

**MEETING OF  
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS  
AUGUST 20, 2019**

The Mayor and City Council met in Regular Meeting on Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the Court Chambers of the Municipal Complex. Mayor Robert E. Smith, Sr. presided over the meeting, The Ward 1 Council seat is vacant due to the passing of Councilman Gene Taylor. The Ward 4 Council seat is vacant pending a special election, following the resignation of Fredrick Jackson. Also present were the COO, CFO, General Counsel, Police Chief, and all other Department Heads.

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION**

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order and called upon Miss Lauren Short, senior at Heritage Academy, to offer the Invocation.

**II. APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE MEETINGS OF AUGUST 6 & 14, 2019.**

Council Member Gavin made a motion to approve the Minutes for the Meetings of August 6 & 14, 2019. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**III. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS FOR AUGUST 20, 2019.**

Council Member Mickens made a motion to approve the Docket of Claims for August 20, 2019 in the amount of \$1,068,703.84. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Change Item "E" to read – *Accept letter of resignation from two (2) CPD Officers, effective August 25, 2019.*

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Add Item "I" – *Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue Firefighter to attend the "Cajun Coast Search and Rescue Training" to be held in Hattiesburg, MS, and approve payment for meal expenses.*

**POLICY AGENDA:**

Add Item "J" – *Discuss (JEFF TURNAGE)*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Change Personnel Matters from two (2) to three (3).

Add Acquisition of Real Property.

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

**V. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Accept letter of retirement from Fire and Rescue Fire Marshal, effective August 22, 2019, and approve compensation for vacation leave and request to purchase his service weapon for the price of \$10.00.
- B. Approve request for Fire and Rescue Firefighter, Thomas Stone, to attend "CPAT" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of \$40.00 for registration, \$96.00 for lodging, and \$25.00 for travel and reimbursement for meal expenses.
- C. Accept letter of resignation from Tomarris Jones, Code Enforcement Officer, effective August 29, 2019, approve request for compensation of unused vacation leave and authorize the Human Resources Director to begin the normal recruitment process.
- D. Approve request for the Court Administrator, Wendy Blunt, to attend the "Municipal Court Clerks Conference" to be held in Biloxi, MS, at no cost to the City.
- E. Accept letters of resignation from two (2) CPD Officers: Rachel McCord and Devin M. Strong, effective August 25, 2019.
- F. Approve permit request submitted by Colin Kreiger, to host a "Taste of Columbus" to be held on September 22, 2019, from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m., blocking Second Avenue North between 4<sup>th</sup> Street North and 5<sup>th</sup> Street North. See attached map.

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- G. Approve permit submitted by John R. Peters, Jr., on behalf of Captain Stacey Deans Benefit Committee to host the “Captain Stacey Deans Benefit 5K” to be held on August 24, 2019 from 7:30 a.m. until 9:00 a.m., starting on Main Street in front of the Tennessee Williams Home. See attached map.
- H. Approve request for the Code Enforcement Administrative Assistant to attend the “Keep America Beautiful Affiliate Training” to be held in Greenville, MS, and approve payment of \$164.14 for travel and reimbursement for meals expenses.
- I. Approve request for a Fire and Rescue Firefighter to attend the “Cajun Coast Search and Rescue Training” to be held in Hattiesburg, MS, and approve payment for meal expenses.

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

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

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

Mayor Smith came forward, presented a Cost-Savings Update and showed a Power Point Presentation. This report shows Benefits Cost Savings that have occurred since March 5, 2019 to include: not replacing employees that resigned and retired; and a reduction in travel and changes made to the City’s Health Insurance Plan. Tim Cox and Russell Brown, the City’s Insurance Agents, discussed the Insurance changes and reported the savings and annualized the proposed savings. Mayor Smith reported on the cost of the Baptist Medical Group Clinic and remarked that the City is paying for 472 participants, but is averaging only 85 visits per month. Council Member Box made a motion to end the Agreement between the City of Columbus and Baptist Medical Group and issue a sixty-day (60-day) notice. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**B. Presentation of Commendation to JTB Furniture MFG Company for the Generous donation of seventy (70) wardrobes and seventy-two (72) 3-drawer chests.**

Fire Chief Martin Andrews and Assistant Fire Chief Duane Hughes thanked Mr. Roe Berry and JTB Furniture MFG Company for the Generous donation of seventy (70) wardrobes and seventy-two (72) 3-drawer chests and presented a plaque to Jerry Brauer on behalf of the City of Columbus and the Fire & Rescue

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Department.

