

**CITY OF COLUMBIA
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT
AUGUST 14, 2012 – 11:00 A.M.
LINCOLN STREET PARKING GARAGE
CONFERENCE ROOM – 820 WASHINGTON STREET**



The Columbia City Council Public Safety Committee conducted a Meeting on Tuesday, August 14, 2012 at the Lincoln Street Parking Garage Conference Room, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Moe Baddourah (Chair) called the meeting to order at 11:09 a.m. The Honorable Sam Davis, The Honorable Brian DeQuincey Newman, and The Honorable Leona K. Plough (non-committee member) were present.

APPEARANCE OF THE PUBLIC

No one appeared at this time

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

1. Columbia Police Department Updates

Mr. Randy Scott, Police Chief gave the following reports:

- National Night Out

The kickoff that the city sponsored was a phenomenal success. The occasion brought out many citizens from various neighborhoods and demonstrated the involvement of the community. Due to inclement weather, some events have been rescheduled throughout various parts of the city.

- North Main Street Cameras

Currently, four (4) cameras have been installed on North Main Street. The department is still moving forward with installing cameras in the Downtown and North Columbia areas.

Councilor Baddourah said he will like to originate procedures to slow down traffic in neighborhoods. He asked that staff prepare a Traffic Circuit Study for Five Points and to bring a report back to the committee.

2. Five Points 2 a.m. Bar Closing

Mr. Joe McCulloch, Esquire pointed out some concerns of the city ordinance for the regulation of alcohol services after 2 a.m. with small businesses that operate bars and restaurants. Statistically, Five Points seems to be the focal point for police deployment in the enforcement of the ordinance primarily through police officers rather than the Hospitality Force as was the purpose of its creation. The enforcement needs to be city wide. As a consequence of the enacted ordinance, some of the businesses in Five Points received violations and coercions of revocations. An outline of recommendations was provided for the purpose of re-evaluating the ordinance and for clarification of the process for citing owners and notifying them of violations.

The committee asked the City Attorney to review the recommendations and to schedule this matter at the next city council meeting.

3. Richland County Detention Center Year End Report

Mr. Steven A. Gantt, City Manager gave an update of the Richland County Detention Center Inmate Billing Report for Fiscal Years 2009/2010, 2010/2011 and 2011/2012. The average housing stay for inmates is 2.8 days at a rate of \$25 per day. A five (5) year contract extension with Richland County was granted this year at the same pay rate of \$25 per day.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

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