Heritage Festival to host the “2017 - 7th Avenue Heritage Festival to be held from 12:00 p.m. on October 6, 2017 until midnight and from 9:00 a.m. to midnight on October 7, 2017.
- H. Approve permit request submitted by Rep. Kabir Kareem on behalf of the 7th Avenue Heritage Festival to host the “2017 - 7th Avenue Heritage Festival Parade to be held from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. on October 6, 2017. The parade will begin at Catfish Alley and end at 7th Avenue North.
- I. Approve permit request submitted by Saum Chiropractic to host a “Trunk or
- II. Treat” to be held on October 28, 2017 at the Columbus Police Department Parking Lot from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
- J. Approve permit request submitted by Lynn Davis on behalf of First United Methodist Church, Annunciation Catholic Church, St. Paul’s Episcopal Church and First Presbyterian Church on Main to host a “Fall Festival Community Block Party” to be held on October 29, 2017 from 4:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. She also asks to approve request to block off streets at St. Paul’s on College Street (S. 3rd Street) ending at the Annunciation Catholic Church’s Activities Building (S. 9th Street), and 6th St. South between First Methodist Church and the Post Office.
- K. Approve request for CID Secretary, Angela Johnson, to attend the “Intermediate and Advanced Courses in Excel” to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of \$590.00 for registration fee, \$160.00 for lodging, \$164.78 for travel and reimbursement for meal expenses.
- L. Approve request for the Mayor to attend the “Blue Cross Blue Shield Healthy Hometown Awards Program Lunch & Learn for Mississippi Mayors” to be held in Tupelo, MS, and approve travel expenses.
- M. Approve request for the Vice-Mayor to attend the “North Mississippi Mayors Association Meeting” to be held in Tupelo, MS, and approve payment for travel expenses.
- N. Accept letter of resignation from CPD Officer, Keith Dowd, effective September 18, 2017.
- O. Approve permit request submitted by Scott Ferguson and the United Way of Lowndes County to host “Little Hands- Big Trucks” to be held at the Columbus

Soccer Complex on Saturday, September 23, 2017 from 7:00 a.m. until noon. He also asks to approve request to block off 3rd St. North from 3rd St. North from 3rd Avenue to 6th Avenue North and close access to Champions Loop via Coretta Street.

- P. Approve address correction for property listed on Condemnation of Blighted Properties List that was approved on September 5, 2017. The address should be 1915 - 15th Avenue North instead of 1915 - 14th Avenue North.

Council Member Taylor made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented Council Member Mickens seconded the motion. Mayor Smith called for discussion, and there being none, the Council voted unanimously in favor of same.

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

A. General Comments from the Mayor and Council Members

There were no comments from the Mayor and Council Members.

B. Monthly Report from the Columbus Fire & Rescue Department for August 2017

The Monthly Report from the Columbus Fire and Rescue Department for August 2017 was presented. No action was taken.

C. Monthly Report from the City Planning and Community Development Department for August 2017

The Monthly Report from the City Planning and Community Development Department for August 2017 was presented. No action was taken.

D. Monthly Report from the Municipal Court Division for August 2017

The Monthly Report from the Municipal Court Division for August 2017 was presented. No action was taken.

E. Monthly Report from the Public Works Department for August 2017

The Monthly Report from the Public Works Department for August 2017 was presented. No action was taken.

F. Monthly Report from the Code Enforcement Division for August 2017

The Monthly Report from the Code Enforcement Division for August 2017 was presented. No action was taken.

G. Monthly Report from the Columbus Police Department for August 2017

The Monthly Report from the Columbus Police Department for August 2017 was

presented. No action was taken.

H. Monthly Report from the Building Inspection Department for August 2017

The Monthly Report from the Building Inspection Department for August 2017 was presented. No action was taken.

I. Monthly Financial Report

Milton Rawle, Jr., CFO, gave the Monthly Financial Report and remarked that Sales Taxes decreased by \$2,003.81, compared to the same time the previous year.

J. Board Vacancies

Columbus-Lowndes Library Board

- 1 Vacancy
- 5-Year Term for Eulalie Hazard Davis will end 9/30/2017.
- Appointment can be made 9/19/2017.

