



CITY OF COLUMBIA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2014 - 6:00 P.M.
CITY HALL - 1737 MAIN STREET
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 3RD FLOOR

The Columbia City Council conducted a Meeting on Tuesday, August 19, 2014 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 6:27 p.m. and the following members of Council were present: The Honorable Sam Davis, The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine, The Honorable Brian DeQuincey Newman, The Honorable Cameron A. Runyan and The Honorable Moe Baddourah. The Honorable Leona K. Plaugh was absent. Also present were Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Moore, City Clerk. This meeting was advertised in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

Councilor Devine announced that Councilwoman Plaugh is at home recuperating. She asked that we all continue to keep Ms. Plaugh in our thoughts and prayers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Tower Jones led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Chaplain Byron Powers, Columbia Police Department offered the invocation.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Runyan, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda as presented.

PUBLIC INPUT RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS

No one appeared at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Meeting Minutes of [February 18, 2014 Work Session & Council Meeting](#) and [February 26, 2014 Special Called Meeting](#) – *Approved as presented.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Runyan, Council voted unanimously to approve the February 18, 2014 Work Session & Council Meeting and February 26, 2014 Special Called Meeting Minutes.

PRESENTATIONS

2. [Introduction of the August 2014 Employee of the Month \(Robert “Bob” Probst, Construction Management Administrator\)](#) – Mr. Sam Catoe, Senior Construction Administrator for the Construction Management Division

Mr. Sam Catoe, Senior Construction Administrator for the Construction Management Division introduced Mr. Bob Probst as the August 2014 Employee of the Month. He said that “Bob” is difficult to describe. He credited Mr. Probst with saving the City of Columbia a lot of money by carefully reviewing all construction contracts. He said it is a pleasure to have him as a coworker and as a friend.

Mayor Benjamin and City Manager Teresa Wilson presented Mr. Robert Probst with a plaque and a token of appreciation for being selected as the City of Columbia August 2014 Employee of the Month.

3. City LIGHTs Employee Recognition Program – Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager

Chief William “Skip” Holbrook, Columbia Police Department said that Corporal Glenn Sawyer initially recognized Community Safety Officer Tamara Kelly for her work with a youth safe haven at Hammond Village where she provides homework assistance, physical fitness and recreational activities, safety skills, and so much more. In 2011, the program was funded by a grant through the Eisenhower Foundation, but even when funding ran out, CSO Kelly continued the program by paying for various needs out of her own pocket. He announced that CSO Kelly was recently named a Community Builder and received a \$1,000 award from the Mungo Foundation.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager recognized Community Safety Officer Tamara Kelly as a City LIGHT, an employee who has gone the extra mile. She presented CSO Kelly with a certificate and encouraged her to continue to let her light shine.

Mr. Matt Mungo of Mungo Homes thanked CSO Kelly for all she has done to be a Community Builder. He has spent a lot of time around Housing Authority properties and he told CSO Kelly that he greatly appreciates what she is doing in Hammond Village.

4. Presentation of Proclamation – The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine

Councilor Devine recognized Ms. Dianne Light for her hard work in our community and for giving tirelessly to this city.

Mayor Benjamin and the members of City Council proclaimed Sunday, August 10, 2014 as Dianne Light Day in the City of Columbia.

Ms. Dianne Light, Co-Owner of DiPrato's Delicatessen said thank you.

5. Introduction of the University of South Carolina's Student Body Deputy Secretary of State Affairs McBryde Campbell – Ms. Lindsay Richardson, University of South Carolina Student Body President

Miss Lindsay Richardson, University of South Carolina Student Body President said throughout the summer she and her staff have been exploring the City and they realize what a great partnership this is for the University and its students. She introduced Miss Ellen Riegel who will be representing 30,000 student voices at every City Council meeting.

Ms. Ellie Riegel, University of South Carolina Student Body Attorney General thanked City Council for their willingness to work with USC's Student Government. She said they are also working with the City Center Partnership to host the Mammoth on August 23, 2014 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.; they are working towards having the most students on campus that are registered to vote; and they will host a Safety Day in Five Points on Saturday, August 30, 2014. She announced that 6,000 new students were welcomed on campus this week; major construction is underway; and the women's quad has been renovated.

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION / ACTION

6. [Active & Pre-65 Retiree Health Care Strategy Findings & Recommendations](#) – Ms. Pamela Benjamin, Human Resources Director and Ms. Melisa Caughman, Budget and Program Management Director

Mayor Benjamin reported that staff has talked with Council and there is a great deal of consensus. He said many of you have been active in this discussion as we work hard to honor the service of men and women who worked for the city for a number of years and have retired. While at the same time we have to keep our eyes on the bottom line as we deal with our long-term actuarial liabilities. We are dealing with non-pension related benefits. He said staff will make recommendations today that will give us more time to deal with this and without adding to the long-term liability of the city in a significant way. He acknowledged that many retirees have fixed incomes and we have to respect that and allow people to continue to live good lives.

Ms. Melisa Caughman, Budget and Program Management Director said this discussion will cover active employee plan changes and an alternative plan for pre-65 retirees; this discussion will not relate to post-65 retirees. She outlined the current plan enrollment as of April 2014 to include a total of 1,084 active employees, 211 pre-65 retirees and 258 post-65 retirees. She reported that

without GASB, which is our long-term liabilities for Other Post-Employment Benefits, our claims and healthcare costs are projected at \$28,159,000 for fiscal year 2014/2015.

Councilor Runyan inquired about the large increase in costs from 2010/2011 to 2011/2012.

Ms. Melisa Caughman, Budget and Program Management Director said there was not one particular reason.

