

MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS May 19, 2015

The Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, May 19, 2015, at 5:00 p.m. in the Court Chambers of the Municipal complex. Mayor Robert Smith presided over the meeting and all Council Members were present. Also present were the COO, CFO, General Counsel, Police Chief and the Human Resources Director.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

Mayor Robert E. Smith, Sr. called the meeting to order and called upon Council Member Joseph Mickens to offer the Invocation.

II. APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF May 5, 2015.

Council Member Karriem made a motion to approve the Minutes for the Meeting of May 5, 2015. Council Member Gavin seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

III. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS FOR MAY 19, 2015.

Council Member Mickens made a motion to approve the Docket of Claims for May 19, 2015, in the amount of \$573,177.47. Council Member Taylor 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:

Change the time on Item "E" to 12:00 p.m.

Add Item "N" – *Approve permit request from Joseph Smith to host a Graduation Party on May 23, 2015 from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., and block off 6th Street South from 10th Avenue South to 11th Avenue South.*

Add Item "O" – *Approve permit request from Memphis Town Community Builders to host Memphis Town in May on May 29 – 30, 2015. On May 29th, the event will begin at 5:00 p.m., and on May 30 2015 the event will begin at 10:00 a.m. and end at 1:00 a.m. Please see attached list of streets to be blocked off.*

Add Item "P" – *Approve permit request from Charlotte Verdell to host the East Columbus Community Block Party to be held on May 30, 2015, from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Please see the attached list of streets to be blocked off.*

Add Item "Q" – *Approve request for three (3) Fire Personnel to attend the "Tak 4 Suspension Training" to be held in Pelham, AL, and approve payment for travel and meal expenses.*

BOARD VACANCIES:

Add Mark Ward as an applicant to the Historic Preservation Commission.

POLICY AGENDA:

Add Item "O" – *Discuss/Approve Joint Newsletter between CL & W and the City of Columbus.*

Add Item "P" – *Discuss/Approve Engineering Contract for the Riverwalk Extension.*

Council Member Turner made a motion to approve the Agenda, according to the amendments. Council Member Taylor seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

V. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approve request for the Municipal Judges, Marc Amos and Nicole Clinkscales, to attend the "Mississippi Municipal Court Judges Seminar" to be held in Biloxi, MS. This conference will provide 12.0 hours of continuing legal education at no cost to City.
- B. Approve request for Fire personnel Anthony Colom to attend the "Public Information Officer Training" to be held in McComb, MS, and approve payment for \$166.00 for lodging, \$75.00 for travel and \$92.00 for meal expenses.
- C. Approve request for the Fire Chief Martin Andrews and four (4) Fire personnel, Wes Mims, Kirk Gayle, Neal Austin, and Jim Robbins to attend the "Officer Involved Shootings" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of \$100.00 for travel and \$230.00 meal expenses.
- D. Approve request for Fire Personnel, Carole Summerall, to attend the "MS Fire Chiefs and Firefighter's Conference" to be held in Tupelo, MS, and approve payment of \$25.00 for travel expenses.
- E. Approve permit request from Yakinda O'Neal and Sara Sanders of Sport Ma's to host a "Fun Day for Kids and Veterans" to be held Monday, May 25, 2015 from 12:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., and block off all of 18th Street North.