Applicants

- Clyde Hollis
- Margaret Ann Evans

Council Member Taylor made a motion to appoint Clyde Hollis to the Columbus-Lowndes Library Board for a 5-Year Term, until 9/30/2022. Council Member Gavin seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

Golden Triangle Airport Board

- 1 Vacancy due to the passing of Mr. Johnny W. Fisher
- 5-Year Unexpired Term will end 6/20/2022.
- Appointment can be made 10/3/2017.

Applicants

- Steven L. James, Sr.
- Colin Krieger

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

Attorney Mark Jackson – Princess Theater Proposal

Attorney Mark Jackson, Legal Counsel for owner of the Princess Theater, came forward and discussed measures the owner has taken to improve security, and discussed other issues of concern. Council Member Gavin made a motion to table any action regarding the Princess Theater Proposal. Council Member Mickens

seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

A. Discuss/Approve Urban Renewal Bonds (Burns Bottom Project) Resolution.

The Council discussed the Urban Renewal Bonds (Burns Bottom Project) Resolution. Council Member Taylor made a motion to approve the advertising for the Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus, Mississippi Urban Renewal Plan; setting a Public Hearing on such Urban Renewal Plan; authorizing an Urban Renewal Project, and for related purposes. Council Member Jones seconded of the motion. The motion was brought to a voice vote and the results were as follows:

Council Member Gene Taylor voted:	<u>YEA</u>
Council Member Joseph Mickens voted:	<u>YEA</u>
Council Member Charlie Box voted:	<u>YEA</u>
Council Member Fredrick Jackson voted:	<u>YEA</u>
Council Member Stephen Jones voted:	<u>YEA</u>
Council Member Bill Gavin voted:	<u>YEA</u>

The Mayor then announced that the Resolution, having received a majority of the vote, had passed as set forth above.

THE RESOLUTION FOLLOWS:

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The Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus, Mississippi, took up for consideration the matter of the consideration of the City of Columbus, Mississippi Urban Renewal Plan and after discussion of the subject matter, Councilperson TAYLOR offered and moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI TAKING OFFICIAL ACTION TOWARDS THE APPROVAL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI URBAN RENEWAL PLAN; SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON SUCH URBAN RENEWAL PLAN; AUTHORIZING AN URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council (the "Governing Body") of the City of Columbus, Mississippi (the "City"), acting for and on behalf of the City, pursuant to Sections 43-35-1 *et seq.*, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended and supplemented from time to time (the "Urban Renewal Act") has determined that a portion of the City more particularly described in **Exhibit A** hereto is (a) a blighted area and (b) the rehabilitation, conservation, redevelopment or combination thereof of such area or areas is necessary in the public health, safety, morals and welfare of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City has prepared and adopted a 2013 Comprehensive Plan (the "Comprehensive Plan") pursuant to Sections 17-1-1 *et seq.*, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended and supplemented from time to time and the Urban Renewal Act and such Comprehensive Plan having been adopted by the Governing Body on February 5, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus Redevelopment Authority, a public body corporate and politic and the urban renewal agency of the City formed on August 5, 2015, (the "Issuer") plans to issue its taxable urban renewal revenue bonds (the "Bonds") to finance the Urban Renewal Project (as defined in **Exhibit B** attached hereto), create a debt service reserve fund, if necessary, and pay the costs of issuance of the Bonds, which Urban Renewal Project will be located on a site within the urban renewal area, as described in **Exhibit A** hereto (the "Project Site"); and

WHEREAS, the Issuer will be the initial owner and developer of the Urban Renewal Project; and

WHEREAS, the Issuer will issue the Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$3,200,000 to provide funds for the Urban Renewal Project; and

WHEREAS the Project Site is designated as an "urban renewal area" as defined in the Urban Renewal Act; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to adopt the Urban Renewal Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Renewal Project is in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and laws of the State of Mississippi, including the Urban Renewal Act; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Renewal Project is in the best interest of the citizens of the City; and

WHEREAS, there are no other available funds on hand or otherwise available from regular sources to finance the Urban Renewal Project; and

WHEREAS, as required by the Urban Renewal Act, the Governing Body will hold a public hearing on the proposed approval of the Urban Renewal Plan and the Urban Renewal Project; and

WHEREAS, after holding the public hearing on the proposed Urban Renewal Plan and the Urban Renewal Project, the City will be authorized to approve the Urban Renewal Plan and Urban Renewal Project; and

WHEREAS, the City plans to enter into a Contribution Agreement (as defined in **Exhibit B** attached hereto) with the Issuer pursuant to Sections 43-35-15 and 43-35-27 of the Urban Renewal Act in connection with the Bonds; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. All facts set forth in the preamble to this resolution are hereby adjudicated to be true and correct.