Ms. Pamela Benjamin, Human Resources Director said new enhancements were introduced to our active employee health care plan in April and in 2015, the Affordable Care Act will require that all costs associated with the purchase of prescription medications be applied towards the out-of-pocket maximums. In order to offset the anticipated increase in costs, she recommended that we increase some deductibles, co-pays and out-of-pocket maximums. She noted that these changes will cause us to forego the grandfathered status as a health insurance provider. She introduced a third plan for active employees. She noted that the plan has low monthly premiums, but the deductibles, out-of-pocket maximums; and other insurance costs are higher. She explained that the wellness incentive will promote healthy behaviors and employees can earn up to \$225. She explained that tobacco users will be assessed an additional \$25/\$50 monthly surcharge and a smoking cessation program will be provided to employees and their covered dependents. She presented a plan design summary for active employees, noting that the premiums for the core and buy-up plans will not increase.

Councilor Devine expressed concerns about many employees moving to the base plan to save money without understanding that they will be paying more if they get sick. She asked what will be done to ensure that the message is clearly communicated.

Ms. Pamela Benjamin, Human Resources Director said there will be mandatory open enrollment for everyone whether they make changes or not. She said letters, emails and other communications will be sent to employees as well.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager suggested that follow up may be needed with the individual that makes the decisions within the household.

Councilor Baddourah said it is important to note that there are incentives for being healthy. He recalled today's Work Session discussion about what we can do to make our communities healthier twenty years from now.

Ms. Pamela Benjamin, Human Resources Director noted that employees will be able to rollover the wellness incentive into the second year when they don't use it during the first year.

Ms. Melisa Caughman, Budget and Program Management Director recalled that staff previously presented the following three (3) alternatives for pre-65 retirees: public exchanges; setting premiums to the cost of healthcare; and a new plan design with lower premiums than the second alternative. She further recalled that in 2012, Council approved a defined dollar benefit (DDB) at \$800 for the pre-65 and post-65 retiree and \$600 for the dependent. At that time the City's annual liability was \$108 million. She said an increase in the DDB would increase the City's liability costs and its annual costs. She said it was determined in January 2014 that the premiums were significantly insufficient to cover the cost of healthcare; the city was paying more than \$800/\$600 for the DDB. She noted that the city should have been paying \$4.7 million, but we paid \$7 million in costs. She reported that for 2015, pre-65 retirees would be offered the same plan design as active employees, except for the wellness credits. She reported that this could increase the City's long-term liability by \$28.3 million and increase the annual OPEB cost by \$1.9 million. She noted that the employee health center has always been available to pre-65 retirees and dependents.

Councilor Runyan asked what the percentage increase is for the \$1.9 million.

Ms. Melisa Caughman, Budget and Program Management Director said it is increasing from \$7.7 million to \$9.6 million, which is what we put aside for the long-term liability and what we pay in actual claims; it's a 25% increase.

Mr. Mike Jones, Senior Consultant for Towers Watson presented the retirement healthcare valuation results. He recommended that the city maintain the structure of the defined dollar benefit plan. He explained that the Actuarial Accrued Liability increases to approximately \$135 million and there is a \$700,000 increase in normal costs, which increases the Annual Required Contribution by \$1.9 million.

Councilor Runyan asked if this is a trend, because a 25% increase isn't sustainable.

Mr. Mike Jones, Senior Consultant for Towers Watson said the market trend is to increase deductibles and to focus on lowering costs by helping participants become better healthcare consumers by taking advantage of wellness opportunities and catching things earlier.

Councilor Davis asked if the fluctuation is based on the adjustments we made to accommodate active and pre-65 employees.

Mr. Mike Jones, Senior Consultant for Towers Watson said these results are focused on retirees and the pre-65 retiree changes.

Councilor Davis asked what can we project 6-months after enrollment.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said this is a complicated discussion and we are going to discuss next steps with the understanding that we can't have a 25% increase every year going forward; we will work towards a solution that is palatable.

Mayor Benjamin said he doesn't support a 25% increase for this year. He said we must inject that spirit of consumerism into each employee and retirees, recognizing that all pre-65 retirees aren't created equal; they have different responsibilities, family situations and other insurance options. We have to look at how we continuously decrease our long-term OPEB liability. He said this has to become a number one priority.

Mr. Jeff Palen, Chief Financial Officer said that option four creates a \$1.9 million increase in the annual OPEB costs. He said we will need \$720,000 for this year and we will be able to handle that through current year surplus funds.

Councilor Baddourah said this is not a perfect solution, but it is the perfect solution for now. He said part of the long-term solution is to make our retirees and employees get into good health habits.

Councilor Newman recalled that there was a lot of backlash when these recommendations were first introduced, but we were reacting to laws that were created outside of our purview. He said this is a good temporary solution, but we need to continue to communicate this information.

Ms. Pamela Benjamin, Human Resources Director said open enrollment is in October and action needs to be taken on this issue. She asked Council to approve the plan design for active employees as discussed tonight; alternative four for retiree benefits as a stop-gap measure that can only be maintained for one year while we continue discussions for longer term solutions; staff will pursue creative approaches to meet the needs of retirees; and staff will return to Council with recommendations on longer term solutions by March 31, 2015.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to approve the following recommendations:

- Approve the 2015 Plan Design and Premiums for Active Employees
- Approve Alternative 4 for Retiree Benefits
- Evaluate Longer Term Solutions

Councilor Baddourah asked to keep the committee on healthcare discussions open for the next few months. He offered to continue to serve.

Mayor Benjamin concurred and also offered to continue to serve as long as staff believes that the members of Council are adding value to the process.

STAFF UPDATE / CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION

7. Exclusive Minor Child Play Zones and the Public Notice Process – Mr. Jeff Caton, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department - *Please note that this is an update. No action will be taken on this matter. Prior to implementing exclusive minor child play zones within any park, the Parks and Recreation Director shall request that the designation be placed on City Council's agenda for public input and for approval by a majority vote of members of City Council present at that meeting.*

Mr. Jeff Caton, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department recalled that Councilwoman Devine asked staff to look at a procedure that would mirror the City's zoning ordinance in order to provide due process to neighborhoods and organizations that would like to pursue a child safety zone designation. He explained that the process would be initiated by the neighborhood association's board that is contiguous to the park property; the request will come to the Parks and Recreation Department for verification and then reviewed by City Administration; if agreed upon, the matter will be placed on a Council agenda with the property being posted fifteen (15) days prior to the public hearing; and City Council will decide whether to approve the designation or not. He presented a list of parks that were funded with Land Water Conservation Funds, which is a federal program that has restrictions in terms of access in perpetuity. He said we can be relieved of these requirements through a conversion process that would require an appraisal and the appraised value will need to be invested in a new park property; not an existing facility. He noted that Roy Lynch Park was developed with Land Water Conservation Funds. He said these factors must be considered during the evaluation of the designation on any park.

