

# MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS JUNE 6, 2017

The Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, June 6, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. in the Court Chambers of the Municipal Complex. Mayor Robert Smith presided over the meeting. Council Members Taylor, Box, Jones and Gavin were present. Council Members Mickens and Turner were absent. Also present were the COO, CFO, General Counsel, Police Chief, and the Human Resources Director.

## **I. CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION**

Mayor Robert Smith called the meeting to order and called on Council Member Box to offer the Invocation.

## **II. APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF MAY 16, 2017.**

Council Member Taylor made a motion to approve the Minutes for the meeting of May 16, 2017. Council Member Gavin seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

## **III. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS FOR JUNE 6, 2017.**

Council Member Taylor made a motion to approve the Docket of Claims for June 6, 2017, in the amount of \$1,066,870.54. Council Member Box seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

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

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Delete Item "K"

Delete Item "M"

Add Item "R" – *Accept letter of resignation of one (1) Fire and Rescue Engineer, effective June 21, 2107.*

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Add Item "S" – *Approve request to authorize the HR Director to begin the normal recruitment process to fill a Concrete Laborer position for Public Works.*

Add Item "T" – *Approve permit request submitted by Sophia Erby to host a 93<sup>rd</sup> Birthday Celebration to be held on June 10, 2017, from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. and approve request to block off 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue North at 17<sup>th</sup> Street North to 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue North at 17<sup>th</sup> Street North.*

**BOARD VACANCIES:**

**MUNICIPAL ELECTION COMMISSION**

Add Tommy Jackson as an applicant.

**COLUMBUS HOUSING AUTHORITY**

Add Tommy Jackson as an applicant.

**POLICY AGENDA:**

Add Item "K" – *Discuss/Approve All-Way Stop request on 4<sup>th</sup> Street at 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue South.*

Council Member Taylor made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented, with the above amendments. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. The Mayor called for discussion, and there being none, the Council voted unanimously in favor of same.

**V. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Ratify request for City Registrar, Brenda Williams, to travel to Jackson, MS to pick up election ballots, and approve payment of \$165.43 for travel expenses.
- B. Accept letter of resignation from Fire & Rescue personnel, DeAnthony Summerville, effective May 18, 2017.
- C. Approve request for six (6) Fire and Rescue Personnel and Battalion Chief Scott Swain to attend the "Shoring Refresher Training" to be held in Brandon, MS, and approve payment of \$75.00 for travel and reimbursement for meal expenses.
- D. Approve request for Fire and Rescue personnel, Chief Martin Andrews, Asst. Chief Duane Hughes, and Training Chief, Mike Chandler to attend the "CPM Graduation" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of \$50.00 for travel and reimbursement for meal expenses.
- E. Approve request for Fire and Rescue personnel, Andrew McDonald, Jamie Adams, Jacob Fowler, and Ryan Stevenson to attend the "NREMT Exam" to be held in Tupelo, MS, and approve payment of \$50.00 for travel and reimbursement for meal expenses.
- F. Approve request for Fire and Rescue personnel Kirk Gayle to attend "Wildlife Function" to be held in Holly Springs, MS, and approve payment of \$50.00 for travel expenses.

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- G. Approve request for Fire and Rescue Public Education/Relations Officer Anthony Colom to attend "Fire and Life Safety Educator Training" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of \$225.00 for registration, \$50.00 for travel and reimbursement for meal expenses.
- H. Approve request for Fire and Rescue personnel, Lamarcus Phillips and Marco Rodriguez, to attend "Fire Officer 1021-I-II" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of \$1,230.00 for tuition, \$75.00 for travel and reimbursement for meal expenses.
- I. Approve request for Fire and Rescue personnel, Taylor Mitchell to attend "Hazardous Materials Technician-II" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of \$50.00 for travel and reimbursement for meal expenses.
- J. Approve request for Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "Fire Inspector 1031-I" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment for registration, \$50.00 for travel and reimbursement for meal expenses.
- K. DELETE
- L. Accept letter of retirement from Public Works Truck Driver, Willie Jones, effective June 15, 2017, and compensate him for 240 hours of accrued vacation.
- M. DELETE
- N. Approve request for CPD Officer Kevin McCrary to attend the "Voice Stress Recertification Class" to be held in Nashville, TN, and approve payment of \$395.00 for registration, \$625.00 for lodging, travel and reimbursement for meal expenses.
- O. Approve request for CPD Officer Kevin McCrary to attend the "Defensive Tactics Instructor Training" to be held in Biloxi, MS, and approve payment of \$870.00 for registration, \$500.00 for lodging, travel and reimbursement for meal expenses.
- P. Approve permit request submitted by Michael Ellis to host a "Parade, Car Show, Children's Activities and Entertainment" to be held on Friday, July 2, 2017 from 4:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m., and approve request to block off 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue North and 20<sup>th</sup> Street North and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue North to 22<sup>nd</sup> Street North. The parade will end at the Hunt Museum.
- Q. Approve request for the CPD to apply for the "Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program."
- R. Accept letter of resignation from Fire and Rescue Engineer, Taylor Mitchell, effective June 21, 2017.
- S. Approve request to authorize the HR Director to begin the normal recruitment process to fill a Concrete Laborer position for Public Works.
- T. Approve permit request submitted by Sophia Erby to host a "'93<sup>rd</sup> Birthday Celebration" to be held on June 10, 2017, from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. and