**C. Monthly Report from the Columbus Fire and Rescue Department for July 2019**

The Monthly Report from the Columbus Fire and Rescue Department for July 2019 was presented. No action was taken.

**D. Monthly Report from the Columbus Municipal Court Division for July 2019**

The Monthly Report from the Columbus Municipal Court Division for July 2019 was presented. No action was taken.

**E. Monthly Report from the Public Works Department for July 2019**

The Monthly Report from the Public Works Department for July 2019 was presented. No action was taken.

**F. Monthly Report from the City Planning and Community Development Department for July 2019**

The Monthly Report from the City Planning and Community Development Department for July 2019 was presented. No action was taken.

**G. Monthly Report from the Columbus Recreation Department for July 2019**

The Monthly Report from the Columbus Recreation Department for July 2019 was presented. No action was taken.

**H. Monthly Report from the Code Enforcement Department for July 2019**

The Monthly Report from the Code Enforcement Department for July 2019 was presented. No action was taken.

**I. Monthly Report from the Columbus Police Department for July 2019**

The Monthly Report from the Columbus Police Department for July 2019 was presented. No action was taken.

**J. Monthly Report from the Building Inspection Department for June 2019**

The Monthly Report from the Building Inspection Department for June 2019 was presented. No action was taken.

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**K. Monthly Financial Report**

Deliah Vaughn, CFO, distributed the Monthly Financial Report and remarked that currently, the City has a combined total of \$6,979,358.72 in the General Fund, Special Revenue total of \$2,880,624.63, and the sales taxes increased by \$5,166.53, compared to the same time last year.

**N. Board Vacancies:**

David Armstrong announced Board Vacancies and remarked that no appointments will be made tonight.

**REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD**

- 1 Vacancy, Mark Castleberry's 5-Year Term Expires 9/01/19. Appointment can be made 9/03/2019.
- No applicants at this time.

**COLUMBUS-LOWNDES LIBRARY BOARD**

- 1 Vacancy, Ralph Carter's 5-Year Term Expires 9/30/19.
- Appointment can be made 10/1/2019.
- No applicants at this time.

**CITY PLANNING COMMISSION**

- 3 Vacancies, 4-Year Terms for Larry Fuller, Chuck Bigelow and MacArthur Inge, Expire 10/04/19.
- Appointment can be made 10/1/19.

**APPLICANT**

- **Chuck Bigelow**

**VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA:**

**GEORGE LOWE – RE: Public Art Initiative**

George Lowe came before the Mayor and Council requesting approval to temporarily use City property located at 2212 Bell Avenue to create/display a mural to be painted by local artist Anastacia Doughty. By doing so, this will provide a platform for young artists to display their works and create visual imagery that enhances the aesthetic experience within the city and the character and nature of the site. Council Member Gavin made a motion to grant the request. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

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The motion carried.

**MIKE DAVIS: RE – ROAST – N – BOAST**

Mike Davis and Amber Watson, event planner for the Marriott Hotel, came forward to request financial support from the City to support Roast-N-Boast, which will be held October 4, 2019. The event will bring in tourists from all around and will boost the economy. Council Member Gavin remarked that the City is cutting back and cannot support financially. *(Council Members Jones contributed \$250.00. Council Member Mickens and Mayor Smith matched the contribution).*

**VIII. POLICY AGENDA:**

**A. Discuss/Approve City’s Health Insurance Renewal for FY 2019-2020**

Council Member Box made a motion to renew the City’s Health Insurance for FY 2019 – 2020, as well as approve Tim Cox and Russell Brown as Insurance Agents of Record. Council Member Mickens seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**The Renewal terms follows:**

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**Rate Sheet  
City of Columbus  
Effective October 1, 2019**