Councilor Devine said some parks are contiguous to several neighborhoods. She asked if the request needed to come from one neighborhood or all of them.

Mr. Jeff Caton, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department said they would attempt to gain consensus among the contiguous neighborhood associations and would bring any unresolved issues to the City Manager for consideration.

Councilor Devine said we have a diverse group of neighborhoods that operate differently. She asked if a letter from the board would be sufficient.

Mr. Jeff Caton, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department said it would be wise to make sure as many people are involved in the process as possible while recognizing that not all neighborhoods function the same.

Councilor Davis sought clarification on the intent of the ordinance. He asked if an adult would be excluded from a park that has a safety zone. He said the intent is not to completely shut the park off.

Mayor Benjamin said the restrictions would come into play if in fact Council decides to establish an exclusive minor child play zone that spans the size the entire park. He doesn't anticipate anyone on this Council supporting any child play zone that would encompass the entirety of a park.

Councilor Davis agreed that requests should come from the neighborhood that surrounds that park. He said we are talking about the safety of children; there are areas where very young children do go to parks alone. He disagreed with totally barring people from parks. He said we shouldn't entertain the conversion process, because it's too expensive.

Mr. Jeff Caton, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department explained that it may be logistically impossible not to restrict adult access in parks with smaller land masses. He noted that there are child play elements all over Roy Lynch Park and we would effectively create a safety zone over the entire park because of the way it is laid out.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager clarified that we don't want to go down the path of conversion and we don't want to create a situation where we are mandated to do so.

Mayor Benjamin said if we decide to go in a certain direction that forces conversion, then that's a decision that we've made; we know there are unintended consequences at times; and we may have to make changes to a park to accommodate the zone. He said this is an issue that has a number of implications and we want to make sure that we respect human rights, civil rights, the freedom of assembly and those things we treasure in America, while at the same time we want to make sure we protect our children.

Councilor Runyan inquired about the acreage of Roy Lynch Park.

Mr. Jeff Caton, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department said .79 acres.

Councilor Runyan said the whole city is 88,000 acres and we are fighting over making .0009% of the City of Columbia a zone that is safe for children. He questioned the step in the process where staff will work to build consensus with the neighborhoods.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said she has no comfort with there being a staff decision based off consensus in a neighborhood process; we will have to seek guidance from Council about what that actually means.

Councilor Runyan said children are the most defenseless members of our society and we owe it to them to have a clean and safe environment for them to play. It is a child's park, thus the very small nature of it. It has equipment for children dispersed throughout the park. He asked if we have done this conversion before.

Mr. S. Allison Baker, Senior Assistant City Manager said this was done with the Little Red Schoolhouse at Riverfront Park, but staff wasn't involved with that.

Councilor Runyan said this is not a new concept; it may be cumbersome; it may be difficult; and there may be some costs, but we are a nation of responsibility first and rights second. He said we have a responsibility to protect those areas for our children.

Mayor Benjamin said significant issues do not need to be left to the interpretation of staff; Council has to make those policy decisions. He said it is important to have a process in place that allows us to look at the variables, data and challenges.

Mr. Jeff Caton, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department said we want to do our due diligence to collect the information.

Councilor Devine said Mr. Caton was probably trying to convey that this won't be done at the request of one neighborhood at the exclusion of others. There will be disagreements on multiple issues and that would come to this Council. She asked if Mr. Runyan's intent is to propose a designation for the entire Roy Lynch Park.

Councilor Runyan said it is his intention to have a safe place for children to play and that park is a well-documented problem area. He agreed to allow staff to determine how we effectuate that goal. He recalled that staff originally reported that it would be difficult to carve out a portion of the park for an exclusive child safety zone due to its size. He said the original discussion was to designate the entire park.

Councilor Devine said we need to be honest and clear as to where this is going so that the neighborhood can discuss this first. She recalled that Mr. Baddourah attempted to refer this to committee several times, but we didn't get there. She said we all need to be clear on the ramifications and not get into unintended consequences. She noted that the LWCF wasn't on our radar until someone brought it to our attention. We need to be cautious about what this will ultimately cost our tax payers; investing in a new park will require us to acquire property and invest in other things. This is not as cut and dry as some people are trying to make it.

Mayor Benjamin didn't recall the discussion of Roy Lynch Park being an exclusive minor child safety zone; that's not a part of my consideration. He said people can disagree with this and pursue ways to change it. He said this has been publicly discussed and publicly noticed and now we have to come up with a clear process to effectuate these zones. He reiterated that he doesn't support making Roy Lynch Park or any other park off limits to the citizens of this city. He doesn't think the issue of conversion is a major issue; it is something we have to

deal with properly. He acknowledged that there are major public safety and public health issues in Roy Lynch Park. He said the issues are so grave there that having other tools at our disposal is necessary.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said the ordinance is limiting our flexibility to create what's reasonable. She asked if Council would be willing to look at the language.

Mayor Benjamin agreed that we should look at the language and the structure of the park.

Councilor Devine said there may be opportunities for Roy Lynch Park, because the Junior League would like to provide a grant to help with the park. We need to manage the expectations and Council needs to clearly communicate the intent. She said the majority of the things that are happening aren't happening on playground equipment; it's happening on benches and other areas. She said we could move the equipment, but would the desire still be there by those who support this.