- F. Approve permit request from Eddie C. Newman to host a "Neighborhood Reunion and Cookout" on May 23, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m., and block off 4th Avenue North between 16th Street North and 15th Street North.
- G. Approve permit request from Colin Kriegler to host a "Neighborhood Block Party" to be held Sunday, May 24, 2015, and from 1:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., and block off the 500 block of 8th Street North.
- H. Approve permit request from Cindy Lawrence to host the "Juneteenth Festival" to be held June 19th, 2015, and to block off the attached list of streets. On Friday, June 19, the Festival will start at 8:00p.m. and end at 11:00 p.m. On Saturday, June 20, the Festival will begin at 10:00 a.m. and end at 11:00 p.m.
- I. Accept letter of retirement from Police Officer, Dwight Smith, effective May 16, 2015, and approve request to purchase his service weapon. The Officer has been approved for disability retirement.
- J. Accept letter of resignation from Police Sergeant, David S. Speaks, effective May 7, 2015, approve compensation from any unused vacation time and apply sick leave to his PERS retirement fund.
- K. Approve request for Mayor Robert Smith to attend the "North Mississippi Mayor's Association Meeting" to be held in Pontotoc, MS.
- L. Approve request for Building & Inspection Director, Kenny Wiegel, to attend the "Building Officials Association of MS 2015 Summer Conference" to be held in Biloxi, MS, and approve payment of 150.00 for registration, \$515.20 for lodging, \$118.22 for travel and \$224.00 for meal expenses.
- M. Approve request for the Mayor Smith and Council Members to attend the "Tunica Mississippi Policy Conference 2015" to be held in Tunica, MS, and approve payment for registration, lodging, travel and meal expenses.
- N. Approve permit request from Joseph Smith to host a Graduation Party on May 23, 2015 from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p. m., and block off 5th Street South from 10th Avenue South to 11th Avenue South.
- O. Approve permit request from Memphis Town Community Builders to host Memphis Town in May on May 29-30, 2015. On May 29th, the event will begin at 5:00 p.m. and on May 30th, the event will begin at 10:00 a.m. and end at 1:00 a.m. Please see attached list of streets to be blocked off.
- P. Approve permit request from Charlotte Verdell to host a Columbus Community Block Party to be held on May 30, 2015, from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Please see the attached list of streets to be blocked off.
- Q. Approve request for three (3) Fire personnel, Shannon Murphy, Eric Grant, and Eric Minga, to attend the "Tak 4 Suspension Training" to be held in Pelham, AL, and approve payment for travel and meal expenses.

Council Member Karriem made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, according to the amendments. Council Member Gavin seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

A. General Comments from the Mayor and Council Members

Council Member Mickens announced that Kingdom Vision International Church and others will be hosting a Block Party at East Columbus Gym on May 30, 2015 and invited the public to attend.

Council Member Turner announced that "Memphis Towne in May" would be held on May 29 and 30, 2015.

B. Monthly Report from the Columbus Police Department for April 2015

The Monthly Report from the Columbus Police Department for April 2015 was presented. No action was taken.

C. Monthly Report from the Columbus Fire & Rescue Department for April 2015

The Monthly Report from the Columbus Fire & Rescue Department for April 2015 was presented. Chief Andrews came forward and reported on the rash of fires that have been set on the north side of town, and he stated that the State Fire Marshal is offering a \$5,000 reward to any person who offers information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the guilty person(s).

D. Monthly Report from the Municipal Court Division for April 2015

The Monthly Report from the Municipal Court Division for April 2015 was presented. No action was taken.

E. Monthly Report from the Public Works Department for April 2015

The Monthly Report from the Public Works Department for April 2015 was presented. No action was taken.

F. Monthly Report from the City Planning and Community Development Department for April 2015

The Monthly Report from the City Planning and Community Development Department for April 2015 was presented. No action was taken.

G. Monthly Report from the Building Inspection Department for April 2015

The Monthly Report from the Building Inspection Department for April 2015 was

presented. No action was taken.

H. Monthly Report from the Code Enforcement Division for April 2015

The Monthly Report from the Code Enforcement Division for April 2015 was presented. No action was taken.

I. Monthly Financial Report

Milton Rawle, CFO, presented the monthly financial report and stated that the sales taxes increased by \$46,109.27 compared to the same time last year.

J. Board Vacancies:

David Armstrong reported on vacancies on various boards and remarked that some appointments can be made tonight.

G.T. Regional Waste Management Authority

- One Vacancy
- John Dickerson passed away January 19, 2015.
- Applicant will fill the remainder of unexpired 4-Year Term which ends 12/31/2016.
- Appointment can be made immediately.
- No Applicants at this time

Historic Preservation Commission

- Six Vacancies
- Betty Miller's 4-Year Term expired May 16, 2015.
- Sid Caradine's 4-Year Term expired May 16, 2015.
- Mike Lowery's 4-Year Term expired May 16, 2015.
- John Hudson's 4-Year Term expired May 16, 2015.
- Joseph Boggess' 4-Year Term expired May 16, 2015.
- Bryan Brown's 4-Year Term expired May 16, 2015.
- Appointments can be made May 19, 2015.

APPLICANTS

- Joseph Boggess
- Ann Davis
- **Mark Ward**

Council Member Karriem made a motion to appoint Mark Ward to the Historic Preservation Commission until May 16, 2019. Council Member Gavin seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Gavin made a motion to appoint Ann Davis to the Historic Preservation Commission until May 16, 2019. Council Member Mickens seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Box made a motion to reappoint Joseph Boggess to the Historic Preservation Commission until May 16, 2019. Council Member Karriem seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion and the motion carried.