approve request to block off 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue North at 17<sup>th</sup> Street North to 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue North at 17<sup>th</sup> Street North.

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

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

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

Council Member Gavin announced the funeral services of his father-in-law.

### **B. Swearing-In of one (1) Fire and Rescue Personnel**

- Joseph Denton

Mayor Smith swore in Fire and Rescue Personnel, Joseph Denton, as a full-time Firefighter. They were joined by Chief Martin Andrews, Asst. Chief Duane Hughes, and the Fire and Rescue Command Staff.

### **C. Board Vacancies**

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

#### **Historic Preservation Commission**

- 1 Vacancy
- 4-Year Term for Fred McCaleb will end 5/16/2017.
- Appointment can be made immediately.
- No applicants at this time

#### **Golden Triangle Regional Airport Board**

- 1 Vacancy
- 5-Year Term for Johnny Fisher will end 6/19/2017.
- Appointment can be made June 20, 2017.

#### **Applicant**

- Johnny Fisher

#### **City Utilities Commission**

- 1 Vacancy
- 5-Year Term for James Graham will end 6/30/2017.
- Appointment can be made June 20, 2017.

#### **Applicant**

- James D. "Jimmy" Graham

**Municipal Election Commission**

- 5 Vacancies
- 4-Year Terms for Penesha McDowell Harrison, Leon Speck, Diane Sloan, Roy Milton Hicks and Josie S. Shumake will end 6/30/2017.
- Appointments can be made June 20, 2017.

**Applicants**

- Diane Sloan
- Roy Milton Hicks
- Penesha McDowell-Harrison
- Tommy Jackson

**Columbus Housing Authority**

- 1 Vacancy
- 5-Year Term for Willie Byrd will end 7/13/2017.
- Appointment can be made June 20, 2017.

**Applicants**

- Willie Byrd
- Tommy Jackson

**VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA**

• **George William Smith – Items on Property**

Mr. George William Smith and his legal representative, Attorney Steve Wallace, came forward to discuss personal property, pallets, on property behind North Browder Street. Attorney Wallace remarked that the owner of the real property foreclosed on the property but the owner of the personal property has filed bankruptcy, and he asked for an extension to allow time for the bankruptcy court to respond to a letter mailed to them regarding the disposition. Code Enforcement Officer, Tomarris Jones, remarked that Mr. Smith was cited with a municipal offense ticket and that the case is scheduled to appear on the docket in Municipal Court for June 22, 2017. The General Counsel advised that Mr. Smith was in the wrong forum for this because the Mayor and City Council cannot control the Court's docket. No action was taken.

**VIII. POLICY AGENDA:**

**A. Discuss/Approve request to hire two (2) Laborers for the Public Works Department, contingent upon a successful pre-employment medical examination and drug screen.**

Council Member Taylor made a motion to hire Deundra Bluit and Eddie James Bluit, Jr. as Laborers in the Public Works Department at \$10.00 per hour, 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 promotion of an Assistant Foreman to Foreman for the Public Works Department.**

Council Member Jones made a motion to promote Terry Green to the position of Foreman over the Downtown/Riverwalk Crew at \$14.00 per. Council Member Gavin seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**C. Discuss/Approve promotion of a Laborer to Boom Truck Operator for the Public Works Department.**

Council Member Taylor made a motion to promote Ronnie O'Neal to the position of Boom Truck Operator at \$12.50 per. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**D. Discuss/Approve request to hire a Traffic Controller for the Columbus Police Department, contingent upon a successful completion of a pre-employment medical examination and drug screen.**

Council Member Jones made a motion to hire Ms. Daphne Terry as Traffic Controller for the Columbus Police Department at \$10.41 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.