Councilor Newman sought to clarify that this ordinance will allow a neighborhood to come forward with an interest to establish a child zone; it will come to Council like a regular zoning matter; and Council will vote as to whether or not that designation will be created.

Mr. Jeff Caton, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department said that's correct.

Councilor Newman asked who would be initiating that designation.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said we are seeking that clarification. She said staff will never recommend the designation; it will come from Council or your constituents.

Mayor Benjamin asked staff to recommend a process that's sensible and fair and includes community participation.

Councilor Runyan stated for the record that his goal as a member of this body is to have a zone whether it's the entire park or part of the park; a zone that is safe for the children, because right now, it's not and we can demonstrate that very clearly. He said if staff reports that there is no way to cut the zone to 49% for a safe zone for children where they don't have to worry about people continuing to have sex in the park and do drugs in the park then I will support the designation for the entire park, because my concern is for the children.

Councilor Davis said he would not designate an entire park; the intent is an area whether it's a large or small park. He said children should be in an area where they don't have to worry about grown up behavior. He said if a neighborhood has concerns and would like to designate an area in a park, that should be the trigger; not the city; then it goes through the process; they have a discussion through email, petitions or signatures; and they present that concern or desire to city staff; staff interacts to determine if there is consensus; if it is, then we figure out how to accommodate that request; if there is no consensus then it is a dead issue. He asked if what he outlined is correct.

Mr. Jeff Caton, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department said yes.

- **Council opened the meeting for public input at 8:20 p.m.**

Mr. Matthew DeGuire said he lives a half block away from Roy Lynch Park, it is a terrific place to live and many of us care about children. He was under the impression that we were talking about the whole park having a designation and he would not be able to walk his dog or have a picnic in the park. He expressed concerns about the power a neighborhood association would have with making this designation, because there is not consensus on this issue in his neighborhood. He doesn't think that a land percentage is a relevant factor of whether something is right or wrong. He reported that the city did a terrific job with installing security cameras and there is increased police presence; it has made a difference and he hasn't seen any type of unsavory behavior in that park lately.

Mayor Benjamin noted that there isn't any situation where they would designate an entire park as a child safety zone.

Ms. Cheryl Myrick, Elmwood Park resident said her children enjoyed Roy Lynch Park and as a walker she would no longer be allowed to take a rest in Roy Lynch Park and would be subject to having a criminal record. She encouraged Council to think about the resources that will be used to monitor the ordinance. She suggested that those same resources should be used towards prevention. She suggested that parks and recreation employees come out earlier in the day to clean the parks before children come out. She hopes that all available avenues will be explored before taking away her rights.

Mr. Clayton King, Earlewood Community resident thanked Councilwoman Devine for responding to the email. He would like to see the ordinance shut down. He said our parks are public places that are maintained with public tax dollars. He understands and appreciates child safety. He also enjoys reading and swinging in the parks and this ordinance makes it illegal for him to enter public land that he owns. He insisted that the notion that opposition to this ordinance is synonymous with child safety is offensive. He suggested that we spend more resources on fixing the problems.

Ms. Ellen Blundy, Elmwood Park resident said this thing about rights is very nice, but when it comes down to it, Roy Lynch Park is for children and it is impossible for law enforcement to address the issues. She said Roy Lynch Park has special problems and it needs this ordinance. She announced a meeting in Roy Lynch Park on September 6, 2014 where the Director of Parks and Recreation will be the guest speaker.

Dr. Lonnie Randolph, President of the SC Chapter of the NAACP said it is this process that makes government work. He asked why we are doing this. He said he hasn't heard an answer that he is comfortable with. He is uncomfortable with the decision that what is good for one group isn't good for another. He said he is disturbed by Mr. Runyan's comments. He said there aren't a large number of police reports in that park. He suggested that we address the things that can make a difference right now.

- **Council closed the public input portion at 8:39 p.m.**

8. Update on the Request for Proposals for a Construction Manager At-Risk for the Multi-Use Entertainment Venue – Mr. Gregory Tucker, Special Projects Administrator

Mr. Gregory Tucker, Special Projects Administrator reported that the Request for Proposals for a Construction Manager At-Risk was issued on August 11, 2014 and responses are due back on September 2, 2014.

Councilor Davis asked about the aspirational goals.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager noted that the aspirational goals developed by City Council were included the RFP.

Councilor Baddourah asked if this is related to **Item 9**.

Mr. Gregory Tucker, Special Projects Administrator said no.

Councilor Devine asked who will be reviewing the responses.

Ms. Melissa Gentry, P.E., Assistant City Manager for Operations said it would likely be Gregory Tucker, a representative from the Utilities and Engineering Department and the developer and the owner of the Baseball team will be represented.

Mayor Benjamin suggested that the Chairman of the Bull Street Commission serve on the selection committee as well.

Councilor Newman reiterated Mr. Davis’ inquiry regarding the aspirational goals. He wants to make sure we are communicating as much as we can, because the purpose of the aspirational goals is to make sure we are investing locally.

Mayor Benjamin said the goals are for subcontracting participation with emphasis on small, local, minority owned and woman owned businesses. He requested an update on how much has been awarded under the Local Business Preference Policy since 2010. He said we’ve set bold goals for delivering this multi-purpose venue and we want to be kept apprised as to how we are meeting those goals.

Mr. Gregory Tucker, Special Projects Administrator explained that the City has designated an aspirational goal of 40% for Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) and 35% for Local Business Enterprises (LBE) under the 49% Subcontractor Outreach Program requirement.

