

# MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS March 17, 2020

The Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 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, Assistant Police Chief and the HR Director. Department Heads participated in the meeting via teleconference.

## 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 MEETINGS OF MARCH 3 & 5, 2020

Council Member Gavin made a motion to approve the Minutes for the Meetings of March 3 & 5, 2020. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

## III. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS FOR MARCH 17, 2020.

Council Member Box made a motion to approve the Docket of Claims for March 17, 2020, in the amount of \$805,053.89. Council Member Gavin seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

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

### REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA

#### **DELETE:**

- CPD Presentation
- Commendation to Officer Latessa Fluker

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- Recognition to Citizen Johnathan L. Phinizee

**CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA**

**DELETE:**

- Jay Fisher – Lowndes Community Foundation
- Quincy Harris – Young and Gifted Ballers

**POLICY AGENDA:**

Add Item “L” – *Discuss/Approve Derelict Property Docket.*

Add Item “M” – *Discuss/Approve request for Proclamation and Resolution of State of Emergency.*

Add Item “N” – *Discuss/Approve Emergency Declaration from Governor for Administrative Leave with Pay.*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**DELETE** Executive Session Matter.

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

**V. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Approve request for Fire and Rescue Engineer, Brent Younger, to attend “NFPA 1041-I – II Fire Service Instructor” to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of \$600.00 for registration, \$75.00 for travel and reimbursement for meal expenses.
- B. Approve request for Fire and Rescue Firefighters to attend “NFPA 472: HazMat Tech I” to be held in Amory, MS, and approve payment of \$1,104.00 for reimbursement of meal expenses.
- C. Ratify approval to send Fire and Rescue Personnel: Damon Estes, Andrew McDonald and Baron McKee, to attend “Patriot South 2020 OSAR Training” to be held in Grenada, MS, and approve payment of \$55.00 for travel and reimbursement of meal expenses.

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- D. Approve request for Fire and Rescue Captains Marco Rodriguez and Wes Mims to attend “Swiftwater Refresher and HSART” to be held in Picayune, MS, and approve payment of \$75.00 for travel and reimbursement of meal expenses.
- E. Ratify request for Fire and Rescue Personnel: Chris Carter, Marco Rodriguez, Melvin Junkin and Wes Mims, to attend “Jackson Metro Area Flooding” to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of \$245.09 for travel and reimbursement of meal expenses.
- F. Accept letter of resignation from CPD Traffic Control Officer, Sylvia Bradford, effective March 31, 2020, and authorize the Human Resources Director to begin the normal recruitment process.
- G. Accept letter of resignation from CPD Reserve Officer, Tony Hunt, effective February 28, 2020.
- H. Approve request for CPD Corporal, Tabertha Hardin, to attend Computer Voice Stress Analysis Training, to be held in Biloxi, MS, and approve payment of \$1,295.00 for registration, \$400.00 for lodging and reimbursement for meal expenses.
- I. Approve permit request submitted by Jody Denney and Cameron Herring to host a “Wedding” to be held on April 12, 2020 from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Courtyard on the Southwest corner of Fifth Street South and College Street.
- J. Accept letter of resignation from CPD Police Officers: Michaela Gill, March 5, 2020; Zachary O’Callaghan, March 12, 2020; Kevin D. McCrary, March 16, 2020, and Johnny M. Branch, March 24, 2020 with the request to be compensated for up to 240 hours of accrued vacation leave.

Council Member Gavin made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, with the above amendments. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. The Mayor called for discussion, and there being none, all Council Members 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 invited the Columbus Air Force Base Commander, Col. Samantha Weeks, Retired Chief Master Sergeant, Rita Felton, and 14<sup>th</sup> Medical Group

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Commander, to speak. Col. Weeks began by discussing measures CAFB have taken in an attempt to help reduce the transmission of COVID-19 and remarked that the Air Show that was scheduled for April has been cancelled and all Open Houses have been cancelled. Col. Weeks then asked Mayor Smith what changes have been made by the City's governing body to ensure transparency. A list of measures taken by the City was given to Colonel Weeks. Mayor Smith encouraged Bars and Night Clubs to limit participants to 50 or less and elaborated on other changes that have been implemented. Ms. Rogena Bonner, Director of the Convention Center remarked that scheduled events have been cancelled and requests for refunds have been submitted. General Counsel Turnage asked the CFO to keep records of all refunds for potential reimbursement. Council Member Box made a motion to allow refunds on Convention Center and Recreation Department cancellations due to COVID-19 until further notice. Council Member Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**B. CPD PRESENTATIONS:**

- **Commendation to Officer Latessa Fluker**
- **Recognition of Citizen Johnathan L. Phinizee**

**C. Monthly Report from the Columbus Fire and Rescue Department for February 2020**

The Monthly Report from the Columbus Fire and Rescue Department for February 2020 was presented. No action was taken.