Columbus-Lowndes Recreation Authority

- One Vacancy
- Oop Swoope's 5-Year Term will expire May 25, 2015.
- Joint Appointment from the Mayor and Board of Supervisors President
- No Applicants at this time

City Utilities Commission

- One Vacancy
- Brandy Gardner's 5-Year Term will expire June 30, 2015.
- No Applicants at this time

Board of Adjustment & Appeals of Development Codes

- One Vacancy
- Mike Gibson's 3-Year Term will expire July 6, 2015.
- No Applicants at this time

Convention & Visitors Bureau

- One Vacancy
- Elizabeth "Liz" Terry's Term will expire July 7, 2015.
- No Applicants at this time

Columbus Housing Authority

- One Vacancy
- S. B. Platt's 5-Year Term will expire July 13, 2015.
- No Applicants at this time

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

YaKinda O'Neal and Sara Sanders – Sport Ma's Community Event

Ms. YaKinda O'Neal approached the podium and apprised the Mayor and Council of the mission of Sport Ma's, which is to be resourceful in keeping young men off the streets by involving them in sports. They work with about thirty young men by transporting them to area gyms so they can occupy their time by playing basketball; however, they are experiencing difficulty in finding a gym for them to play basketball in, as well as transportation back and forth. Mr. Greg Lewis, Director of Parks and Recreation, came forth and remarked that his budget does not permit him to hire an individual to oversee the gym for these individuals and stated that it would cost approximately \$1,200 to hire someone for this purpose.

Council Member Turner made a motion to amend the Agenda to discuss offering financial assistance to the Park and Recreation Authority. Council Member Taylor seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion and it carried.

Council Member Box made a motion to allocate \$1,200 for the purpose of assisting Greg Lewis and the Park and Recreation Authority in providing an employee for the summer to oversee the use of Park and Rec. facilities for Sport Ma's youth. Council Member Mickens seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

A. Discuss/Approve cost of property clean up on cases previously heard by Council and for which remediation has been completed.

Council Member Box made a motion to approve the cost of property clean-up on cases 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 LIST FOLLOWS:

B. Discuss/Approve MDOT Urban Youth Grant Memorandum of Understanding.

Council member Karriem made a motion to approve the MDOT Urban Youth Grant Memorandum of Understanding. Council Member Taylor seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOLLOWS:

C. Discuss/Approve the hiring of one Entry-Level Firefighter for Columbus Fire & Rescue, contingent on successful completion of the pre-employment medical examination and drug screen.

Council Member Taylor made a motion to hire Matthew Jaynes as an Entry-Level Firefighter, contingent on successful completion of a pre-employment medical examination and drug screen. Council Member Turner seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

D. Discuss/Approve the hiring of two (2) Police Officers for the Columbus Police Department, contingent on successful completion of the pre-employment medical examination and drug screen.

Council Member Mickens made a motion to hire Christopher Blaylock as a certified Police Officer and Joseph L. Inmon as a non-certified Police Officer, contingent on successful completion of a pre-employment medical examination and drug screen for each. Council Member Taylor seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion, with the exception of Council Member Karriem, who opposed.

The motion carried on a vote of 5-1.

E. Discuss/Approve the hiring of one (1) Administrative Assistant for the Criminal Investigation Division, contingent upon a successful medical examination and drug screen.

Council member Karriem made a motion to hire Ms. Angela Johnson as Administrative Assistant for the Criminal Investigation Division at \$12.50 per hour, contingent on successful completion of a pre-employment medical examination and drug screen. Council Member Mickens seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

F. Consider cancelling Agreement for Elevator Service with Otis Elevator Company as beyond the term of office of the Mayor and Council that Agreed to it.

Mike Anderson, Director of the James M. Trotter Convention Center, came forth and remarked that the present contract was signed in 1996. Council Member Turner made a motion to cancel the current Elevator Maintenance Contract with Otis Elevator Company. Council Member Gavin seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

G. Discuss/Approve proposal from Bagby Elevator Company for repairs and service agreement for City Hall elevator and Trotter Center elevator.

Council Member Taylor made a motion to approve the proposal from Bagby Elevator Company for a maintenance and service agreement for the City Hall and Trotter Center elevators. Council Member Box seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

H. Discuss/Approve purchase of one (1) Full Page Ad for the 8th Tunica 2015 Mississippi Policy Conference Souvenir Booklet.