Mayor Benjamin added that the goal for Women-owned Business Enterprises (WBE) is 10%.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS and AGREEMENTS

9. Council is asked to approve an [Agreement between Owner and Architect for Design and Engineering Services](#) for the Multi-Use Venue on the Bull Street Development, as requested by the Assistant City Manager for Operations. Award to Populous, Inc. in the amount of \$2,025,000.00. This vendor is located in Kansas City, MO. *Funding Source: Columbia Commons Project Budget – **Note:** The following local sub-consultants will be utilized for this project at 22.5% of the contract value. – Approved by a vote of four (4) to one (1).*

Sub-consultants	Locations	Services	Contract %
LS3P	Columbia, SC	Architecture	10.9%
ADC Engineering Specialists	Columbia, SC	Structural Engineering	2.8%
Davis & Floyd	Columbia, SC	Civil Engineering	5.9%
Buford Goff & Associates	Columbia, SC	Engineering	2.9%

Councilor Baddourah said we are committing to a contract for an architect to design a baseball stadium and we don’t have ownership of the land that we are going to put the stadium on. He asked how can we tell the architect the elevation and do we have ownership records.

Ms. Melissa Gentry, P.E., Assistant City Manager for Operations said the Venue Development Agreement says we won’t start construction before we own the property and several things must happen before we own the property. Councilor Baddourah insisted that we are committing ourselves to another \$2 million to design a stadium for a property we do not own.

Ms. Melissa Gentry, P.E., Assistant City Manager for Operations said we have an agreement with the developer to provide the property to us.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Runyan, Council voted four (4) to one (1) to approve an Agreement between Owner and Architect for Design and Engineering Services for the Multi-Use Venue on the Bull Street Development, as requested by the Assistant City Manager for Operations. Award to Populous, Inc. in the amount of \$2,025,000.00. Voting aye were Mr. Runyan, Ms. Devine, Mr. Davis and Mayor Benjamin. Mr. Baddourah voted nay. Mr. Newman abstained from voting due to a potential conflict of interest.

OTHER MATTERS

10. Council is asked to approve a [Request for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity](#), as requested by the Business License Division. Award to James St. Fort doing business as CPC Exclusive, LLC, which is a limousine service located at 7356 Garners Ferry Road, Columbia, SC 29209. **Note:** *The applicant is planning to place one (1) limousine into service and add additional limousines at a later date. - Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Mayor Benjamin, Council voted unanimously to approve a Request for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity, as requested by the Business License Division. Award to James St. Fort doing business as CPC Exclusive, LLC, which is a limousine service located at 7356 Garners Ferry Road, Columbia, SC 29209.

11. Council is asked to approve the [Installation of Two \(2\) Speed Humps](#) within the 2200 block of Hampton Street between Pine Street and Oak Street and the 2300 block of Hampton Street between Oak Street and Heidt Street. **Note:** *The Columbia Fire and Police Departments support this request. – Consideration of this item was deferred.*

Ms. Catherine Bruce said she lives in the 2200 block of Hampton Street between Pine Street and Oak Street. She said that the neighborhood association did not discuss this and they were told that the humps would be placed on Oak Street. Councilor Newman said there were questions about public safety and the speed bumps during the forum at Martin Luther King Park. He said the Waverly Neighborhood was asked to do an assessment. He said there was a majority of folks that wanted the speed bumps and the request was expedited since the students were back in town.

Ms. Catherine Bruce said the neighborhood president wasn't aware of the request. She noted that there is little speeding within the 2200 block and there are already speed humps in front of the dorms.

An unidentified male said the Priest of St. Martin de Porres wasn't aware of this being on the agenda and he is not in favor of this proposal.

Councilor Newman said he has received significant feedback about this matter, but he agreed to defer consideration of the matter until the next meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a single motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve the **Consent Agenda Items 12** through **39**. Mr. Baddourah was not present for the vote.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS and AGREEMENTS

12. Council is asked to approve a [Professional Services Contract Renewal for Citywide Technology Training](#), as requested the Information Technology Department. Award to Fast Forward in the amount of \$100,000.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: 1011120-631200 and 5518415-631200 - Approved*
13. Council is asked to approve a [Contract Renewal for Customer Suite and Service Suite Software for Fiscal Year 2014/2015](#), as requested by the Information Technology Department. Award to Ventyx in the amount of \$111,590.48. This vendor is located in Atlanta, GA. *Funding Source: General Admin Information Tech/Maintenance and Service Contract; 6218950-638200 – **Note:** The original budgeted amount is \$111,600.00. **CIO Comment:** I am in agreement with this annual renewal of Banner/Customer Suite software support. - Approved*
14. Council is asked to approve a [Contract for the Acquisition, Implementation and Annual Maintenance of Energov® Enterprise Server License](#) for Permitting and Land Management and Energov® Enterprise Software License Extensions, as requested by the Planning and Development Services Department. Award to Tyler Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$472,620 for the licensing and implementation services and \$66,805.00 per year or a total 5 years \$334,025 for annual support and maintenance and IG Workforce in the total amount of \$806,645.00. This vendor is located in Dallas, TX. *Funding Sources: 6218954-658600 Technology Replacement in the amount of \$472,620 for licensing and implementation services and 1014101-658660 Development Services in the amount of \$334,025 for annual support and maintenance (year 1-5) for EnerGov Support/Maintenance and IG Workforce Subscription. – **Note:** This software will allow the Planning & Development Services Department to acquire a tool for managing the process of receiving, reviewing, tracking, permitting and inspection on citywide construction projects. The software will also facilitate the*

administration of code enforcement activities to include logging, tracking and documenting action on property maintenance and zoning violation cases. **CIO Comment:** I approve this purchase as described. - Approved