**E. Discuss/Approve request to hire six (6) Entry Level Police Officers, contingent upon a successful pre-employment medical examination and drug screen.**

Council Member Taylor made a motion to hire six (6) Entry-Level Police Officers, Jervarcus Gooch, James Powell II, Eric Romans, Richard Weeks, Eric Welch and Samuel Werner, contingent upon a successful completion of a pre-employment medical examination 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 one (1) Concrete Laborer for the Public Works Department, contingent upon a successful pre-employment medical examination and drug screen.**

Council Member Taylor made a motion to hire Dereck Cross as a Concrete Laborer at \$10.50 per hour, contingent on successful completion of a pre-employment medical examination and drug screen. Council Member Box seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**G. Discuss/Approve All-Way Stop request on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street at 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South.**

Kevin Stafford, City Engineer, approached the Mayor and Council and remarked that he received a request from Council Member Jones to have an All-Way Stop sign erected on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street at 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South. Placement of these stop signs will increase intersection safety and should be installed in accordance with the MUTCD. Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the request to have an All-Way Stop sign on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street at 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South erected to increase intersection safety. Council Member Gavin seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**H. Conduct Public Hearing on Special Improvements on a portion of North Hunters Hollow and White Oak Drive.**

General Counsel Jeff Turnage opened the Public Hearing and elaborated on the Resolution and Notice confirming the City of Columbus' Intent to make Special Improvements to a portion of North Hunters Hollow and White Oak Drive. Mayor Smith asked if anyone in attendance objected to the Special Improvements. Derk and Rita Felton, homeowners of property on Hunters Hollow, came forward and voiced their objections, stating that they do not benefit from the Special Improvements and should not be forced to pay a share of the cost. No other objectors came forward.

**I. Consider/Approve Resolution for Special Improvements on a portion of North Hunters Hollow and White Oak Drive.**

Council Member Gavin made a motion to approve the Resolution for Special

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Improvements on a portion of North Hunters Hollow and White Oak Drive.  
Council Member Jones voted in favor of the motion. The motion was brought to a  
voice vote and the results were as follows:

Council Member Gene Taylor voted:	<u>YEA</u>
Council Member Joseph Mickens voted:	<u>ABSENT</u>
Council Member Charlie Box voted:	<u>YEA</u>
Council Member Marty Turner voted:	<u>ABSENT</u>
Council Member Stephen Jones voted:	<u>YEA</u>
Council Member Bill Gavin voted:	<u>YEA</u>

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

**THE RESOLUTION FOLLOWS:**

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**RESOLUTION AND NOTICE CONFIRMING THE CITY OF COLUMBUS  
INTENT TO MAKE SPECIAL IMPROVEMENTS  
TO A PORTION OF NORTH HUNTERS HOLLOW  
AND WHITE OAK DRIVE**

WHEREAS, The City of Columbus, Mississippi ("City") is authorized by Section 21-41-1 *et. seq.*, of the Mississippi Code, to cause the construction of local improvements as authorized therein, wholly or in part, at the cost of the property owners benefited by such improvements by levying and collecting special assessments as provided in the said Code; and

WHEREAS, improvements to streets, highways, boulevards, avenues, squares, lanes, alleys are the type of local improvement authorized by said Code; and

WHEREAS, a number of houses were built along a portion of private roads known as North Hunters Hollow and White Oak Drive ("Roads to be improved") and certain residents along said roads are desirous of the road becoming a public road and for certain improvements to be made thereto pursuant to the Mississippi Code referenced above;

WHEREAS, the developer of the subdivision owns part of North Hunters Hollow road and White Oak Drive and is willing to deed said property to the City so that the City may proceed with a special project on the Roads to be Improved and

WHEREAS, the owners of the property abutting the roadways described herein have been notified and notice has been published in accordance with law and the Mayor and City Council has held a hearing to assess the support of the special improvements described herein and at said hearing, not more than fifty per cent of the property owners actually residing on the property owned by them has appeared or objected to the improvements in person or in writing;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,**

1. The City has determined to improve by performing base repairs and resurfacing the Roads to be Improved, including the preparation and/or repair of the base roadbed for paving, by filling and repairing subbase and thereafter overlaying asphalt on the sections of roads more particularly described as:

