



CITY OF COLUMBIA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2014
6:00 P.M.
CITY HALL - 1737 MAIN STREET
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 3RD FLOOR

The Columbia City Council conducted a meeting on Tuesday, April 22, 2014 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m. and the following members of Council were present: The Honorable Sam Davis, The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine, The Honorable Leona K. Plough, The Honorable Brian DeQuincey Newman, The Honorable Cameron A. Runyan and The Honorable Moe Baddourah. 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

Chaplain Jim Reese, Columbia Fire Department offered the invocation.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda with the following amendments:

- Remove **Item 14** (*Contract for a Comprehensive Classification, Compensation, Performance Management and Benefits Study*) from the **Consent Agenda**
- Defer second reading consideration of **Item 20** (*Ordinance No.: 2014-035*)
- Accept amendments to **Item 25** (*Resolution No.: R-2014-048*)
- Defer consideration of **Item 27** (*Appointments to the Hospitality Tax Advisory Committee*) and re-advertise the vacancies for 14-days

PUBLIC INPUT RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS

No one appeared at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Meeting Minutes of [September 17, 2013](#) Council Meeting, [October 1, 2013](#), [October 15, 2013](#) and [November 12, 2013](#) – *Approved as presented.*

Upon a motion made by Ms. Plough and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of September 17, 2013 Council Meeting, October 1, 2013, October 15, 2013 and November 12, 2013, as presented.

PRESENTATIONS

2. [Introduction of the March 2014 Employee of the Month](#) – Ms. Dollie Bristow, Community Development Administrator

Ms. Dollie Bristow, Community Development Administrator introduced Ms. Charmaine D. Clark, Community Development Liaison as the March 2014 Employee of the Month. She described Ms. Clark as a 12 year employee with tremendous work ethic and dedication. Ms. Clark is known as the cheerleader for the Community Development Department and she is highly regarded by neighborhood leaders.

Mayor Benjamin and City Manager Teresa Wilson presented Ms. Charmaine D. Clark with a plaque and a token of appreciation for being selected as the City of Columbia March 2014 Employee of the Month.

3. [Child Abuse Prevention Month](#) – The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin

Mayor Benjamin and the members of Council proclaimed April 2014 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the City of Columbia. The proclamation was presented to the Children's Trust of South Carolina as the only statewide nonprofit dedicated to the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

Ms. Sue Williams, Chief Executive Officer for Children's Trust of South Carolina distributed pinwheels as the national symbol for child abuse awareness. She said that Children's Trust works diligently to prevent child abuse.

4. Introduction of The Balloon Project – Master Aiden Toumey, Dreher High School Drama Student

Master Aiden Toumey, 9th Grade Dreher High School Drama Student said that Dreher has an outstanding arts emphasis and the drama department is led by Ms. Jeanette Arvay, District One Teacher of the Year. He said the South Carolina International Thespian Society was held at Winthrop University in February 2014 and three (3) students from Dreher qualified for the national competition. He qualified for the short film category and his classmates, Taylor Goodwin and Xan Dubose qualified in the duet musical category. He said it will cost over \$4,000 for them to travel to Lincoln, Nebraska for the national competition. He asked the City of Columbia to help cover a portion of the travel expenses. He presented *The Balloon*, which is a short film that tells the story of a break up between a young man and young woman. The film is set in downtown Columbia.

Miss Taylor Goodwin and Miss Xan Dubose performed the musical duet “Take Me or Leave Me” from *Rent* for the audience.

Mayor Benjamin, Councilor Baddourah and Councilor Plough donated \$500 each for a total of \$1,500 towards the students’ travel costs to Lincoln, Nebraska for the International Thespian Society National Competition.

5. [2014 Eau Claire Fest](#) – Ms. Becky Bailey, Eau Claire Community Council

Mr. Henry Hopkins, Executive Director of the Eau Claire Community Council presented souvenirs to the members of City Council from Uptown Columbia. He invited the members of Council to participate in the 16th Annual Eau Claire Fest on Saturday, April 26, 2014 at the corner of North Main and Monticello Road from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Mr. Brian Mesime and Mr. Will Barbour of the Lion Share Band performed for the audience.

6. Working Together for Tourism – Mr. Bill Ellen, President/CEO of the Midlands Authority for Conventions, Sports and Tourism and Ms. Miriam Atria, President/CEO of Capital City/Lake Murray Country Regional Tourism Board

Ms. Miriam Atria, President/CEO of Capital City/Lake Murray Country Regional Tourism Board said we have two (2) destination marketing organizations promoting on behalf of the region. She said that Capital City/Lake Murray Country is competing with all of the lakes throughout the southeast. She said they are bringing over a half million dollars to the table to promote Columbia and both websites are posted on billboards at the state welcome centers.

Mr. Bill Ellen, President/CEO of the Midlands Authority for Conventions, Sports and Tourism said they are competing with every city in the southeast. He said they have pledged to work together to promote tourism and to bring visitors to Columbia and the entire region.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

[Click here to view a map of the Proposed Residential Parking Districts](#)

RESOLUTIONS

7. [Resolution No.: 2014-023](#) – Designating Whaley Street Neighborhood as a Residential Parking Permit District - *Approved*
8. [Resolution No.: 2014-025](#) – Designating Granby Neighborhood as a Residential Parking Permit District - *Approved*

- **Council opened the Public Hearing at 6:51 p.m.**

Mr. Bob Guild, 314 Pall Mall Street appeared before the Council in support of the residential parking permit districts.