15. Council is asked to approve the [Purchase of One \(1\) Backhoe Loader](#), as requested by the Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant. Award to Blanchard Machinery Company, using the National Joint Power Alliance Contract in the amount of \$76,132.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Utilities Metro Wastewater Plant/Machinery and Equipment-Capital – **Note:** The original budgeted amount for this purchase is \$86,400.00. - Approved*
16. Council is asked to approve the [Purchase of a Crane Truck](#), as requested by the Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant. Award to H & E Equipment Services, using the National Joint Powers Alliance Contract in the amount of \$196,196.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Utilities Wastewater Maintenance/Auto, Truck, Heavy Equipment-Capital – **Note:** The original budgeted amount for this purchase is \$194,400.00 and the additional \$1,796 will be covered within the overall budget. - Approved*
17. Council is asked to approve the [Purchase of Two \(2\) Tandem Dump Trucks](#), as requested by the Wastewater Maintenance Division. Award to Shealy's Truck Center, Inc., a Local Business Enterprise firm and the lowest bidder meeting specifications in the amount of \$275,482.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Utilities Wastewater Maintenance-Autos, Truck, Heavy Equipment-Capital; 5516205-658500 – **Note:** The original budgeted amount for this purchase is \$302,400.00. - Approved*
18. Council is asked to approve an [Agreement for Project SS721514 for On-Call General Wastewater Engineering Services](#), as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to Hazen & Sawyer in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Wastewater; 5511706-SS721514-5516205 – **Note:** These services are for general tasks for various wastewater projects that may arise in the upcoming year. The original budgeted amount of this project is \$75,000.00. - Approved*

19. Council is asked to approve an [Agreement for Project SS723514 for On-Call Wastewater Engineering Services](#), as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to URS Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Wastewater; 5511706-SS723514-5516205 – **Note:** These services are for specific tasks for various wastewater projects that may arise in the upcoming year. The original budgeted amount of this project is \$75,000.00. - Approved*
20. Council is asked to approve an [Agreement for Engineering Services for the Sims Park Playground Design, Equipment and Installation](#), as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to Churchich Recreation and Design, Inc., in the amount of \$100,000.00. This vendor is located in Hilton Head, SC. *Funding Source: General Capital Project Budget – **Note:** The original budgeted amount for this project is \$100,000.00. - Approved*
21. Council is asked to approve an [Agreement for Engineering Services for the Evaluation, Design and Construction of the Greenview Park Pool](#), as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$265,000.00. This vendor is located in Irving, TX. *Funding Source: General Capital Projects Budget – **Note:** The original budgeted amount for this project is \$2,041,483.00. - Approved*
22. Council is asked to approve [Project WM3921; Demolition of Four \(4\) Ground Storage Tanks](#), as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to Complete Demolition, the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in the amount of \$322,000.00. This vendor is located in Carrollton, GA. *Funding Source: Special Contracts Maintenance Fund; 5516210-638300 – **Note:** The original budgeted amount for this project is \$500,000.00. The project includes the demolition, removal and disposal of the Ballentine, Dubard, North 21 and Sandhills Ground Storage Tanks. - Approved*
23. Council is asked to approve [Project WM4291; Construction along Wesley Drive, Keats Street and Ashton Street](#), as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to Patriot Construction (Protégé), the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in the amount of \$385,809.82. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding and Supplement Source: Water Capital Improvement Fund; 5529999-658650/WM429101-658650 – **Note:** This is Protégé Led Program Project and McClam and Associates (Mentor) is implementing 1.2% (\$5,000) of the contract value. This project consists of the abandonment of existing water lines, bore and jack steel casing pipes, dry bore of water main beneath trees, new water services lines, gate valves and water*

service connections. The original budgeted amount for this project is \$413,655.00. - Approved

24. Council is asked to approve an [Agreement for Engineering Services for a Sewer System Evaluation Study of the Olympia Sub Basin Division I and II](#), as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to W.K. Dickson, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Sanitary Sewer Budget; 5529999-SS6857-636600 – **Note:** This is a Mentor Protégé Program Project and HPG and Company Consulting Engineers (Protégé), a SBE firm located in West Columbia, SC will provide design and construction management services at 20% of the contract value. The original budgeted amount for this project is \$2,700,000 (\$700,000 is for professional services and \$2,000,000 is for construction).* - Approved
25. Council is asked to approve an [Agreement for Engineering Consultation, Design and Construction Phase Services to Implement a New Non-Potable Water Pumping System](#), as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to Black and Veatch Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$501,500.00, which includes \$271,500, is for design, permitting and bidding and \$230,000 is for construction phase services. This vendor is located in Greenville, SC. *Funding Source: Sanitary Sewer Budget; 5529999-SS7275-636600 – **Note:** This is a Mentor Protégé Program Project and Howard Engineering (Protégé), a WBE firm located in Marietta, SC, will provide electrical and instrumentation system design, construction phase services and observation at 23.69% of the contract value. The following sub-consultants will be utilized for this project at 9.25% of the contract value. The original budgeted amount for this project is \$3,450,000 (\$250,000 is for design and \$3,200,000 is for construction).* - Approved

Sub-consultants	Locations	Services	Contract %
K&P Engineering, LLP (SBE Firm)	Lexington, SC	Structural Design	2.47%
Studio 2LR (SBE Firm)	Columbia, SC	Architectural Design	4.18%
Felkel & Hastings, Inc. (SBE Firm)	Columbia, SC	Mechanical Building Systems Design	1.0%
Summit Engineering	Spartanburg, SC	Surveying Services	.9%
Terracon	Columbia, SC	Materials Testing	.7%

26. Council is asked to approve the [Purchase of Water Meters for Fiscal Year 2014/2015](#), as requested by the Water Distribution Division. Award to lowest bidder of each lot in the total amount of \$615,589.39. *Funding Source: Utilities Water Distribution & Maintenance/Meter Parts & Supplies – **Note:** The original budgeted amount for this purchase is \$631,800.00. - Approved*

Lots	Size	Vendors / Locations	Amounts
1	¾"	HD Supply Waterworks - West Columbia, SC	\$139,008.00
2	2"	HD Supply Waterworks - West Columbia, SC	\$76,536.00
3	4", 6" & 8"	Mainline Supply Company/Fortiline - Columbia, SC	\$354,446.18
		SC Sale Tax	\$45,599.21
		Total	\$615,589.39