Section 2. The Governing Body hereby acknowledges receipt of the proposed Urban Renewal Plan, a copy of which is attached as **Exhibit B** and incorporated fully herein by reference.

Section 3. That real property described in **Exhibit A** hereto is hereby determined to be blighted in that the predominance of defective and inadequate street layout and faulty layout in relation to size, adequacy, accessibility, and usefulness of such property, and its economic disuse substantially impairs the sound growth of the City; such property as described in **Exhibit A** is therefore designated as an "urban renewal area" as defined in the Urban Renewal Act and appropriate for an Urban Renewal Project.

Section 4. That the Secretary-Treasurer of the City is hereby directed to immediately submit a true and correct copy of this resolution and the proposed Urban Renewal Plan to the City of Columbus Planning Commission for review and recommendations as to conformity with the Comprehensive Plan of the development of the City as a whole, and further to direct that said Planning Commission recommendations and findings be submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer for presentation to the Governing Body of the City within thirty (30) days after receipt of the Urban Renewal Plan as required by Section 43-35-13 of the Urban Renewal Act.

Section 5. That the Secretary-Treasurer of the City is hereby directed to publish the notice attached as **Exhibit C** in *The Commercial Dispatch* prior to the public hearing date on November 7, 2017.

Section 6. If any one or more of the provisions of this resolution shall, for any reason, be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any of the other provisions of this resolution and this resolution shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provision had not been contained herein.

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Following the reading of the foregoing resolution, Council Member **JONES** seconded the motion. After discussion, the matter was put to a roll call vote. The result was as follows:

Councilman Gene Taylor voted:	<u>YEA</u>
Councilman Joseph W. Mickens, Sr. voted:	<u>YEA</u>
Councilman Charlie Box voted:	<u>YEA</u>
Councilman Fred Jackson voted:	<u>YEA</u>
Councilman Stephen Jones voted:	<u>YEA</u>
Councilman Bill Gavin voted:	<u>YEA</u>

The motion having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the City Council present, being a quorum of said City Council, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted this 19th day of September, 2017.

By _____
Robert E. Smith, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

By _____
Milton Rawle, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer

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EXHIBIT "A"
PROJECT SITE DESCRIPTION

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PROJECT SITE DESCRIPTION

A five block area in the City of Columbus, Mississippi with numerous private properties, both residential and commercial, bounded to the north by 7th Avenue North, to the east by 5th Street North, to the South by 2nd Avenue North, and to the west by 3rd Street

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EXHIBIT “B”
PROPOSED URBAN RENEWAL PLAN

**URBAN RENEWAL PLAN
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI
(Burns Bottom Project)
November 2017**

**URBAN RENEWAL PLAN
(BURNS BOTTOM PROJECT)**

I. Existence of Urban Renewal Plan

This Urban Renewal Plan shall constitute an urban renewal plan of the City of Columbus, Mississippi (the “City”), pursuant to Sections 43-35-1 *et seq.*, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended and supplemented from time to time (the “Urban Renewal Act”), and as particularly defined in Section 43-35-13 of the Urban Renewal Act.

II. Designation of Urban Renewal Area

The Mayor and City Council of the City (the “Governing Body”) did by resolution dated November 7, 2017 declare certain property located in the City, as more particularly described in **EXHIBIT I** attached hereto, to be a "blighted area" within the meaning of Section 43-35-3(i) of the Urban Renewal Act and did designate such area as appropriate for an urban renewal project. The property described in **EXHIBIT I** shall constitute the "Urban Renewal Area" for purposes of this Urban Renewal Plan.

III. The Urban Renewal Project

A. The Urban Renewal Project shall be developed for residential and nonresidential use through land acquisition, public road and public infrastructure improvements, (the “Improvements”) to be located on a five block area within the Urban Renewal Area within the City known as Burns Bottom (the “Project Site” and collectively, with the Improvements, the “Urban Renewal Project”).