**A SIXTY-FOOT-WIDE STRIP OF LAND FOR ROADWAY PURPOSES, described as follows: Beginning at an existing iron pin at the Northeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 33, Township 17 South, Range 18 West, Lowndes County, Mississippi (said point also being the Northeast corner of Lot 62 of Fox Run Subdivision, Phase II, recorded in Plat**

Book 4 at page 19 in the office of the Chancery Clerk of said county); thence North 84 degrees 06 minutes 56 seconds West along the North side of said Fox Run Subdivision, Phase II, for 531.3 feet to the Northwest corner of Lot 64 of said Subdivision; thence North 13 degrees 51 minutes East for 2 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence North 80 degrees 26 minutes West for 60.2 feet; thence Northerly along a curve to the left (Delta Angle = 52 degrees 23 minutes, Radius = 121.1 feet) for 110.7 feet; thence North 38 degrees 31 minutes West for 63.7 feet; thence Northwesterly along a curve to the right (Delta Angle = 19 degrees 46 minutes, Radius = 594.2 feet) for 204.9 feet; thence North 18 degrees 45 minutes West for 78.2 feet; thence Northwesterly along a curve to the left (Delta Angle = 48 degrees 52 minutes, Radius = 223.3 feet) for 190.5 feet; thence North 67 degrees 37 minutes West for 36.5 feet; thence Northwesterly along a curve to the right (Delta Angle = 40 degrees 22 minutes, Radius = 220.4 feet) for 155.3 feet; thence North 27 degrees 15 minutes West for 168.7 feet; thence North 79 degrees 16 minutes West for 333.2 feet; thence Southwesterly along a curve to the left (Delta Angle = 94 degrees 53 minutes, Radius = 43.5 feet) for 72 feet; thence South 05 degrees 07 minutes West for 184.6 feet; thence North 85 degrees 42 minutes 42 seconds West along the North side of a public road known as Hunter's Hollow for 60 feet; thence North 05 degrees 07 minutes East for 186.4 feet; thence Northeasterly along a curve to the right (Delta Angle = 94 degrees 53 minutes, Radius = 103.5 feet) for 171.3 feet; thence South 79 degrees 16 minutes East for 296.8 feet; thence Northerly and Easterly along a curve to the right (Delta Angle = 142 degrees 57 minutes, Radius = 187.7 feet) for 468.4 feet; thence South 47 degrees 15 minutes East for 213.4 feet; thence right along the circumference of a cul-de-sac (Radius = 50 feet) for 225.5 feet; thence North 47 degrees 15 minutes West for 262.4 feet; thence Westerly and Southerly along a curve to the left (Delta Angle = 160 degrees 00 minutes, Radius = 127.7 feet) for 356.7 feet; thence South 27 degrees 15 minutes East for 183.4 feet; thence Southeasterly along a curve to the left (Delta Angle = 40 degrees 22 minutes, Radius = 160.4 feet) for 113 feet; thence South 67 degrees 37 minutes East for 36.5 feet; thence Southeasterly along a curve to the right (Delta Angle = 48 degrees 52 minutes, Radius = 283.3 feet) for 241.7 feet; thence South 18 degrees 45 minutes East for 78.2 feet; thence Southeasterly along a curve to the left (Delta Angle = 19 degrees 46 minutes, Radius = 534.2 feet) for 184.2 feet; thence South 38 degrees 31 minutes East for 63.8 feet; thence Southerly along a curve to the right (Delta Angle = 50 degrees 57 minutes, Radius = 181.2 feet) for 161.1 feet to the point of beginning, containing 3.4 acres, more or less, lying in [1] the Northeast Quarter of the

Northeast Quarter and in [2] the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, all in Section 33, Township 17 South, Range 18 West, Lowndes County, Mississippi.

2. The City has determined to pay for the costs for the special improvement as follows:

(A) One third, totaling approximately \$25,666.67 to be paid by the City of Columbus from the Ward 6 allocated paving budget in cash to the City's paving contractor; and

(B) Two thirds of the total cost to be paid by the City from its General Fund, but to be repaid by the owners of the properties benefited which sum, approximating \$51,333.33, shall be a charge upon the property benefited, which cost and expense thereof shall be assessed against the property abutting upon the improvement, according to the frontage thereof by taking the number of front feet improved and dividing the total cost of the whole improvement thereby and multiplying the quotient by the number of front feet contained in such abutting lot or pieces of ground; which result shall be assessed by the governing authorities as the amount of the special tax to be assessed against each lot or piece of ground. Specifically, the assessment shall be charged as follows in the amounts set forth on Exhibit "1" and assessed and paid by the owners in one tenth increments over ten years at the same time and manner as their City and County *ad valorem* taxes shall be due and as described in Section 21-41-17 of the Mississippi Code.

