

MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS JUNE 5, 2018

The Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in the Court Chambers of the Municipal Complex. Vice-Mayor Bill Gavin, presided over the meeting, and all Council Members were present. Mayor Smith was absent. Also present were the COO, CFO, General Counsel, Police Chief and the Human Resources Director.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

Vice-Mayor Gavin called the meeting to order and called upon Council Member Box to offer the Invocation.

II. APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE MEETINGS OF MAY 15 & 24, 2018.

Council Member Jackson made a motion to approve the Minutes for the Meetings of May 15 & 24, 2018. Council Member Box seconded the motion.

All Council Members seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

III. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS FOR JUNE 5, 2018.

Council Member Taylor made a motion to approve the Docket of Claims for June 5, 2018 in the amount of \$832,664.68. Council Member Jackson 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:

Add Item "J" – *Accept letter of resignation from one (1) Garage Diesel Mechanic, effective June 15, 2018, and authorize the HR Director to begin the normal recruitment process.*

REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

Add Elizabeth "Liz" Terry as an applicant to the Convention & Visitors Bureau.

POLICY AGENDA:

Add Item "H1" – *Consider/Approve Brownfield Reimbursement Agreement.*

Add Item "K" – *Discuss/Approve request to promote a Garage Lead Mechanic to the vacant position of Garage Assistant, and approve request to promote an employee to fill the vacant position of Diesel Mechanic.*

Council Member Box made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented with the above amendments. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion. The Vice-Mayor called for discussion, and there being none, all Council Members voted in favor of same with a unanimous vote.

The motion carried.

V. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approve request to refund Alicia Brooks the sum of \$1,250.00 for cancellation of Trotter Convention Center rental.
- B. Approve request for Fire and Rescue Personnel: Corey Haynes, Deonate Jethroe, and Dakota Chancery to attend "NREMT Exam" to be held in Tuscaloosa, AL, and approve payment of \$240.00 for registration, \$50.00 for travel and reimbursement for meal expenses.
- C. Ratify request for six (6) Fire and Rescue Personnel: Chief Martin Andrews, Mike Gibson, Tommy Massey, Scott Swain, Anthony Colom and Mike Chandler to attend the "Firefighter 1001-I-II Graduation" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of \$75.00 for travel and reimbursement for meal expenses.
- D. Approve request for Fire and Rescue Captain, Chip Kain, to attend the "Active Attack Integrated Response Course (AAIR)-Operator Class" to be held in Pearl, MS, and approve payment of \$75.00 for travel and reimbursement for meal expenses.
- E. Approve request for Fire and Rescue Engineer, Josh Boyer, to attend "Fire Officer 1021-I-II" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of \$615.00 for registration, lodging, \$75.00 for travel and reimbursement for meal expenses.
- F. Approve request for the Fire and Rescue Engineer, Marco Rodriguez, to attend the "TF3 Hazmat OPS Refresher" to be held in Gulfport, MS, and approve payment of \$93.00 for lodging, \$75.00 for travel and reimbursement for meal expenses.
- G. Ratify permit request submitted by T. J. Tate to host a "Family Gathering" that was held at St. James United Methodist Church on May 26, 2018 from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p. m. Please see attached map.
- H. Accept letter of resignation from CPD Traffic Control Officer, Bernice Turner, effective May 30, 2018.
- I. Approve request for CPD Director of Training to attend "Accreditation Training" to be held in Biloxi, MS, and approve payment of \$218.00 for lodging, \$279.91 for travel and reimbursement for meal expenses.

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- J. Accept letter of resignation from one (1) Garage Diesel Mechanic, effective June 15, 2018, and authorize the HR Director to begin the normal recruitment process.

Council Member Mickens made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with the above amendments. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. The Vice-Mayor called for discussion, and there being none, all Council Members voted in favor of same with a unanimous vote.

The motion carried.

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. Swearing in of one (1) Fire and Rescue Personnel

- Baron McKee

Vice-Mayor Bill Gavin swore in Fire and Rescue Personnel Baron McKee as he recited the Oath of Office. The Fire Department Command Staff were also present.