<u>Monthly Rates</u>	<u>Single</u>	<u>EE + Spouse</u>	<u>EE + Children</u>	<u>Family</u>
ENROLLED	137	23	64	43
BCBSMS MEDICAL	\$482.14	\$918.52	\$817.76	\$1,358.41
DELTA DENTAL	\$22.18	\$65.40	\$65.40	\$65.40
<u>SUN LIFE BASE LIFE</u>	<u>\$9.90</u>	<u>\$9.90</u>	<u>\$9.90</u>	<u>\$9.90</u>
TOTAL	\$514.22	\$993.82	\$893.06	\$1,433.71
<b>EMPLOYEE PAYS</b>	<b>\$28.70</b>	<b>\$246.22</b>	<b>\$136.92</b>	<b>\$316.56</b>
CITY PAYS	\$485.52	\$747.60	\$756.14	\$1,117.15

SUN LIFE VOLUNTARY PRODUCTS: (rates are given in your personalized Sun Life booklets)

- Sun Life Vision
- Sun Life Voluntary Life
- Sun Life Short-term Disability
- Sun Life Accident
- Sun Life Cancer: Level 1 or Level 2

**October 1, 2019 COBRA Monthly Rates**

(2% Cobra Admin Fee included)

<u>Monthly Rates</u>	<u>Single</u>	<u>EE + Spouse</u>	<u>EE + Children</u>	<u>Family</u>
BCBSMS MEDICAL	\$491.78	\$936.89	\$834.12	\$1,385.58
DELTA DENTAL	\$22.62	\$66.71	\$66.71	\$66.71
SUN LIFE VISION	\$8.74	\$17.48	\$19.23	\$27.97

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**B. Discuss/Approve \$15,000 payment to the 2019 Townsend Park – Southside Heritage Festival**

Council Member Mickens moved to ratify the expenditure of \$15,000 from 001-004-703 (Advertising City Resources) and find that said amount is a legitimate expense that will advertise and bring into favorable notice the opportunities, possibilities and resources of the City of Columbus. Council Member Gavin seconded the motion.

All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**C. Discuss/Approve Renewal of HVAC Mechanical Service Agreement and Maintenance Contract for City Hall**

Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the Renewal of HVAC Mechanical Service Agreement and Maintenance Contract for City Hall with Brislin, Inc. for (1) one year, October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020. Council Member Gavin seconded the motion.

All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

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

Deliah Vaughn, CFO, came before the Mayor and Council and requested approval of adjudicated property. Council Member Jones 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 ADJUDICATED LIST FOLLOWS:**

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**E. Discuss FEMA Update Submission**

Joe Dillon, City's PIO, reported on the storm clean-up efforts and gave a FEMA Update. Looks Great will come back next week to pick up debris. The City will Draw \$200,000 to reimburse the City for Payroll and Equipment cost, which is \$184,262.56. The City also submitted a letter of intent to purchase twenty (20) storm shelters at \$1,200.00 each to be placed at each Fire Station. Council Member Gavin made a motion to draw \$200,000.00 to reimburse the City for Payroll and Equipment cost.

All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**F. Discuss/Approve hiring one (1) Animal Control Officer, contingent on successfully completion of a pre-employment medical exam and drug screen.**

Council Member Jones made a motion to hire **Donald J. Grey**, as a full-time Animal Control Officer, contingent on successful of a pre-employment medical exam and drug screen. Council Member Box seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**G. Discuss/Approve permission request from Colin Krieger to have craft beer available for attendees to sample during the "Taste of Columbus" on September 22, 2019.**

Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the request from Colin Krieger to have craft beer available for attendees to sample during the "Taste of Columbus" on September 22, 2019 during Zachary's Grand Opening. Council Member Gavin seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**H. Discuss/Approve Recommendations from the August 12, 2019 Planning Commission meeting.**

**Permitted Use Request P/U 19-11**

**On Behalf of Edward Kidd  
The Haven's Nest, LLC  
2407 Highway 45 North**

The Planning Commission recommends approval of request to allow Portable Concessions for seafood sales.

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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 Portable Concessions for seafood sales for the period of one (1) year, 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.