3. The work necessary for the said special local improvement, and the plans and specifications of said work shall be on file in the office of the City Engineer and shall be available for public inspection pending a hearing by the Mayor and Council on objections or remonstrations that may be made as to said improvements; and

4. The City has caused to be prepared a roll or list to be called the assessment roll, showing the names of the property owners, and opposite each name a description of each parcel of land all as required by Section 21-41-13 which such roll or list is incorporated into this Resolution as Exhibit "1" hereto.

5. The said special improvement project shall be at all times governed by the provisions as required by Title 21, Chapter 41 of the Mississippi Code of 1972 as Amended.

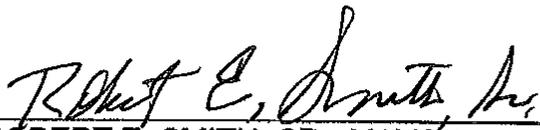
The foregoing resolution, having first been reduced to writing, was proposed and motioned by Council Member BAVIN, seconded by Council Member JONES, and was brought to a vote as follows:

	VOTED YEA:	VOTED NAY:
COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR	<u>YEA</u>	<u>                    </u>
COUNCIL MEMBER MICKENS	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>                    </u>
COUNCIL MEMBER BOX	<u>YEA</u>	<u>                    </u>
COUNCIL MEMBER TURNER	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>                    </u>
COUNCIL MEMBER JONES	<u>YEA</u>	<u>                    </u>
COUNCIL MEMBER GAVIN	<u>YEA</u>	<u>                    </u>

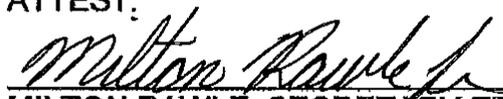
The Mayor then announced that the Resolution, having received a majority of the vote, had passed as set forth above.

RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus on this the 6 day of June, 2017.

CITY OF COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI

  
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ROBERT E. SMITH, SR., MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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MILTON RAWLE, SECRETARY TREASURER

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	Owner occupied house
	House on property
	Lot Only

Owner	Parcel #	Frontage Length	% of Frontage Overall	Cost Breakdown	
				\$	% Frontage
James & Heather McGee	47W230000410	308.3	8.10%	\$	4,155.82
Jerry & Janet Turner/Denk & Rita Falton	47W230005600	812.5	8.01%	\$	4,212.43
BOB ESTES	47W230000409	309.3	8.12%	\$	4,169.30
Curtis & Ann McMillon	47W230000405	131.2	3.45%	\$	1,768.55
Wade & Geradine Gordon	47W230000100	136.3	3.58%	\$	1,837.30
Andrew & Linda Mayberry	47W230000200	175.3	4.60%	\$	2,365.01
Joel & Rosemary Edwards	47W230000408	32.2	0.85%	\$	434.05
Gregory & Beverly Nunez	47W230000400	35.8	0.94%	\$	482.58
Rodriguez & Tureka Dismuke	47W230000406	40.9	1.07%	\$	551.32
Thomas & Lynn Ronald	47W230000407	0	0.00%	\$	
Stephen & Anessa Odum	47W230000402	89.77	2.36%	\$	1,210.08
Stephen & Anessa Odum	47W230004700	167.1	4.39%	\$	2,252.47
Ron & Erone Welsh	47W230000404	210.6	5.53%	\$	2,858.84
Kevin & Hedi Sutton	47W230005300	253.6	6.66%	\$	3,418.47
James & Heather McGee	47W230000411	396.5	10.41%	\$	5,344.74
Anthony & Carol Gurley	47W230000300	652.7	17.14%	\$	8,798.26
Anthony & Carol Gurley	47W230000401	365.1	9.59%	\$	4,921.47
Kelly Weber	47W230000403	191	5.02%	\$	2,574.61
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>3808.17</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>51,333.33</b>

