

MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS NOVEMBER 17, 2015

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

The Mayor and Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in the Court Chambers of the Municipal Complex. Mayor Robert Smith presided over the meeting and Council Members Taylor, Box, Turner and Karriem were present. Council Members Mickens and Gavin were absent. Also present were the COO, CFO, General Counsel, Captain Fred Shelton, and the Human Resources Director.

II. APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE MEETINGS OF OCTOBER 30, NOVEMBER 3 & 10, 2015.

Council Member Karriem made a motion to approve the Minutes for the Meetings of October 30, November 3 & 10, 2015. Council Member Taylor seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

III. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS FOR NOVEMBER 17, 2015.

Council Member Taylor made a motion to approve the Docket of Claims for November 17, 2015, in the amount of \$411,688.88. 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:

Add Item "O" – *Approve request for Interim Chief Fred Shelton, Fire Chief Martin Andrews, Police Officers and Firefighters to attend the funeral services of Sgt. Michael Griffin in Nettleton, MS on Saturday, November 21, 2015, and approve request to use City vehicles for the same.*

Add Item "P" – *Accept letter of resignation from Municipal Court Judge Marc Amos, effective December 31, 2015, and authorize the Human Resources Director to begin the normal recruitment process.*

Add Item "Q" – *Accept letters of resignation from two (2) Public Works Department Laborers, effective November 17, 2015, and authorize the Human Resources Director to begin the normal recruitment process.*

POLICY AGENDA:

Add Item "G" – *Discuss/Approve Awarding of Bids for Dozier and Excavator*

Add Item "H" – *Discuss/Approve Council recommendations for Police Chief Selection Committee.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Add – *Acquisition of Real Property.*

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

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

V. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approve request for Fire and Rescue personnel Herbert Tedford and Edmund Brock to attend the "Hazardous Materials Technician – I Training" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of \$272.00 for registration, \$75.00 for travel and \$460.00 for meal expenses.
- B. Approve request for Fire and Rescue personnel Carole Summerall to attend the "MS Burn Camp Planning Meeting" to be held in Southaven, MS, and approve payment of \$50.00 for travel expenses.
- C. Approve request for Fire and Rescue personnel Carole Summerall to attend the "MS Burn Camp Foundation Meeting & Board Elections" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of \$50.00 for travel expenses.
- D. Approve request for Fire and Rescue personnel Josh Reynolds to attend the "Firefighter Intervention Rescue Training" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of \$365.00 for registration, \$50.00 for travel and \$115.00 for meal expenses.

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- E. Approve request for Fire and Rescue personnel Michael Miller, Chris Carter, Madison Guyton, Alan Walker, Josh Reynolds and Shannon Murphy to attend the "FUNSAR Training" to be held in Meridian, MS, and approve payment of \$75.00 for travel expenses.
- F. Approve request for Fire and Rescue personnel Darryl Brown to attend "Airport Firefighter Training" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of \$790.00 for registration, \$50.00 for travel and \$115.00 for meal expenses.
- G. Accept letter of retirement from the Special Operations Chief Neal Austin, effective January 18, 2016 and approve request to use thirty shifts of unused vacation time beginning November 25, 2015 through January 18, 2016, as well as compensation for the remaining thirty days of accrued vacation time.
- H. Approve request for the CFO Milton Rawle, Jr. to attend the "2015 Winter Educational Workshop" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of \$160.00 for registration, \$252.00 for lodging, \$183.40 for travel and reimbursement of \$115.00 for meal expenses.
- I. Approve presentation of checks from the "Haunted House/Fun Run Fundraiser to former Officer Benny Bush and Mrs. Rose Griffin, widow of Sgt. Michael Griffin.
- J. Approve request from Chief R. Frank Nichols to send the CPD Motorcycle Unit to help escort the Starkville Christmas Parade on Monday, November 30, 2015. The parade will begin at 6:00 p.m. and our units will need to be in attendance at 5:00 p.m.
- K. Approve request from the Town of Caledonia for the CPD to participate in the 2015 Caledonia Christmas Parade to be held at 5:00 p.m. on December 5, 2015.
- L. Approve request for Officer Raymond Hackler to attend the "Radar Instructor Course" to be held in Moorhead, MS, and approve payment of \$500.00 for registration.
- M. Approve request for the Election Commissioners, Brenda Williams and Clerk to attend certification training to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment for travel and meal expenses.
- N. Accept letter of retirement from Assistant Chief Tony McCoy effective January 16, 2016.
- O. Approve request Interim Police Chief Fred Shelton, Fire Chief Martin Andrews, Police Officers and Firefighters to attend the funeral of Sgt. Michael Griffin in Nettleton, MS on Saturday, November 21, 2015, and approve the use of city vehicles for same.
- P. Accept letter of resignation from Municipal Court Judge Marc Amos, effective December 31, 2015, and begin the normal recruitment process.