**D. Monthly Report from the Municipal Court Division for February 2020**

The Monthly Report from the Municipal Court Division for February 2020 was presented. No action was taken.

**E. Monthly Report from the Public Works Department for February 2020**

The Monthly Report from the Public Works Department for February 2020 was presented. No action was taken.

**F. Monthly Report from the Planning and Community Development Department for February 2020**

The Monthly Report from the Planning and Community Development Department for February 2020 was presented. No action was taken.

**G. Monthly Report from the Code Enforcement Department for February 2020**

The Monthly Report from the Code Enforcement Department for February 2020 was presented. No action was taken.

**H. Monthly Report from the Columbus Recreation Department for February 2020**

The Monthly Report from the Columbus Recreation Department for February 2020 was presented. No action was taken.

**I. Monthly Report from the Columbus Police Department for February 2020**

The Monthly Report from the Columbus Police Department for February 2020 was presented. No action was taken.

**J. Monthly Report from the Building Inspection Department for February 2020**

The Monthly Report from the Building Inspection Department for February 2020 was presented. No action was taken.

**K. Monthly Financial Report**

Deliah Vaughn, CFO, distributed the Monthly Financial Report and remarked that the City currently has a combined total of \$11,590,149.16 with the General Fund having \$7,812,604.70 and Special Revenue Funds totaling \$3,777,544.46. The General Fund Operating Cash for the month of February was \$3,799,481.68; prior year was \$2,584,553.50, which is a \$1,214,928.14 difference from February 2019. The Sales Tax collections for the month were \$717,384.84, which is a decrease of \$734.62 compared to the same time last year.

**M. Board Vacancies**

David Armstrong, COO, announced a vacancy on the Tree Board and remarked that no appointment will be made tonight.

**TREE BOARD**

- 1 Vacancy, 3-Year Term for Bruce Sansing Expires 4/04/2020.
- Appointment can be made April 7, 2020.
- No applicants at this time.

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**N. Approve Proclamation of Existence of a Local Emergency and Resolution requesting the Governor to Proclaim a State of Emergency.**

Mayor Smith presented a Proclamation of Existence of a Local Emergency whereas the City Council of the City of Columbus does hereby find that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property and property have arisen within said City, caused by Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Council Member Gavin made a motion to approve the Proclamation of Existence of a Local Emergency caused by Coronavirus (COVID-19). Council Member Jones seconded the motion. The vote was recorded as follows:

COUNCIL MEMBER ETHEL STEWART	<u>YES</u>
COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH MICKENS	<u>YES</u>
COUNCIL MEMBER CHARLIE BOX	<u>YES</u>
COUNCIL MEMBER PIERRE BEARD	<u>YES</u>
COUNCIL MEMBER STEPHEN JONES	<u>YES</u>
COUNCIL MEMBER BILL GAVIN	<u>YES</u>

**THE PROCLAMATION FOLLOWS:**

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PROCLAMATION OF EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY  
(by City Council or County Board of Supervisors)

WHEREAS, City of Columbus - the City Council ~~or Board of Supervisors~~  
does hereby find that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen  
within said City / ~~County~~, caused by Coronavirus (COVID-19)  
(Severe storm, tornado, damaging winds, flash flooding, river flooding

~~drought, wildland fire, structural fire, hail, hazardous material incident, epidemic, hurricane, earthquake, other)~~

commencing on or about 3:00 ~~AM~~ / PM on the 16th day of March, 2020;  
and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the  
proclamation of the existence of a local emergency in order to provide for the health and safety of  
the citizens and the protection of their property within the affected jurisdiction;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that in accordance with Section  
33-15-17(d), Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, a local emergency now exists throughout said  
City / ~~County~~; and shall be reviewed every seven (7) days until such local emergency is no longer  
in effect and proclaimed terminated by the City Council / ~~Board of Supervisors~~ of the City /  
~~County~~ of Columbus, State of Mississippi.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that all City / ~~County~~ agencies and  
departments shall render all possible assistance and discharge their emergency responsibilities as set  
forth in the City / ~~County~~ Emergency Operations Plan.