Cost to Rehab \$ 51,333.33

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

**JOHN T. THOMPSON**  
**131 King Street**  
**Case Number 17-0053 Vegetation**

The General Counsel called cause number **17-0053**. No one appeared. Code Enforcement Officer Tomarris Jones stated the property was in such a state of uncleanliness as to be a menace to the public under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code and asked the Mayor and Council to adjudicate the property as such and that an Order be entered to such effect, requested **immediate abatement** and that an Order be issued for the property. Council Member Taylor made a motion in accordance with Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code, and for an Order stating the City may cut grass and weeds and removing rubbish, personal property and other debris no more than twelve (12) times in a twenty-four (24) month period immediately following the Order, with further notice to the owner as required by law. Costs are to be assessed as allowed under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**JOHN T. THOMPSON**  
**1707 Bell Avenue**  
**Case Number 17-0086 Vegetation**

The General Counsel called cause number **17-0086**. No one appeared. Code Enforcement Officer Tomarris Jones stated the property was in such a state of uncleanliness as to be a menace to the public under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code and asked the Mayor and Council to adjudicate the property as such and that an Order be entered to such effect, requested **immediate abatement** and that an Order be issued for the property. Council Member Taylor made a motion in accordance with Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code, and for an Order stating the City may cut grass and weeds and removing rubbish, personal property and other debris no more than twelve (12) times in a twenty-four (24) month period immediately following the Order, with further notice to the owner as required by law. Costs are to be assessed as allowed under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**JOHN T. THOMPSON**  
**210 Byrnes Circle**  
**Case Number 17-0110 Vegetation/Abandoned Building**

The General Counsel called cause number **17-0110**. No one appeared. Code Enforcement Officer Tomarris Jones stated the property was in such a state of

uncleanliness as to be a menace to the public under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code and asked the Mayor and Council to adjudicate the property as such and that an Order be entered to such effect, requested **immediate abatement** and that an Order be issued for the property. Council Member Taylor made a motion in accordance with Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code, and for an Order stating the City may cut grass and weeds and removing rubbish, personal property and other debris no more than twelve (12) times in a twenty-four (24) month period immediately following the Order, with further notice to the owner as required by law. Costs are to be assessed as allowed under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**JOHN T. THOMPSON**  
**2415 – 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue North**  
**Case Number 17-0114 Vegetation**

The General Counsel called cause number **17-0114**. No one appeared. Code Enforcement Officer Tomarris Jones stated the property was in such a state of uncleanliness as to be a menace to the public under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code and asked the Mayor and Council to adjudicate the property as such and that an Order be entered to such effect, requested **immediate abatement** and that an Order be issued for the property. Council Member Taylor made a motion in accordance with Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code, and for an Order stating the City may cut grass and weeds and removing rubbish, personal property and other debris no more than twelve (12) times in a twenty-four (24) month period immediately following the Order, with further notice to the owner as required by law. Costs are to be assessed as allowed under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**JOHN T. THOMPSON**  
**2425 – 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue North**  
**Case Number 17-0115 Vegetation**

The General Counsel called cause number **17-0115**. No one appeared. Code Enforcement Officer Tomarris Jones stated the property was in such a state of uncleanliness as to be a menace to the public under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code and asked the Mayor and Council to adjudicate the property as such and that an Order be entered to such effect, requested **immediate abatement** and that an Order be issued for the property. Council Member Taylor made a motion in accordance with Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code, and for an Order stating the City may cut grass and weeds and removing rubbish, personal property and other debris no more than twelve (12) times in a twenty-

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

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**JOHN T. THOMPSON**  
**2424 – 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue North**  
**Case Number 17-0116 Vegetation**

The General Counsel called cause number **17-0116**. No one appeared. Code Enforcement Officer Tomarris Jones stated the property was in such a state of uncleanliness as to be a menace to the public under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code and asked the Mayor and Council to adjudicate the property as such and that an Order be entered to such effect, requested **immediate abatement** and that an Order be issued for the property. Council Member Taylor made a motion in accordance with Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code, and for an Order stating the City may cut grass and weeds and removing rubbish, personal property and other debris no more than twelve (12) times in a twenty-four (24) month period immediately following the Order, with further notice to the owner as required by law. Costs are to be assessed as allowed under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**GAYLE GRAYS**  
**624 Oak Street**  
**Case Number 17-0055 Vegetation**