27. Council is asked to approve a [Contract Renewal for Repair Materials Bid for Fiscal Year 2014/2015](#), as requested by the Water Distribution Division. Award to the lowest bidder of each lot in the amount of \$647,273.74. *Funding Source: Utilities Water Distribution and Maintenance; 5516203-625700 – **Note:** The repair material bid includes: plastic tubing; brass goods; straight and steel couplings; gate valves; megalugs; service, patch and repair clamps; meter boxes and concrete; fire hydrants, brass fittings; fittings for ductile iron; dual check valves; tapping sleeves; meter boxes and plastic; and ductile iron pip. The original budgeted amount is \$650,000.00. - Approved*

Lots	Vendors / Locations	Amounts
1,6,12,14,16,18, 21	HD Supply Waterworks (W. Columbia, SC)	\$129,299.00
2,3,7,8,10,11,17,20	Hayes Pipe Supply (Nashville, TN)	\$393,082.36
4,5,9,13,15,19	Independent Waterworks (Lexington, SC)	\$76,946.18
	SC Sale Tax	\$47,946.20
	Total	\$647,273.74

28. Council is asked to approve an [Agreement for Engineering Services to provide Technical Engineering Support to the Smith Branch II Sewer System Evaluation Study](#), as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to MWH Americas, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$999,800.00. This vendor is located in Clemson, SC. *Funding Source: Sanitary Sewer Budget; 5529999-SS7273-636600 – **Note:** This is a Mentor Protégé Program Project and Chao and Associates, Inc. (Protégé), a MBE firm located in Columbia, SC will provide manhole surveys, GIS and construction management support at 21.5% of the contract value. Sub-consultant Hydro-structures, P.A. will receive 29.1% of the contract value. The original budgeted amount for this project is \$1,000,000.00. - Approved*

29. Council is asked to approve [Project SS7251; Blossom Street Improvements](#), as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to LAD Corporation, the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in the amount of \$1,126,866.00. This vendor is located in Swansea, SC. *Funding Source: Sewer Improvement Fund; 5529999-658650-SS7251 – **Note:** This is Mentor Protégé Program Project and Lexington Earthworks (Protégé) is implementing 20% (\$225,373) of the contract value. The original budgeted amount for this project is \$1,800,000.00. - Approved*
30. Council is asked to approve [Project WM3791-01; Water Main Construction along Sylvan Drive, Shannon Spring Road and Briarfield Road](#), as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to LAD Corporation of West Columbia, the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in the amount of \$1,409,022.60. This vendor is located in West Columbia, SC. *Funding and Supplemental Source: Water Capital Improvement Fund; 5529999-658650/WM379102-658650 – **Note:** This is a Mentor Protégé Program Project and Lexington Earthworks (Protégé) is implementing 20% (\$281,804) of the contract value. This project consists of abandoning existing water lines, horizontal directional drilling, new water service line, gate valves, and water service connections, paving/patching and all necessary connections. The original budgeted amount for this project is \$1,420,000.00. - Approved*
31. Council is asked to approve [Project WM3956-02; 24” Water Main Construction along Broad River Road and Chapin Road](#), as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to McClam and Associates, Inc., the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in the amount of \$3,196,801.60. This vendor is located in Little Mountain, SC. *Funding and Supplement Source: Water Capital Improvement Fund; 5529999-658650/WM395602-658650 – **Note:** This is a Subcontracting Outreach Achievement Provision and McClam and Associates, Inc., is responsible for achieving the outreach project and implementing 20% (\$639,360.32) of the contract value. This project consists of constructing new water mains, connection to existing water mains and fire hydrants. The original budgeted amount for this project is \$3,287,414.00. - Approved*
32. Council is asked to approve Projects [WM4113 Killian Road Tank, WM4136 Genstar Tank and WM4137 Ballentine Tank; Construction Improvements for Elevated Storage Tanks](#), as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to Landmark Structures, the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in the amount of \$14,378,000.00. This vendor is located in Fort Worth, TX. *Funding and Supplement Source: CIP Improvement Fund; 5529999-658650 – **Note:** The original budgeted amount for these projects is \$16,530,000.00. - Approved*

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

33. [Ordinance No.: 2014-068](#) – To Grant Crown Castle NG East Inc., its Successors and Assigns the Right, Power and Authority to Construct, Install, Maintain and Operate In, Over, Upon and Under the Streets and Public Places of the City of Columbia, its Lines, Poles, Wires, Cables and other Telecommunications Facilities to Render Telecommunications Service to Its Customers in the Limits of the City of Columbia for Such Period as Provider Herein; and to Provide for the Payment of Compensation for the Use of the Streets and Public Places – *First reading approval was given on August 5, 2014. – Approved on second reading.*
34. [Ordinance No.: 2014-084](#) – Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Ground Lease between the City of Columbia and the SC Crime Victim’s Council for a Crime Victim’s Memorial Garden at the River Walk entrance of Riverfront Park – *First reading approval was given on August 5, 2014. – Approved on second reading.*
35. [Ordinance No.: 2014-075](#) – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 2, Administration, Article V, Procurement Sec. 2-201 Statutory authority; title; definitions and Sec. 2-204 Competitive sealed bidding required; exceptions – *First reading approval was given on August 5, 2014. – Approved on second reading.*
36. [Ordinance No.: 2014-085](#) – (*Revised*) Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 2, Administration, Article V, Procurement, Sec. 2-208 Source selection method for procurements related to construction and Sec. 2-209 Design-build project delivery method authorized – *First reading approval was given on August 5, 2014. – Approved on second reading.*

EVENT RESOLUTIONS

37. [Resolution No.: R-2014-069](#) – Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at the USC Pep Rally at Wild Wing Café in the Vista – *This event is scheduled for Saturday, September 20, 2014 from 3:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. – Approved*
38. [Resolution No.: R-2014-070](#) – Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only within Boyd Plaza adjacent to the Columbia Museum of Art for the Contemporaries Oyster Roast – *This event is scheduled for Thursday, September 18, 2014 from 5:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. - Approved*

39. [Resolution No.: R-2014-075](#) – Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at the South Carolina Oyster Festival in the 1600 block of Blanding Street – *This event is scheduled for Sunday, November 23, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. - Approved*

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

40. [Ordinance No.: 2014-081](#) - Granting an encroachment to First Citizens Café at 1210 Main Street for placement and maintenance of two tables, eight chairs and two umbrellas immediately in front of their business for use by its patrons for outdoor dining during its normal business hours - *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Runyan, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2014-081 - Granting an encroachment to First Citizens Café at 1210 Main Street for placement and maintenance of two tables, eight chairs and two umbrellas immediately in front of their business for use by its patrons for outdoor dining during its normal business hours. Mr. Baddourah was not present for the vote.