**I. Discuss/Approve Derelict Property Docket**

**SJC 1 LLC  
1807 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South  
CASE NUMBER: 19-0188 VEGETATION**

The General Counsel called cause number **19-0188**. 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 Gavin seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**ELEANOR CROUSE  
308 Taylor Street  
CASE NUMBER 19-0234 VEGETATION**

The General Counsel called cause number **19-0234**. 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

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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 Gavin seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**REGINALD WILLIS  
4<sup>th</sup> Avenue North  
CASE NUMBER 19-0236                      VEGETATION**

The General Counsel called cause number **19-0236**. 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 Gavin seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**KENNETH COLLINS  
915 – 9<sup>th</sup> Street South  
Case Number 19-0195    Vegetation**

The General Counsel called cause number **19-0195**. 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 Jones 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

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dilapidated fences up to six (6) more times in the twelve (12) month period immediately following the Order and cutting grass and weeds and removing rubbish, personal property and other debris no more than twelve (12) times in a twenty-four (24) month period immediately following the Order, with further notice to the owner as required by law. Costs are to be assessed as allowed under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code. Council Member Gavin seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**BOYD W./RUTHIE LEWIS  
805 – 21<sup>st</sup> Street North  
CASE NUMBER 19-0209                      VEGETATION**

The General Counsel called cause number **19-0209**. 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 Jones made a motion in accordance with Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code, and for an Order stating the City may remove dilapidated buildings or dilapidated fences up to six (6) more times in the twelve (12) month period immediately following the Order and cutting grass and weeds and removing rubbish, personal property and other debris no more than twelve (12) times in a twenty-four (24) month period immediately following the Order, with further notice to the owner as required by law. Costs are to be assessed as allowed under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code. Council Member Gavin seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**SHELIA HOOD  
811 – 21<sup>st</sup> Street North  
CASE NUMBER 19-0213                      VEGETATION**

The General Counsel called cause number **19-0213**. 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 Jones made a motion in accordance with Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi

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Code, and for an Order stating the City may remove dilapidated buildings or dilapidated fences up to six (6) more times in the twelve (12) month period immediately following the Order and cutting grass and weeds and removing rubbish, personal property and other debris no more than twelve (12) times in a twenty-four (24) month period immediately following the Order, with further notice to the owner as required by law. Costs are to be assessed as allowed under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code. Council Member Gavin seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**JACKIE/ROBBIE GREEN  
2102 – 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue North  
CASE NUMBER 19-0239      STRUCTURE**

The General Counsel called cause number **19-0239**. 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 Jones 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 Gavin seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**ETHEL COLISTER  
4<sup>th</sup> Avenue North  
CASE NUMBER 19-0238      VEGETATION**

The General Counsel called cause number **19-0238**. 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 Jones 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

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

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**ETHEL COLISTER  
5<sup>th</sup> Avenue North  
CASE NUMBER 19-0240 VEGETATION**

The General Counsel called cause number **19-0240**. 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 Jones made a motion in accordance with Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code, and for an Order stating the City may remove dilapidated buildings or dilapidated fences up to six (6) more times in the twelve (12) month period immediately following the Order and cutting grass and weeds and removing rubbish, personal property and other debris no more than twelve (12) times in a twenty-four (24) month period immediately following the Order, with further notice to the owner as required by law. Costs are to be assessed as allowed under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code. Council Member Gavin seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**SJC 1 LLC  
1807 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South  
Case Number 19-0031 Structure, property maintenance code violation  
Protective treatment, Exterior property**

The General Counsel called cause number **19-0031**. 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** on the structure and give the property owner a **45-day extension** on the vegetative portion, and that an Order be issued for the property. Council Member Jones made a motion in accordance with Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code, and for an Order stating the City may remove dilapidated

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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 Box seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**ROBERT R. /FLOYE F. WILLIAMS  
1212 Moss Street  
CASE NUMBER 19-0196 VEGETATION, RUBBISH AND GARBAGE**

The General Counsel called cause number **19-0196**. Steve Beasley appeared and requested a 30-day extension.. 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** on the structure and give the property owner a **30-day extension** on the vegetative portion, and that an Order be issued for the property. Council Member Gavin 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.