DATE: 3/16/2020

Robert E. Brant  
Mayor / ~~President of Board of Supervisors~~

ATTEST:

~~Clerk of City / Chancery  
Clerk for Board of Supervisors~~

[Signature]  
Councilperson / ~~Supervisor~~

[Signature]  
Councilperson / ~~Supervisor~~

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Councilperson / ~~Supervisor~~

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Councilperson / ~~Supervisor~~

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Columbus  
City / ~~or County~~, State of MS

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Council Member Gavin made a motion to adopt the Resolution requesting the Governor to Proclaim a State of Emergency. Council Member Jones seconded the motion, and after a full and thorough discussion of same, the Mayor Called for votes and recorded the votes on the Motion as follows:

COUNCIL MEMBER ETHEL STEWARD	<u>YES</u>
COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH MICKENS	<u>YES</u>
COUNCIL MEMBER CHARLIE BOX	<u>YES</u>
COUNCIL MEMBER PIERRE BEARD	<u>YES</u>
COUNCIL MEMBER STEPHEN JONES	<u>YES</u>
COUNCIL MEMBER BILL GAVIN	<u>YES</u>

The Mayor announced that the motion carried and that the Resolution was therefore ADOPTED, on this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

**THE RESOLUTION FOLLOWS:**

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RESOLUTION REQUESTING GOVERNOR TO PROCLAIM  
A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020 the ~~Board of Supervisors~~ (City Council)  
of the ~~County~~ of City Columbus found that due to the impact (or imminent threat)  
of Coronavirus (COVID-19) a condition of extreme peril  
(earthquake, flood, hazmat, hurricane, severe storm, other)  
to life and property did exist in Columbus County; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020 in accordance with State Law 33-15-17(d) the  
~~Board of Supervisors~~ City Council declared that an emergency does exist throughout said ~~county~~ city and

WHEREAS, it has now been found that local resources are unable to cope with the  
effects of said emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DECLARED AND ORDERED that a copy of  
this declaration be forwarded to the Governor of Mississippi with the request that he proclaim  
the ~~County~~ (City) of Columbus to be in a State of Emergency; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that Joe Dillon, PSO  
(Person) (Title)  
is thereby designated as the authorized representative of the ~~County~~ (City) of  
Columbus for the purpose of receipt, processing, and coordination of all inquiries  
and requirements necessary to obtain available State and Federal assistance.

DATE: 3/17/2020 [Signature]  
Mayor (Board President)

ATTEST:  
[Signature] Clerk of the Board of Supervisors (or City),  
City of Columbus  
State of Mississippi

[Signature] Council Board Member  
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The Mayor and Council then considered a Resolution Approving Temporary Emergency Administrative Leave with Pay based upon COVID-19 Pandemic. Council Member Gavin made a motion to approve the Resolution. Council Member Jones seconded the motion, and after a full and thorough discussion of same, the Mayor Called for votes and recorded the votes on the Motion as follows:

COUNCIL MEMBER ETHEL STEWARD	<u>YES</u>
COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH MICKENS	<u>YES</u>
COUNCIL MEMBER CHARLIE BOX	<u>YES</u>
COUNCIL MEMBER PIERRE BEARD	<u>YES</u>
COUNCIL MEMBER STEPHEN JONES	<u>YES</u>
COUNCIL MEMBER BILL GAVIN	<u>YES</u>

The Mayor announced that the motion carried and that the Resolution was therefore ADOPTED, on this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

**THE RESOLUTION FOLLOWS:**

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**RESOLUTION APPROVING TEMPORARY EMERGENCY  
ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE WITH PAY BASED UPON COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

**WHEREAS**, on or about March 16, 2020, Governor Reeves issued Executive Order Number 1458 related to the novel coronavirus named COVID-19, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated into this Resolution by reference thereto; and

**WHEREAS**, in said Executive Order, the Governor recognized the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 and the existence of the virus within the State of Mississippi; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus hereby adopt the findings and set forth within said Executive Order, including, but not limited to the finding that a local, State and national emergency exists and that maximum cooperation and concerted efforts should be undertaken to forestall the spread of COVID-19;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus hereby orders, adjudges and resolves that it may grant employees administrative leave with pay for any one or more of the following reasons as determined by the Mayor and Council of the City of Columbus, Mississippi:

- a. The period of time City of Columbus has closed in response to COVID-19;
- b. The period of time the Department Head of the employee has determined the employee's duties are deemed non-essential during any period of time during the State of Emergency;
- c. The period(s) of time that the employee or a member of their immediate household is placed in quarantine or isolation as a result of being diagnosed with COVID-19; and
- d. Other reasons as determined by the Mayor and Council in consultation with a health care professional that are necessary to prevent the risk of possible transmission of COVID-19 within the employee's workplace.

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that all employees of the City are authorized and directed to cooperate in actions and measures taken in response to COVID-19 during the aforesaid State of Emergency.

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The above resolution was moved for adoption by Council Member Box and seconded by Council Member Jones and after a full and thorough discussion of same, the Mayor called for votes and recorded the votes on the Motion as follows:

<u>Council Member</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Taylor-Stewart	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mickens	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Box	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Beard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gavin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The Mayor announced that the motion carried and that the Resolution was therefore ADOPTED, on this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

Robert E. Smith, Sr.  
Robert E. Smith, Sr.

Attest:

William Vaughn  
Municipal Clerk

**VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA:**

**JAY FISHER – LOWNDES COMMUNITY FOUNDATION DELETED**

**QUINCY HARRIS – YOUNG AND GIFTED BALLERS CANCELLED**

**VIII. POLICY AGENDA:**

**A. Discuss FEMA and Good News Columbus**

Joe Dillon, City FEMA Coordinator, came forward and updated the Mayor and Council on the following matters:

The City of Columbus is working with Sparklight/CABLE ONE to make WIFI Access available throughout the Columbus Area to include:

COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SIM SCOTT COMMUNITY CENTER  
TOWNSEND COMMUNITY CENTER  
EAST COLUMBUS GYM  
STOKES BEARD SCHOOL AREA  
SALES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AREA  
FAIRVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AREA  
BRANDON CENTRAL OFFICE  
SANDFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER  
TENNESSEE WILLIAMS' WELCOME CENTER  
COLUMBUS HOUSING AUTHORITY – CHA voted to partner with the City to add all housing facilities.

**B. Discuss/Approve request to hire three (3) applicants to fill vacant Laborer positions in the Public Works Department, contingent on successful completion of a pre-employment medical exam and drug screen.**

Council Member Jones made a motion to hire **DEMONTRELL CUNNINGHAM, KELVIN PAYNE AND TAMARIS J. WHITE** as Laborers at \$10.30 per hours, contingent on successful completion of a pre-employment medical exam and drug screen. Council Member Beard seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

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- C. Discuss/Approve request to fill vacant Truck Driver position in the Public Works Department, contingent on successful completion of a pre-employment medical exam and drug screen.**

Council Member Jones made a motion to hire **LAQUINTIS J. BROOKS** as a Truck Driver at \$10.82 per hour, contingent on successful completion of a pre-employment medical exam and drug screen. Council Member Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

- D. Discuss/Approve request to hire one (1) applicant to fill the vacant position of Parks Grounds Technician, contingent on successful completion of a pre-employment medical exam and drug screen.**

Council Member Jones made a motion to hire **WILLIE M. STEWART** to fill the vacant position of Parks Grounds Technician, contingent on successful completion 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.

- E. Discuss/Approve request to hire one (1) applicant to fill vacant position of Park Maintenance Technician, contingent on successful completion of a pre-employment medical exam and drug screen.**

Council Member Jones made a motion to hire **VINCENT T. DISMUKE** to fill the vacant position of Park Maintenance Technician, at \$11.25 per hour, contingent on successful completion of a pre-employment medical exam and drug screen. Council Member Gavin seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

- F. Discuss/Approve request to hire an Animal Control Officer, contingent on successful completion of a pre-employment medical exam and drug screen.**

Council Member Gavin made a motion to approve the request to hire **KAVIS S. HILL** as Animal Control Officer, contingent on successful completion of a pre-

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employment medical exam and drug screen. Council Member Gavin seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**G. Discuss/Approve All-Way Stop at 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue South at 24<sup>th</sup> Street South.**