C. Recognition of Columbus Recreation Department Supporters

- Will Arnett
- Shandricka Gunter

Greg Lewis, Recreation Department Director, and Chanda Williams, came forward and presented plaques to Will Arnett for dedicated service to the success of the Parks and Shandricka Gunter for volunteering services that aid in the success of the Parks.

D. Board Vacancies

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

City Utilities Commission

- 1 Vacancy, 5-Year Term
- Tiffany Sturdivant Turner's term will expire 6/30/2018.
- Appointment will be made June 19, 2018.

Applicants

- Jabari O. Edwards, Sr.
- Jerome Edwards

Columbus Housing Authority

- 1 Vacancy, 5-Year Term
- Greg Lewis' term will expire 7/13/2018.
- Appointment will be made July 3, 2018.

Applicants

- Greg Lewis
- Donna Hankee

Convention & Visitors Bureau

- 1 Vacancy, 3-Year Term
- Restaurant Owner or Employee Nominee
- Elizabeth "Liz" Terry's term will expire 7/7/2018.
- Appointment will be made July 3, 2018.
- No applicants at this time

Civil Service Commission

- 1 Vacancy, 4-Year Term
- Rita Felton's term will expire 8/5/2018.
- Appointment will be made July 31, 2018.

Applicant

- Rita Felton

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

- A. Discuss/Approve to hire one (1) Entry Level Firefighter, contingent upon successful completion of a pre-employment medical exam and drug screen.**

Council Member Jackson made a motion to approve the hire of **Brady S. Holcomb** as an Entry-Level Firefighter, contingent on successful completion of a pre-employment medical exam and drug screen. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

- B. Discuss/Approve to fill one (1) Laborer position and one (1) Crew Leader position in the Public Works Department, contingent upon successful completion of a pre-employment medical exam and drug screen.**

Council Member Taylor made a motion to hire Jonathan S. Moore as a Laborer at \$10.30 per hour and Ollie Lee Jr. as a Crew Leader at \$10.80 per hour, contingent on successful completion of a pre-employment medical exam and drug screen.

- C. Discuss/Approve Seasonal Contract Labor for Columbus Recreation Department.**

Council Member Box made a motion to approve the hiring of Seasonal Contract Laborers for the Columbus Recreation Department. Council Member Taylor seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

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

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

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

THE ADJUDICATED LIST FOLLOWS:

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E. Discuss/Approve request to hire two (2) CPD Officers, contingent upon a successful pre-employment medical exam and drug screen.

Council Member Jackson made a motion to hire Nathaniel A. Brauer and Hakeem D. Mays as Entry-Level Police Officers, contingent on successful completion of a pre-employment medical exam and drug screen. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

F. Discuss/Approve request to hire a Traffic Controller, contingent upon a successful pre-employment medical exam and drug screen.

Council Member Taylor made a motion to hire Sylvia Bradford as Traffic Controller, contingent on successful completion of a pre-employment medical exam and drug screen. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

G. Discuss/Approve request to rehire a CPD Reserve Officer, contingent upon a successful pre-employment medical exam and drug screen.

Council Member Taylor made a motion to rehire Tony Hunt as a CPD Reserve Police Officer, contingent on successful completion of a pre-employment medical exam and drug screen. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

H. Consider/Approve resolution establishing a redevelopment project area pursuant to the Mississippi Brownfields Voluntary Cleanup and Redevelopment Act and the Mississippi Economic Redevelopment Act to be known as the "S. D. Lee High School Redevelopment Project."