**FREDERICK D. WASHINGTON  
Shady Street  
CASE NUMBER 19-0205 EXTERIOR PROPERTY**

The General Counsel called cause number **19-0205**. 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** on the structure and give the property owner a **14-day extension** on the vegetative portion, and that an Order be issued for the property. Council Member Jones 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

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removing rubbish, personal property and other debris no more than twelve (12) times in a twenty-four (24) Council Member Box seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**J. Consider/Approve Resolution authorizing Procurement of written competitive bids for Lease Purchase Financing (LED Lights)**

General Counsel Turnage presented a Resolution Authorizing Procurement of Written Competitive Bids for Lease Purchase Financing (LED Lights) for consideration and approval. There came on for consideration the matter of the City of Columbus, Mississippi passing the proposed Resolution and **Council Member Box** offered and moved that the Resolution mentioned above be adopted by the Mayor and City Council. The FOREGOING RESOLUTION was seconded by **Council Member Jones**, and after deliberation, the Mayor call for the votes recorded the votes to adopt the Resolution as follows:

<u>Council Member:</u>	<u>VOTE:</u>
Ward 1 -Vacant	
Ward 2 -Joseph Mickens, Sr.	<u>YES</u>
Ward 3 -Charlie Box	<u>YES</u>
Ward 4 -Vacant	
Ward 5 -Stephen Jones	<u>YES</u>
Ward 6 -Bill Gavin	<u>YES</u>

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There came on for consideration the matter of the City of Columbus, Mississippi passing the proposed resolution and Council Member BOX offered and moved that the following resolution be adopted by the Mayor and City Council:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROCUREMENT OF WRITTEN  
COMPETITIVE BIDS FOR OF LEASE PURCHASE FINANCING**

WHEREAS, City of Columbus, Mississippi (the "City") is considering entering into the Agreement which would provide for the replacement City-wide of its standard street light bulbs with LED bulbs for an approximate total cost of \$3,298,330.00; and

WHEREAS, the City's current annual bill from the Columbus Light and Water Department (the "CLWD") for service for City-wide street lights is \$515,500 and increasing annually; and

WHEREAS, CLWD has represented that the replacement of standard street light bulbs with LED bulbs will reduce the City's annual costs for such lighting to approximately \$120,000., resulting in a projected annual savings to the City of approximately \$395,500 (the "Savings"); and

WHEREAS, the anticipated maximum annual lease payment (assuming a fifteen year lease and depending upon the rate) is approximately \$286,000.00, and with the anticipated savings in street lighting costs to CLWD, the City will have sufficient funds from the Savings to make the lease payment and still have an additional \$109,000 to deposit to its general fund; and

WHEREAS, lease purchase financing for the purposes described above will not impact the City's bonding capacity and will probably be viewed positively by rating agencies because of the improved cash-flow position resulting therefrom;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we hereby authorize the General Counsel to the City and/or the CFO of the City to solicit and obtain at least two (2) written competitive bids, as defined in the Mississippi Public Purchase law for lease-purchase financing of the work described hereinabove, for financing not to exceed \$3.4M which sum includes costs of securing said financing.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was seconded by Council Member JONES and after deliberation the Mayor called for the votes recorded the votes to adopt the Resolution as follows:

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<u>Council Member</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Ward 1 – Vacant	
Ward 2 – Joseph Mickens	<u>YES</u>
Ward 3 – Charlie Box	<u>YES</u>
Ward 4 – Vacant	
Ward 5 – Stephen Jones	<u>YES</u>
Ward 6 – Bill Gavin	<u>YES</u>

The Mayor then announced that the above and foregoing resolution passed upon a vote of \_\_\_  
4\_ to \_0\_ and thereby announced that the above and foregoing Resolution was: **ADOPTED**, on this  
the 20 day of August, 2019.

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ROBERT E. SMITH, SR., MAYOR

ATTEST:

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DELIAH VAUGHN SECRETARY / TREASURER,  
CFO & CITY CLERK

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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

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Deliah T. Vaughn  
CFO- Secretary-Treasurer