The General Counsel called cause number **17-0055**. No one appeared. Code Enforcement Officer Tomarris Jones stated the property was in such a state of uncleanliness as to be a menace to the public under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code and asked the Mayor and Council to adjudicate the property as such and that an Order be entered to such effect, requested **immediate abatement** and that an Order be issued for the property. Council Member Taylor made a motion in accordance with Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code, and for an Order stating the City may cut grass and weeds and removing rubbish, personal property and other debris no more than twelve (12) times in a twenty-four (24) month period immediately following the Order, with further notice to the owner as required by law. Costs are to be assessed as allowed under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code. Council Member Box seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**OLIVIA BUCK**  
**1308 – 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue South**  
**Case Number 17-0065 Vegetation**

The General Counsel called cause number **17-0065**. 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 Box seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**ANNIE MAE BROWN**  
**255 Byrnes Circle**  
**Case Number 17-0113 Vegetation/Abandoned Building**

The General Counsel called cause number **17-0113**. 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 Box seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**MARY LOUISE JONES**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Avenue North**  
**Case Number 17-0122 Vegetation**

The General Counsel called cause number **17-0122**. 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 Box seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**EARNEST J. DAVIS, III**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Avenue South**  
**Case Number 17-0062 Vegetation**

The General Counsel called cause number **17-0062**. No one appeared. Code Enforcement Officer Tomarris Jones stated that the property owner contacted him and requested a **7-day Extension** to remediate the property. Council Member Taylor made a motion to grant the property owner a **7-day Extension** to remediate the property. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**IRMA WRIGHT c/o PARTICIA FRANKLIN**  
**320 – 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue South**  
**Case Number 17-0069 Vegetation**

The General Counsel called cause number **17-0069**. 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

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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.

**HATTIE COLVIN**  
**1305 – 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue North**  
**Case Number 17-0093 Vegetation**

The General Counsel called cause number **17-0093**. 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.

**ADEA RENTAL PROPERTIES**  
**111 Mill Street**  
**Case Number 17-0108 Vegetation**

The General Counsel called cause number **17-0108**. 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.

**KAREN HACKMAN**  
**922 Waterworks Road**  
**Case Number 17-0109 Vegetation**

The General Counsel called cause number **17-0109**. 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.

**CAROLYN MCKINNEY**  
**REVOCABLE TRUCT c/o**  
**CAROLYN MCKINNEY AND CAROL JOWERS**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Avenue North (N/O)**  
**Case Number 17-0119 Vegetation**

The General Counsel called cause number **17-0119**. 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.

**CHARLIE FENSTER, JR.**  
**1514 Bell Avenue**  
**Case Number 17-0120 Vegetation**

The General Counsel called cause number **17-0120**. 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 uncleanness 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.

**K. Discuss/Approve All-Way Stop request on 4<sup>th</sup> Street at 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue South.**

Kevin Stafford, City Engineer, came before the Mayor and Council and remarked that he received a request to have an All-Way Stop sign erected on 4<sup>th</sup> Street at 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue South. The Placement of these stop signs will increase intersection safety and should be installed in accordance with the MUTCD. Council Member Taylor made a motion to approve the request to have an All-Way Stop sign erected on 4<sup>th</sup> Street at 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue South to increase intersection safety. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**CLOSED DETERMINATION:**

Council Member Jones made a motion to go into closed session to determine whether it is necessary to go into Executive Session. Council Member Gavin seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

All members of the public, with the exception of the Mayor, the Council, the General Counsel, the COO, the Police Chief, and the HR Director, exited the Council Chambers.

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Mayor Smith apprised the Council of two (2) Personnel Matters, and remarked that these matters warrant being heard in Executive Session.

Council Member Taylor made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss one (1) Perspective Litigation matter and two (2) personnel matters. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

The Chief Operations Officer then announced to the general public outside the Council Chambers that the Council was going into Executive Session to discuss two (2) personnel matters.

**OPEN SESSION:**

Council Member Jones made a motion to end the discussion of these matters and return to Open Session. Council Member Gavin seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

The Chief Operations Officer then announced to the general public outside the Council Chambers that the Council was back in Open Session.

The General Counsel reported that the Mayor and Council considered two (2) personnel matters in Executive Session and voted to adhere to the Department Head's recommendation to suspend a Public Works Department Laborer for four (4) days for failure to report to work and for failure to notify his supervisor that he would not be at work, and one (1) matter of personnel involving the past employment of an applicant for hire as a Lateral Transfer at the rank of Sergeant in the Criminal Investigation Division.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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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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**Milton Rawle, Jr.,  
CFO- Secretary-Treasurer**

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