Council Member Karriem made a motion to purchase one (1) full page ad for the 8th Tunica 2015 Mississippi Policy Conference Souvenir Booklet. Council Member Turner seconded the motion.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Council Member Taylor moved to approve the expenditure of \$250.00 from 001-004-695 (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 Turner seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried. The Mayor announced that the original motion was moot.

I. Discuss/Approve Land Acquisition for Catfish Alley Improvement Project.

Kevin Stafford came forward and elaborated on the Land Acquisition for the Catfish Alley Improvement Project and remarked that this project will impact nine (9) properties and eight (8) property owners.

Council Member Taylor made a motion to approve the Land Acquisition for the Catfish Improvement Project. Council Member Mickens seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

J. DELETED

K. Discuss/Approve Renewal Lease to Replace Lost, Misrecorded or Misplaced Sixteenth Section Lease.

Legal Counsel, Jeff Turnage, elaborated on this request.

Council Member Taylor made a motion to approve the request to renew the Lease to replace lost, misrecorded or misplaced Sixteenth Section Lease. Council Member Turner seconded the motion, and the question being put to a roll call vote, the result was as follows:

Council Member Gene Taylor	voted:	<u>YEA</u>
Council Member Joseph Mickens	voted:	<u>YEA</u>
Council Member Charlie Box	voted:	<u>YEA</u>
Council Member Marty Turner	voted:	<u>YEA</u>
Council Member Kabir Karriem	voted:	<u>YEA</u>

Council Member Bill Gavin voted: YEA

L. Discuss/Approve Derelict Property Docket.

**ELEANOR CROUSE
308 Taylor Street
Case Number 15-106 Structure**

The General Counsel called cause number **15-106**. 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 six (6) times in a twelve (12) month period immediately following the Order, without 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.

**LORI ANN SMITH
158 Community Road
Case Number 15-109 Debris**

The General Counsel called cause number **15-109**. 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, without 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.

**JOE/VAPOR ROBERTSON
C/O WILLIE ROBERTSON**

**714 – 14th Street North
Case Number 15-110 Lot**

The General Counsel called cause number **15-110**. 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, without 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.

**ESTELLA MURPHY-ESTATE
c/o J. MURPHY
10th Avenue North
Case Number 15-111 Lot**

The General Counsel called cause number **15-111**. 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, without 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.

**ANTHONY MORRIS
1807 – 3rd Avenue South**

Case Number 15-092 Structure

The General Counsel called cause number **15-086**. Trameka Morris came forth and requested a **45-day extension** to remediate the property and/or securing the property. Code Enforcement Officer Tomarris Jones remarked that he concurs with the request and recommends entering an Order under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code, finding that this property is in such a state of uncleanliness as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community. This Order should give the owner seven (7) days on remediation of vegetation and forty-five (45) days to remediate the exterior property and provide for such re-entry as the Statute allows. Council Member Turner made a motion to grant the extension 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 and remove dilapidated buildings or dilapidated fences up to six (6) more times in the twelve (12) month period immediately following the Order, without 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 Mickens seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

JUNIOUS HARGROVE

617 – 4th Street North

Case Number 15-095 Structure

The General Counsel called cause number **15-095**. No one appeared. Code Enforcement Officer Tomarris Jones remarked that the property owner requested a **45-day extension** to remediate the property and stated that he concurs with the request and recommends entering an Order under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code, finding that this property is in such a state of uncleanliness as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community. This Order should give the owner seven (7) days on remediation of vegetation and forty-five (45) days to remediate the exterior property and provide for such re-entry as the Statute allows. Council Member Karriem made a motion to grant the extension 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 and remove dilapidated buildings or dilapidated fences up to six (6) more times in the twelve (12) month period immediately following the Order, without 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.

CHAPEL METHODIST EPISCOPAL

1108 – 14th Street South
Case Number 13-395 Structure

The General Counsel called cause number **13-395**. 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, without 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 Mickens seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

DIANE LATHAN
2225 – 3RD Avenue South
Case Number 15-151 Debris, Rubbish

The General Counsel called cause number 15-151. Diane Lathan came forward and stated that the Fire Department has agreed to burn the structure and requested the City to clean the property following the burn, which will not include any dirt work. The General Counsel remarked that this may be costly if the City cleans the property. Ms. Lathan then stated that she understood. Code Enforcement Officer Tomarris Jones remarked that he concurred with the request and recommends entering an Order under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code, finding that this property is in such a state of uncleanliness as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community. This Order should give the owner seven (7) days on remediation of vegetation and forty-five (45) days to remediate the exterior property and provide for such re-entry as the Statute allows. Council Member Taylor made a motion to grant the extension 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 and remove dilapidated buildings or dilapidated fences up to six (6) more times in the twelve (12) month period immediately following the Order, without 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 Mickens seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