41. [Ordinance No.: 2014-082](#) - Granting an encroachment to Atlanta Bread Company at 1307 Main Street for placement and maintenance of four tables, twelve chairs and four umbrellas immediately in front of their business for use by its patrons for outdoor dining during its normal business hours - *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Runyan and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2014-082 - Granting an encroachment to Atlanta Bread Company at 1307 Main Street for placement and maintenance of four tables, twelve chairs and four umbrellas immediately in front of their business for use by its patrons for outdoor dining during its normal business hours. Mr. Baddourah was not present for the vote.

42. [Ordinance No.: 2014-083](#) – Granting an encroachment to CEO Staffing and Executive Search for installation and maintenance of two red bud trees within the right of way areas of the 1300 block of Richland Street adjacent to its building at 1830 Sumter Street, Richland County TMS #09015-09-01 - *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Runyan, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2014-083 – Granting an encroachment to CEO Staffing and Executive Search for installation and maintenance of two red bud trees within the right of way areas of the 1300 block of Richland Street adjacent to its building at 1830 Sumter Street, Richland County TMS #09015-09-01. Mr. Baddourah was not present for the vote.

43. [Ordinance No.: 2014-089](#) – Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Contract of Sale and any other documents necessary to consummate the transfer of 5212 Randall Street, Richland County TMS # 11701-06-06 from the City of Columbia to Columbia Housing Authority - *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mayor Benjamin, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2014-089 – Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Contract of Sale and any other documents necessary to consummate the transfer of 5212 Randall Street, Richland County TMS # 11701-06-06 from the City of Columbia to Columbia Housing Authority.

44. [Ordinance No.: 2014-090](#) – Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Contract of Sale and any other documents necessary to consummate the transfer of 14 Guernsey Drive, Richland County TMS #11607-1 7-02 from the City of Columbia to Donvale M. Springs - *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2014-090 – Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Contract of Sale and any other documents necessary to consummate the transfer of 14 Guernsey Drive, Richland County TMS #11607-1 7-02 from the City of Columbia to Donvale M. Springs.

TEXT AMENDMENT – SECOND READING

45. [Amend Chapter 17 - Article V](#) – Historic Preservation and Architectural Review, for updates and modifications.

Proposal:	Amend §17 - Article V – Historic Preservation and Architectural Review for updates and modifications
Applicant:	Krista M. Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services
PC Recommendation:	Approve (6-0), 04/07/14
Staff Recommendation:	Approve

[Ordinance No.: 2014-076](#) – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Land Development and Zoning, Article V, Historic Preservation and Architectural Review, Division 1, Generally, Sec. 17-652 Definitions, Sec. 17-653 Design and development review commission and Sec. 17-655 Administration; and Division 2, Preservation Standards for Landmarks and Design Protection Districts, Sec. 17-674 Review process

– First reading approval was given on July 15, 2014. – Approved on second reading.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to give second reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2014-076 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Land Development and Zoning, Article V, Historic Preservation and Architectural Review, Division 1, Generally, Sec. 17-652 Definitions, Sec. 17-653 Design and development review commission and Sec. 17-655 Administration; and Division 2, Preservation Standards for Landmarks and Design Protection Districts, Sec. 17-674 Review process.

RESOLUTIONS

46. [Resolution No.: R-2014-058](#) – Supporting the Little Free Library and Encouraging Midlands Area Residents to Participate - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Mayor Benjamin, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2014-058 – Supporting the Little Free Library and Encouraging Midlands Area Residents to Participate.

47. [Resolution No.: R-2014-073](#) – Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Agreement with Richland County School District One to provide School Resource Officers from the Columbia Police Department to various schools for school year 2014-2015 - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2014-073 – Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Agreement with Richland County School District One to provide School Resource Officers from the Columbia Police Department to various schools for school year 2014-2015.

48. [Resolution No.: R-2014-076](#) - A Resolution Relating to the Declaration of Intent by the City of Columbia, South Carolina, to Use Proceeds of Tax-Exempt Bonds or Other Obligations Issued by or on Behalf of the City to Reimburse Certain Expenditures Prior to the Issuance of Such Bonds or Other Obligations - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Mr. Runyan, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2014-076 - A Resolution Relating to the Declaration of Intent by the City of Columbia, South Carolina, to Use Proceeds of Tax-Exempt Bonds or Other Obligations Issued by or on Behalf of the City to Reimburse Certain Expenditures Prior to the Issuance of Such Bonds or Other Obligations.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS/REFERRALS

49. [Public Safety Committee Report](#) – *This report was received as information.*

APPEARANCE OF THE PUBLIC

Ms. Gwen Jordan, Board Member for the Auntie Karen Foundation said they applied for Hospitality Tax funding; they have been here for ten (10) years; and they educate students about the arts and financing. She believes that there is an inequity in the amount of money that goes to some organizations. She insisted that their funding is constantly decreasing. She asked Council to look at the funding for the Auntie Karen Foundation and the Black Expo in comparison to other organizations.

Councilor Devine told Ms. Jordan that Council approved funding for the Auntie Karen Foundation and the Black Expo earlier today. She noted that the Foundation received \$20,000, which is \$5,000 more than last year.

Mr. Rodrick Johnson congratulated the Mayor on his pay raise and he asked to meet with Mr. Newman in private.

Councilor Newman agreed to speak with Mr. Johnson after the meeting. He also agreed to schedule a meeting at his office.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Moore
City Clerk