Kevin Stafford, City Engineer, remarked that in response to a recent request, he has reviewed the referenced intersection and recommends an All-Way Stop at 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue South at 24<sup>th</sup> Street South due to obstruction by a fence line and vegetation in the southeast quadrant of this intersection, which makes it difficult for westbound traffic to see oncoming northbound traffic. Council Member Gavin made a motion to approve the request to install an All-Way Stop at 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue South at 24<sup>th</sup> Street South. Council Member Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**H. Discuss/Approve Advertisement for Bids for the MDOT TAP Project (Main Street at 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Mini-Roundabout).**

Kevin Stafford reported that the MDOT Tap Project (Main Street at 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Mini-Roundabout) has been approved and the City Can proceed. Money has been obligated for the City, but the City is not obligated to move forward if the Bids come in over budget. Council Member Jones made a motion to advertise for Bids for the MDOT Tap Project (Main Street at 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Mini-Roundabout). Council Member Gavin made a motion to approve the request to advertise for Bids for the MDOT Tap Project (Main Street at 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Mini-Roundabout).

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**I. Discuss/Approve CE & I Contract for MDOT Tap Project**

Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the Order authorizing the Mayor to execute a Construction Engineering and Inspection Contract with Neel-Schaffer, Inc., for the Main Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Pedestrian Improvement Project, Federal Aid Project Number STP-0068-00 (017) LPA.107968-701000,

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in the not-to-exceed amount of \$104,280.06. Neel-Schaffer, Inc. Council Member Box seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**J. Discuss/Approve request to promote Building Permit Technician Clerk to the position of Office Manager and Secretary for the various City Boards.**

Council Member Gavin made a motion to promote **CYNTHIA STEVENS** to the position of Office Manager and Secretary for the various City Boards, effective March 23, 2020, and authorize the Human Resources Director to begin the normal recruitment process to fill the vacated position of Building Permit Technician Clerk. Council Member Beard seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**K. Discuss/Approve Recommendations from the March 9, 2020 Planning Commission meeting.**

**P/C Docket No. 20-02**  
**On Behalf of Stephen S. Holcombe**  
**74 Crescent Drive**  
**Parcel #47W16-00-02000**  
R-1 Single Family Residential District

*The Planning Commission recommends approval of request to rezone the property from R-1 Single Family Residential to R-3 Multi-Family Residential. (Finding of the facts). There has been a significant change in the character of the neighborhood, and a public need.*

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Council Member Mickens 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 approve the request to *rezone the property from R-1 Single Family Residential to R-3 Multi-Family Residential. (Finding of the facts). There has been a significant change in the character of the neighborhood, and a public need.* 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.

**P/C Docket No. 20-03**  
**On Behalf of Stephen S. Holcombe**  
**134 Crescent Drive**  
**Parcel #47W16-00-02100**  
R-1 Single Family Residential District

*The Planning Commission recommends approval of request to rezone the property from R-1 Single Family Residential to R-3 Multi-Family Residential. (Finding of the facts). There was a mistake in the original zoning.*

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 approve the request to *rezone the property from R-1 Single Family Residential to R-3 Multi-Family Residential. (Finding of the facts). There was a mistake in the original zoning.* 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 Docket No. 20-04**  
**On Behalf of Brandon Dozier & Dallas Boutwell**  
**152 S. McCrary Road**  
**Parcel #47W16-00-02100**  
C-3 Single Highway Commercial District

*The Planning Commission recommends approval of request to allow the property to be used for a drug and alcohol rehabilitation living facility.*

Council Member Mickens 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 approve the request to allow the property to be used for a drug and alcohol rehabilitation living facility. Council Member Beard 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.

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

**CHRISTY D. WILSON**  
**703 – 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue North**  
**CASE NUMBER 20-0001**

**Maintenance Code Violation**  
**Abandoned Structure/Building**

The General Counsel called cause number **20-0001**. This property has been adjudicated and approved for immediate abatement. Wade Wilson, father of the property owner, called the Code Enforcement Officer and requested more time. He participated in the meeting via telephone and stated that his contractor was ill and he could not obtain a permit. Code Enforcement Officer Sasha James 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 with no further extensions of time. 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.

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Mayor then asked if there was any other business to come before the Mayor and City Council. There being none, Council Member Beard moved that the meeting be adjourned. Upon second by Council Member Jones 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

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