B. The Governing Body of the City and/or the Columbus Redevelopment Authority, a public body corporate and politic and the urban renewal agency of the City formed on August 5, 2015, (the “Issuer”) may acquire property within the Project Site for residential and non-residential use by requesting proposals for purchase, lease purchase, ground lease and lease-back agreements with developers and property owners within the urban renewal area, and other interested parties, such proposals shall provide for the acquisition, construction, and lease for such purposes.

C. To the extent allowed by law, if necessary to implement this Urban Renewal Project, the Governing Body of the City shall have the right to exercise the rights provided for by Section 43-35-17 of the Act.

IV. Relationship to Local Objective

The Urban Renewal Project shall be accomplished in accordance with the City’s zoning ordinance and building code, unless exceptions are made in accordance with law. The Urban Renewal Project will constitute an appropriate land use. The Urban Renewal Project will provide residential, non-residential, and community facilities for use by the residents of the City,

the acquisition of which is an integral part of and essential to the City's plan for development and will alleviate conditions which retard development within the Urban Renewal Area.

V. Ownership of Urban Renewal Project

The City and/or Issuer may sell, lease or otherwise transfer real property constituting the Urban Renewal Project for residential, non-residential or other uses, or may retain such property for public use.

VI. Financing

(a) Upon approval of the Urban Renewal Plan, the Governing Body authorizes the City pursuant to Sections 43-35-15 and 43-35-27 of the Urban Renewal Act to enter into a Contribution Agreement (the "Contribution Agreement") by and between the City and the Issuer in connection with the issuance of its taxable urban renewal revenue bonds in aggregate amount of not to exceed \$3,200,000 (the "Bonds") to finance the Urban Renewal Project;

(b) Upon approval of the Urban Renewal Plan, the Issuer may proceed with the sale and issuance of its Bonds to finance the Urban Renewal Project, pursuant to Section 43-35-21 of the Urban Renewal Act, and said Bonds shall further be payable from any revenues derived from the grants, contributions and funds to be received by the Issuer from the City pursuant to the Contribution Agreement between the City and the Issuer whereby the City has agreed to provide such reasonable assurances as are necessary to fulfill its obligations under this paragraph to grant and contribute to the Issuer those certain Revenues (as defined in the Contribution Resolution) derived by the City from the following: (i) pledge of monies which shall be appropriated from the General Fund of the City; (ii) such other legally available revenues or collateral, if any, as may be specified by the City; (iii) Revenues and income derived by the City from the operation of the Urban Renewal Project; and (iv) such other collateral, if any, as may be specified in a private placement agreement and as allowed by the Urban Renewal Act.

VII. Ad Valorem Taxes

The Urban Renewal Project shall be fully subject to ad valorem taxation, unless exempted by further action of the Governing Body of the City, or unless otherwise exempt under Mississippi law.

VIII. Conformity to General Plan

The Urban Renewal Plan conforms to the 2013 Comprehensive Plan of the City as a whole.

EXHIBIT "I"
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

PROPERTY SITE DESCRIPTION

A five block area in the City of Columbus, Mississippi with numerous private properties, both residential and commercial, bounded to the north by 7th Avenue North, to the east by 5th Street North, to the South by 2nd Avenue North, and to the west by 3rd Street North.

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EXHIBIT “C”
FORM OF NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED CITY OF COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI URBAN RENEWAL PLAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing, pursuant to Section 43-35-13 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended and supplemented from time to time, will be held by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus, Mississippi (the "Governing Body"), acting for and on behalf of the City of Columbus, Mississippi (the "City"), on the 7th day of November, 2017, at 5:00 o'clock p.m., Mississippi time, at the usual meeting place of the Governing Body located at the City Municipal Building at 1501 Main Street, Columbus, Mississippi, for the purpose of providing a reasonable opportunity for interested individuals to express their views, either orally or in writing, on the approval by the Governing Body, acting for and on behalf of the City, of an urban renewal plan (the "Urban Renewal Plan") of the City in connection with the urban rehabilitation of an area of the City known as Burns Bottom (the "Urban Renewal Project").

Upon approval of the Urban Renewal Plan, the Governing Body may proceed, pursuant to Sections 43-35-15 and 43-35-27 of the Urban Renewal Act, with entering into a Contribution Agreement (the "Contribution Agreement") by and between the City and the Columbus Redevelopment Authority, a public body corporate and politic and the urban renewal agency of the City formed on August 5, 2015 in connection with the issuance of its taxable urban renewal revenue bonds in aggregate amount of not to exceed \$3,200,000 to finance the Urban Renewal Project.