WILLIE AND DERWOOD HUGHES
2015 Washington Avenue

Case Numbers 14-461/14-462 Vegetation, property maintenance code violation

The General Counsel called cause numbers **14-461 and 14-462**. No one appeared. Code Enforcement Officer Tomarris Jones remarked that the property owner requested a **45-day extension** to remediate the property and stated that he concurs with the request and recommends entering an Order under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code, finding that this property is in such a state of uncleanliness as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community. This Order should give the owner seven (7) days on remediation of vegetation and forty-five (45) days to remediate the exterior property and provide for such re-entry as the Statute allows. Council Member Taylor made a motion to grant the extension 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 and remove dilapidated buildings or dilapidated fences up to six (6) more times in the twelve (12) month period immediately following the Order, without 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 Turner seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

NINA KING PANNELL

15th Avenue North

Case Number 15-080 Rubbish, debris, property maintenance code violation

1922 – 15th Avenue North

Case Number 15-081 Rubbish, debris, property maintenance code violation

The General Counsel called cause numbers **15-080 and 15-081**. No one appeared. Code Enforcement Officer Tomarris Jones remarked that the property owner requested a **45-day extension** to remediate the property and stated that he concurs with the request and recommends entering an Order under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code, finding that this property is in such a state of uncleanliness as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community. This Order should give the owner seven (7) days on remediation of vegetation and forty-five (45) days to remediate the exterior property and provide for such re-entry as the Statute allows. Council Member Turner made a motion to grant the extension 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 and remove dilapidated buildings or dilapidated fences up to six (6) more times in the twelve (12) month period immediately following the Order, without 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 Turner seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

M. Discuss/Approve Recommendations from the Planning Commission Meeting of May 11, 2015.

P/C 15-05

**Pat and Lanita Davidson
Creekview Lane (Off Highway 50)**

The Planning Commission recommends approval of request to rename "Creekview Lane" to "Bluebird Lane".

Council Member Box 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 rename "Creekview Lane" to "Bluebird Lane" be approved. Council Member Gavin seconded the motion, after which 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.

N. Discuss/Approve request from Cindy Lawrence to sell beer within the designated area of Sim Scott Park during the Juneteenth Festival, June 19-20, 2015, June 17-18, 2016, and June 16-17, 2017.

Council Member Karriem made a motion to approve the request from Cindy Lawrence to sell beer within the designated area of Sim Scott Park during the Juneteenth Festival, June 19-20, 2015, June 17-18, 2016, and June 16-17, 2017. Council Member Turner seconded the motion.

Council Member Karriem voted in favor of the motion. Council Members Taylor, Mickens, Box, Turner and Gavin opposed.

The motion failed.

O. Discuss/Approve Joint Newsletter between CL & W and City of Columbus

Council Member Taylor move to approve the expenditure of \$_____ from 001-004-695 (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 Mickens seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion, with the exception of Council Member Karriem, who opposed.

The motion carried.

P. Discuss/Approve Engineering Contract for Riverwalk Extension.

Kevin Stafford came forward and elaborated on the Engineering Contract for The Riverwalk Extension and remarked that the project is estimated cost \$2.25M. Council Member Taylor made a motion to approve the Engineering Contract for the Riverwalk Extension. Council Member Turner seconded the motion with the fees summarized as follows but more specifically set forth in their contracts:

Master Plan \$150,000;
Design, not to exceed 6%
Project Management not to exceed 6%
Neel Shaffer to sub-consult as needed to J5 at J5 expense.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

CLOSED DETERMINATION:

Council Member Karriem 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.

Mayor Smith apprised the Council of one (1) personnel matter and remarked that this matter warrants being heard in Executive Session.

Council Member Karriem made a motion to go into Executive Session. Council Member Gavin seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Mayor then asked if there was any other business to come before the Mayor and City Council. There being none, Council Member Karriem moved that the meeting be adjourned. Upon second by Council Member Gavin and unanimous vote, the Mayor announced that the meeting was ADJOURNED.

Minutes
May 19, 2015

Approved by: _____
Robert E. Smith, Sr., Mayor

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