

C. Discuss/Approve Request to Remove Properties from BEP Program

George Irby, Interim Planner and Director of Community Development, came before the Mayor and Council and requested approval to remove properties from the Blight Elimination Program because the current owners are no longer interested in the program. The properties are listed below:

- 1907 Bell Avenue
- 503 – 11th Street South
- 1019 – 5th Avenue North

Council Member Jones made a motion to remove the properties listed below from the Blight Elimination Program because the current owner are no longer interested in the program. Council Member Gavin seconded the motion.

- 1907 Bell Avenue
- 503 – 11th Street South
- 1019 – 5th Avenue North

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

D. Discuss/Approve Condemnation of Properties and Addition of Properties to BEP Program.

George Irby then requested approval to condemn dilapidated properties that are a violation of the Property Management Code and add them to the 2017 Blight Elimination Program. The properties are listed below:

- 911 Shady Street
- 923 – 9th Street South
- 612 – 15th Street South

Council Member Jones made a motion to condemn dilapidated properties that are a violation of the Property Management Code and add them to the 2017 Blight Elimination Program. The properties are listed below:

- 911 Shady Street
- 923 – 9th Street South
- 612 – 15th Street South

Council Member Gavin Seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

E. **Discuss/Approve recommendations from the June 10, 2019 Planning Commission Meeting.**

Permitted Use Request P/U 19-08

**Vibrant Church
500 Holly Hills Road**

The Planning Commission recommends approval of request for allow a Child Care Enterprise

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 Enterprise be approved as a Permitted Use. Council Member Mickens 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 19-09

**On Behalf of Cassandra Watford
1920 – 14th Avenue North**

The Planning Commission recommends approval of request for allow a Portable Concession, with time limit of one (1) year.

Council Member Jones 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 Portable Concession, with time limit of one (1) year be approved as a Permitted Use. 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.

F. Discuss/Approve Derelict Property Docket.

**DORIAN WYLLIE
2316 College Street
Case Number 19-0115 Vegetation**

The General Counsel called cause number **19-0115**. 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 Taylor seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**CHAD A. AND CARLENE R. YOST
1425 – 2nd Avenue North
Case Number 19-0120 Vegetation**

The General Counsel called cause number **19-0120**. 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 Taylor seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

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**413 PROPERTIES LLC
1708 – 6th Avenue North
Case Number 19-0118 Vegetation**

The General Counsel called cause number **19-0118**. 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 Taylor seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**SYLVIA AND HILDA FOX
College Street
Case Number 19-0103 Vegetation**

The General Counsel called cause number **19-0103**. 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 Taylor seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

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JOHN T. THOMPSON
4th Avenue North
Case Number 19-0154 Vegetation

The General Counsel called cause number **19-0154**. 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 Taylor seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

DENNIS R. TEDFORD
2021 College Street
Case Number 19-0130 Vegetation

The General Counsel called cause number **19-0130**. 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.

CROSS REGIONAL FUNDING LP
133 Maple Street
Case Number 19-0135 Vegetation

The General Counsel called cause number **19-013**. 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.

ALEXIS EARL BLUNT
219 – 20th Street North
Case Number 19-0140 Vegetation

The General Counsel called cause number **19-0140**. 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.

HATCHER INVES. PROPERTIES LLC
1521 – 4th Avenue North
Case Number 19-0128 Vegetation

The General Counsel called cause number **19-0128**. 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.

RVFM 7 LLC
1725 – 18th Street North
Case Number 19-0084 Vegetation

The General Counsel called cause number **19-0084**. 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.

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The motion carried.

ED THOMAS

1920 Short Main

Case Number 19-0101 Vegetation

The General Counsel called cause number **19-0101**. 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.

KATHY HANSON

5th Avenue North

Case Number 19-0171 Vegetation

The General Counsel called cause number **19-0171**. 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.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE MOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA TO THE POLICY AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION:

- F. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue Engineer to attend the “Patriot South Planning Meeting” to be held in Gulfport, MS, and approve payment for travel and meal expenses. Expenses will be reimbursed by the Office of Homeland Security.**

Chief Andrews remarked that this trip is reimbursable by the Office of Homeland Security. Council member Jones made a motion to approve the request for Fire and Rescue Engineer, Chris Carter, to attend the “Patriot South Planning Meeting” to be held in Gulfport, MS, and approve payment of \$150.00 for travel and reimbursement for meal expenses. Council Member Taylor seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

- G. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue Engineer to attend “Mass Casualty Training event” to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment for travel and meal expenses.**

Chief Andrews remarked that participation in this event is necessary if we Want To continue receiving grants. Council Member Taylor made a motion to approve the request for one (1) Fire and Rescue Engineer to attend “Mass Casualty Training event” to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of \$150.00 for travel and reimbursement for meal expenses. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

- H. Approve request for payment of Peer Assessor Team Leader to travel to Atlanta, GA for re-accreditation purposes. Approve payment of mileage, hotel and per diem.**

Chief Andrews was questioned about this request and responded that it is necessary to remain accredited. This trip was originally planned in California, but we knew we could not participate due to cost. Therefore, we requested a closer site. Council Member Taylor made a motion to approve the request to pay for Peer Assessor Team Leader to travel to Atlanta, GA for re-accreditation purposes and approve payment of \$109.04 for mileage, \$812.00 for lodging, and \$480.00 for per diem. Council member Jones seconded the motion.

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All Council members voted in favor of the motion, with the exception of Council Member Gavin, who opposed.

The motion carried 5/1.

- I. **Approve request for Mayor Smith, Fire Chief Andrews, Assistant Fire Chief Hughes, Accreditation Manager Lewis and Chief of Training Chandler to travel to Atlanta, GA for re-accreditation purposes and approve payment of \$3,450.00 for registration, \$4,060.00 for lodging, \$200.00 for travel and \$1,650.00 for meals.**

Chief Andrews was questioned about the number of personnel attending the Peer Assessment and responded by saying each Fire and Rescue personnel must meet with different Peer Assessors based on his area of expertise. Following a lengthy discussion of the matter, Council Member Jones made a motion to table this matter until the next Council Meeting. Council Member Mickens seconded the motion.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Council Member Taylor made a motion to approve the request for Mayor Smith and Fire and Rescue personnel to travel to Atlanta, GA for re-Accreditation purposes and approve payment of cost for registration, lodging, Travel and meals. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion.

Council Members Taylor, Box, and Jackson voted in favor of the motion. Council Members Mickens, Jones and Gavin opposed the motion causing a 3 – 3 (Tie vote).

Mayor Smith voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There were no Executive Session matters to come before the Mayor and Council.

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ADJOURNMENT:

The Mayor then asked if there was any other business to come before the Mayor and City Council. There being none, Council Member Jones 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

**Deliah T. Vaughn
CFO/Secretary-Treasurer**

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