More specific information concerning the Urban Renewal Plan and the Urban Renewal Project is available for inspection at the office of the Secretary-Treasurer of the City at City Hall, Columbus, Mississippi.

The Governing Body, at the above stated time and place, will hear all persons with views in favor of or opposed to the approval of the Urban Renewal Plan and the Urban Renewal Project.

Dated this the 19th day of September, 2017.

CITY OF COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI

By: /s/ Milton Rawle
Secretary-Treasurer

Published: September 28, 2017 in *The Commercial Dispatch*

B. Discuss/Approve City's Health Insurance Renewal and Agents of Record.

Pat Mitchell, Human Resources Director and Benefits Administrator, requested The City's Insurance Committee recommendation for the City to continue its relationship with Agents of Records, Tim Cox and Russell Brown, dba Cox Consulting Services, Inc. and renew health insurance with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Mississippi, Dental insurance with Delta Dental Services, and Life Insurance and voluntary products with SunLife Insurance Company. Council Member Box made a motion to approve the above-mentioned request. Council Member Mickens seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

C. Discuss/Approve Derelict Property Docket.

**ROBERT HATCHER
1014 – 13TH STREET SOUTH
CASE NUMBER: 17-0029 Rubbish/Garbage**

The General Counsel called cause number **17-0029**. 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 Jones seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**JAMES B AND EDNA B. WRIGHT
1913 – North Robertson Street
CASE NUMBER: 17-0255 Vegetation**

The General Counsel called cause number **17-0255**. 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 Mickens seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

D. Discuss/Approve Recommendations from the September 11, 2017 Planning Commission Meeting.

-Permitted Use Request P/U 17-13

PASTOR RANDY RANDLE
On Behalf of Community Outreach Ministry
922 – 17th Street North

The Planning Commission recommends approval a request to allow a Child Care and Youth Program.

Council Member Taylor 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 a Child Care and Youth Program as a Permitted Use be approved. Council Member Gavin seconded the motion. The Mayor asked if anyone in the audience objected to the permitted use application. No one answered. 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.

-Permitted Use Request P/U 17-14

MARY M. PANNELL
554 Wilkins-Wise Road

The Planning Commission recommends approval a request to allow one (1) Apartment on second-level of a C-3 (Highway Commercial) Zoned property.

Council Member Gavin 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 a one (1) apartment on second-level of a C-3 (Highway Commercial) Zoned property as a Permitted Use be approved. Council Member Taylor seconded the motion. The Mayor asked if anyone in the audience objected to the permitted use application. No one answered. 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.

City of Columbus, Mississippi, Zoning Ordinance – on-line Amendment of Adopted Chart of Uses Permitted

The Planning Commission recommended that the new and adopted *Chart of Uses Permitted* be codified on the City's website, as an amendment to the City of Columbus Zoning Ordinance.

Council Member Taylor made a motion to accept the Planning Commission's Recommendation that the new and adopted *Chart of Uses Permitted* be codified on the City's website, as an amendment to the City of Columbus Zoning Ordinance. Council Member Gavin seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

City of Columbus, Mississippi, Zoning Ordinance – on-line Amendment of Expanded List of Definitions

The Planning Commission recommended that the Amendment of the Expanded List of Definitions be codified on the City's website, as an amendment to the City of Columbus Zoning Ordinance.

Council Member Taylor made a motion to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation that the Amendment of the Expanded List of Definitions be codified on the City's website, as an amendment to the City of Columbus Zoning Ordinance. Council Member Box seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

- E. Discuss/Approve Consumption of Beer and Light Wine during the 7th Avenue Heritage Festival to be held on October 6-7, 2017.**

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Council Member Jones made a motion to approve consumption of Beer and Light Wine during the 7th Avenue Heritage Festival, to be held October 6 – 7, 2017. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried with a 4/2 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 Taylor moved that the meeting be adjourned. Upon second by Council Member Jackson and unanimous vote, the Mayor announced that the meeting was ADJOURNED.

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

Milton Rawle, Jr.,
CFO- Secretary-Treasurer

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