- Q. Accept letters of resignation from Public Works Department Laborers, Brandon Johnson and Calvin Robinson, effective November 17, 2015, and authorize the HR Director to begin the normal recruitment process.

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

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion passed.

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

A. General Comments from the Mayor and Council Members

Mayor Smith announced that the Mayor's Senior Citizens' Thanksgiving Dinner will be held November 19, 2015 in the Convention Center from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Council Member Karriem asked Interim Chief Fred Shelton if he has had time to obtain information that he requested.

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

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

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

The Monthly Report from the Columbus Fire and Rescue Department for October 2015 was presented. No action was taken.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Monthly Report from the Building Inspection Department for October 2015 was presented. No action was taken.

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

The Monthly Report from the Code Enforcement Department for October 2015 was presented. No action was taken.

I. Monthly Financial Report

CFO Milton Rawle gave the Monthly Financial Report and remarked that the sales Taxes increased by \$50,530.00 compared to the same time last year.

J. Board Vacancies:

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

COLUMBUS-LOWNDES RECREATION AUTHORITY

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

MUNICIPAL ELECTION COMMISSION

- One (1) Vacancy
- Joyce Abrams resigned October 21, 2015.
- Appointment can be made December 1, 2015 to fill the remainder of a 4-Year Term.
- Term expires June 30, 2017.

APPLICANT

- Diane Sloan

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

- Three (3) Vacancies
- Annette Savors 3-Year Term expired November 4, 2015.
- William Bluit's 3-year Term expired November 4, 2015.
- Major Andrews' IV 3-Year Term expired November 4, 2015.
- Appointments can be made December 1, 2015.

APPLICANTS

- Major Andrews
- Annette Savors

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND APPEALS

- Two (2) Vacancies
- Quinn Brislin's 3-Year Term will expire December 4, 2015.
- Kevin Stafford's 3-Year Term will expire December 4, 2015.
- Appointments can be made December 1, 2015.

APPLICANTS

- Quinn Brislin
- Kevin Stafford

TREE BOARD

- Two (2) Vacancies
- Kerry Pitman's 3-Year Term will expire December 31, 2015.
- Amber Murphee's 3-Year Term will expire December 31, 2015.
- Appointments can be made December 15, 2015.
- No Applicants at this time

GTR WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

- One (1) Vacancy
- M. L. McCarty's 4-Year Term will expire December 31, 2015.
- Appointment can be made December 15, 2015.

APPLICANTS

- M. L. McCarty
- James Wamble III

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

• **Ms. Julie C. Parker – Neighborhood Safety Concerns**

Ms. Julie C. Parker, resident of the South side of town, voiced concerns about recent crimes in Columbus and petitioned the Columbus Police Department to patrol the area more, stating that the residents request a stronger presence in the downtown area. Ms. Parker, along with other citizens in the area, expressed interest in reviving a Neighborhood Watch in the area. She was encouraged to schedule a meeting with Officer Rhonda Sanders.

• **Major Alan Phillips – Salvation Army Kettle Volunteers**

Major Alan Phillips, with the Salvation Army, came forward and requested that the Mayor and Council Members to volunteer to hold the Kettle and ring bells at Wal-Mart on December 11, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

A. Discuss/Approve promotion of one (1) Firefighter to Engineer.

Council Member Karriem made a motion to approve the request to promote Firefighter Taylor Mitchell to the position of Engineer immediately and increase hourly rate of pay to \$12.12 per hour. Council Member Box seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

B. Discuss/Approve purchase of one (1) Sidearm Tractor for the Public Works Department.

Council Member Taylor made a motion to purchase a Sidearm Tractor from Covington Sales & Service, Inc. at \$49,995.00. Council Member Turner seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

C. Discuss/Approve Project Final Acceptance and Final Payment to the Contractor for FAA AIP 3-28-0019-0016-2014 Rotating Beacon Rehabilitation Project at the Columbus-Lowndes County Airport.