Council Member Taylor made a motion to approve the Resolution establishing a redevelopment project area pursuant to the Mississippi Brownfields Voluntary Clean-up and Redevelopment Act and the Mississippi Economic Redevelopment Act to be known as the "S. D. Lee High School Redevelopment Project." Council Member Jones seconded the motion and after a thorough discussion and careful deliberation, was brought to a vote as follows:

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COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR	voted:	<u>YES</u>
COUNCIL MEMBER MICKENS	voted:	<u>YES</u>
COUNCIL MEMBER BOX	voted:	<u>YES</u>
COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON	voted:	<u>YES</u>
COUNCIL MEMBER JONES	voted:	<u>YES</u>
COUNCIL MEMBER GAVIN	voted:	<u>ACTING AS MAYOR</u>

Having received a majority vote, the Mayor declared that the Resolution passed as set forth above and was so Resolved and Ordered by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus, Mississippi on this the 5th Day of June, 2018.

THE RESOLUTION FOLLOWS:

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H1. Consider/Approve Brownfield Reimbursement Agreement

Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the Brownfield Reimbursement Agreement. Council Member Taylor seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

THE AGREEMENT FOLLOWS:

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I Discuss/Approve presentation of MDOT's Main Street Improvement Study Recommendations.

Kevin Stafford, with Neel-Schaffer, Inc. came before the Vice-Mayor and City Council and updated them of MDOT's Main Street Improvement Study Recommendations. Mr. Stafford provided a power presentation to the Council and extended them the opportunity to ask questions. No action was taken.

J. Discuss/Approve Derelict Property Docket.

**ANNIE L. AND CALVIN T. BOMER
23rd Street South
Case Number 18-0070 Vegetation**

The General Counsel called cause number **18-0070**. 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 Jones 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 Jackson seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**TYRONE A. and JENNIFER E. PORTER
74 Stokes Road
Case Number 17-0100 Vegetation**

The General Counsel called cause number **18-0100**. 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.

TONYA THOMPSON-QUINN
819 – 14th Street North
Case Number 18-0016 Structure

The General Counsel called cause number **18-0016**. 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) Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

MS STATE OF TAX SALE
11th Street North
Case Number 18-0026 Vegetation

The General Counsel called cause number **18-0026**. 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 Jones seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

HIGHWAY 69 SOUTH
Columbus Memorial Park
c/o Green Lawn Cemetery
Case Number 18-0088 Vegetation

The General Counsel called cause number **18-0088**. 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 Jones seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

MS STATE OF TAX SALE
302 – 19th Street North
Case Number 18-0089 Vegetation

The General Counsel called cause number **18-0089**. 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 Jones seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

MS STATE OF TAX SALE
925 – 16th Street North
Case Number 18-0048 Vegetation

The General Counsel called cause number **18-0048**. No one appeared. Code Enforcement Officer Tomarris Jones stated the property was in such a state of uncleanness as to be a menace to the public under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code and asked the Mayor and Council to adjudicate the property as such and that an Order be entered to such effect, requested **immediate abatement** and that an Order be issued for the property. 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 Jones seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

ESTATE OF ANNIE LOU HOPKINS
16TH Street North
Case Number 18-0099 Vegetation

The General Counsel called cause number **18-0099**. No one appeared. Code Enforcement Officer Tomarris Jones stated the property was in such a state of uncleanness as to be a menace to the public under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code and asked the Mayor and Council to adjudicate the property as such and that an Order be entered to such effect, requested **immediate abatement** and that an Order be issued for the property. 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 Jones seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**DAVID AND CARRIE M. WINDHAM
C/O CARRIE N. HOWARD
2408 – 3rd Avenue South
Case Number 18-0071 Vegetation**

The General Counsel called cause number **18-0071**. 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 Jones seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**JOHNIE THOMAS, et al
422 – 24th Street South
Case Number 18-0073 Vegetation**

The General Counsel called cause number **18-0073**. 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 Jones seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

K. Discuss/Approve request to promote a Garage Lead Mechanic to the vacant position of Garage Assistant, and approve request to promote an employee to fill the vacant position of Diesel Mechanic.

Council Member Taylor made a motion to approve the request to promote Willie Langford to the position of Garage Assistant at \$20.15 per hour, promote Clinton Wright to the position of Garage Lead Mechanic at \$17.30 per hour, and authorize the Human Resources Director to begin the normal recruitment process to fill the vacant position of Shop Mechanic. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Vice-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 Mickens 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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