Kevin Stafford with Neel-Schaffer, came forward and request approval of the final payment for the Rotating Beacon Rehabilitation Project at the Columbus-Lowndes Airport. Council Member Karriem made a motion to make the final payment for FAA: AIP No. 3-28-0019-016-2014 Rotating Beacon Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$27,675.00 to Precision Approach, LLC. Council Member Taylor seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

D. Discuss/Approve Amphitheater Marketing Agreement.

Kevin Stafford, along with the Mayor and Council Members engaged in a discussion of the Terry Brown Amphitheater On-site Venue Sales & Marketing Asset Development. Council Member Taylor made a motion to approve the Terry Brown Amphitheater Marketing Agreement. Council Member Turner seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

E. Discuss/Approve Derelict Property Docket.

**ELZA LEIGH-EST. C/O MILTON LEIGH
618 – 10th Avenue South
Case Number 15-0501 Vegetation**

The General Counsel called cause number **15-1501**. 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 Box seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**ARTHUR VAUGHN, ROSIE SMITH C/O EURGENTEEN JONES
13th Avenue North
Case Number 15-0513 Vegetation**

The General Counsel called cause number **15-0513**. 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 Box seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

**ROBBIE FOLLINS
817 – 10th Avenue South
Case Number 15-0504 Vegetation**

The General Counsel called cause number **15-0504**. 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.

DORIAN WYLLIE
2316 College Street
Case Number 15-0508 Vegetation

The General Counsel called cause number **15-0508**. 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.

F. Discuss/Approve Resolution Authorizing and Approving an Amendment for Refunding a CLW Bond.

Council Member Turner made a motion to approve the Amendment to the Bond Resolution refunding a Columbus Light & Water Bond that was previously approved on August 18, 2015 by the Mayor and City Council. Council Member Taylor seconded the Motion to adopt the foregoing Resolution, and the question being put to a roll call

vote, the result was as follows:

Council Member Gene Taylor	Voted: <u>YES</u>
Council Member Joseph Mickens	Voted: <u>YES</u>
Council Member Charlie Box	Voted: <u>YES</u>
Council Member Marty Turner	Voted: <u>YES</u>
Council Member Kabir Karriem	Voted: <u>YES</u>
Council Member Bill Gavin	Voted: <u>YES</u>

The motion having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present, The Mayor declared the motion carried and the Resolution adopted, on this the 17th day of November, 2015.

THE RESOLUTION FOLLOWS:

G. Discuss/Approve Award of Bids for dozier and excavator.

Milton Rawle, CFO, came forward and discussed the bids for two (2) pieces of heavy equipment for the Public Works Department. He received two (2) Bids on the Dozier and recommends that the bid be awarded to Thompson Machinery (CAT) in the amount of \$368,680.64. Four (4) bids were received for the Excavator and it is recommended that the bid be awarded to Thompson Machinery (CAT) at \$207,912.37.

Council Member Karriem made a motion to award the bid for the Dozier to Thompson Machinery (CAT) in the amount of **\$368,680.64**. Council Member Taylor seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion passed.

Council Member Taylor made a motion to award the bid for the Excavator to Thompson Machinery (CAT) in the amount of **\$207,912.37**. Council Member Turner seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion passed.

H. Discuss/Approve Council recommendations for Police Chief Selection Committee.

Mayor Smith request all Council Members to give one (1) name of an individual In their respective ward to serve on the Police Chief Selection Committee to Pat Mitchell.

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 Taylor 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 CFO, Captain Fred Shelton and the HR Director exited the Council Chambers.

Mayor Smith apprised the Council of two (2) personnel matters and Acquisition of Real Property and remarked that this matter warrants being heard in executive session.

Council Member Taylor made a motion to go into Executive Session. Council Member Box seconded the motion. Council Member Mickens exited the meeting.

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 the Acquisition of real property.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Personnel Matters (2)

Acquisition of Real Property (1)