- **Council closed the Public Hearing at 6:52 p.m.**

Upon a single motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: 2014-023 – Designating Whaley Street Neighborhood as a Residential Parking Permit District **and** Resolution No.: 2014-025 – Designating Granby Neighborhood as a Residential Parking Permit District.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a single motion made by Mr. Runyan and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to approve **Consent Agenda Items 9 through 13 and 15 through 21. Item 14** was approved by a separate motion.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS and AGREEMENTS

9. Council is asked to approve the [Purchase of Baseball Field Maintenance Equipment](#), as requested by the Parks and Recreation Department. Award to Tri-State Pump and Control, Inc., using the SC State Contract in the amount of \$54,123.39. This vendor is located in Liberty, SC. *Funding Source: Parks-Building and Grounds/Auto, Truck, Heavy Equipment Capital; 1015104-658500 – **Note:** This equipment will be used for infield maintenance of the 22 baseball fields. The original budget for this purchase is \$54,000.00. - Approved*

10. Council is asked to approve the [Purchase of Sodium Bisulfite](#), as requested by the Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant. Award to Southern Ionics, Inc., in the amount of \$78,975.00. This vendor is located in West Pointe, MS. *Funding Source: Utilities Metro Wastewater Plant/Chemicals; 5516208-624800 – **Note:** The original budget for this purchase is \$200,000.00. - Approved*
11. Council is asked to approve the [Purchase of Four \(4\) Kia Intermediate Hybrid Sedan Vehicles](#) for the Police Department, as requested by the Fleet Services Division. Award to Galeana Chrysler Jeep, Inc., the lowest and responsive bidder in the amount of \$84,400.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. – *Funding Source: Capital Replacement-Autos, Trucks, Heavy Equipment Capital; 6308972-658500 – **Note:** This equipment purchase is part of the annual replacement schedule and funded from General Obligation Bond proceeds. The original budget for this purchase is \$77,280. Supplemental funding in the amount of \$7,120 will come from the Capital Replacement Budget. - Approved*
12. Council is asked to approve the [Purchase of Kubota and Wood Equipment \(Mowers, Tractors and Cutters\)](#), as requested by the Parks and Recreation Department. Award to Steen Enterprises, the lowest responsible and responsive bidder in the amount of \$85,968.00. This vendor is located in Adams Run, SC. *Funding Source: Parks-Buildings and Grounds/Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment-Capital; 1015104-658500 – **Note:** The original budget for this purchase is \$114,000.00. - Approved*
13. Council is asked to approve an [Agreement for the Design of 8-inch Water Main Improvements to the Homeward Terrace Water Distribution System](#), as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to Neel-Schaffer, Inc., in the amount of \$126,411.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Water Maintenance Budget; 5529999-WM3069-636600 – **Note:** This is a Mentor Protégé Program Project and Chao and Associates, Inc. (Protégé), a MBE firm located in Columbia, SC., will provide field surveying, wetlands assessment and delineation, assist with pipeline design, pipeline permitting and pipeline construction administration at 28% (\$35,400) of the contract value. The original budget for this project is \$130,000.00. – Approved*

14. Council is asked to approve a Contract for a [Comprehensive Classification, Compensation, Performance Management and Benefits Study](#), as requested by the Human Resources Department. Award to Evergreen Solutions, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$191,000.00. This vendor is located in Tallahassee, FL. *Funding Source: Human Resources/Consultant Fees; 1018411-636700 – **Note:** The total cost includes all services as originally bid (\$156,000) and the optional tasks as outlined in the proposed work plan (\$35,000). The original budget for this contract is \$200,000.00. - Approved*

Ms. Pamela Benjamin, Human Resources Director said a Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued for a contract to hire a firm to conduct a comprehensive compensation and classification study for the city. She noted that the last study was conducted ten (10) years ago. She reported that Evergreen was selected to analyze our current positions, compensation structure, incentives, retention, benefits and performance management system. She noted that all employees will be included in the process. She said the process will begin in July or August and end during the fall.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager noted that a phased implementation approach is typical and discussions will be held with City Council.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to approve a Contract for a Comprehensive Classification, Compensation, Performance Management and Benefits Study, as requested by the Human Resources Department. Award to Evergreen Solutions, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$191,000.00. This vendor is located in Tallahassee, FL.

15. Council is asked to approve an [Emergency Procurement of Magnesium Hydroxide](#), as requested by the Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant. Award to Premier Magnesia, LLC, in the amount of \$288,630.00. This vendor is located in West Conshohocken, PA. *Funding Source: Wastewater Treatment Plant, Operations, Testing and Maintenance; 5516208-624800 - Approved*
16. Council is asked to approve [Project WM3939; Water Main Replacement along South Assembly Street from Rosewood Drive to Dreyfuss Road](#), as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to Carolina Tap and Bore, Inc., the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder in the amount of \$343,411.00. This vendor is located in West Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Water Capital Improvement Fund; 5529999-658650/WM393901-658650 – **Note:** This is a Mentor Protégé Program Project and Northeast Backflow (Protégé) located in Lugoff, SC, is implementing 21.84% (\$75,000) of the contract value. The original budget for this project is \$352,000.00. - Approved*

17. Council is asked to approve the [Purchase of Six \(6\) Debris Collection Trucks for the Solid Waste Division](#), as requested by the Fleet Services Division. Award to Carolina International Truck, Inc., using the Local Business Enterprise Preference Policy in the amount of \$416,934.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Capital Replacement-Autos, Truck, Heavy Equipment Capital; 6308972-658500 – **Note:** This equipment purchase is part of the annual replacement schedule and funded from General Obligation Bond proceeds. The original budgeted amount for this purchase is \$85,147.00 per vehicle. - Approved*

18. Council is asked to approve a [Clean Water 2020 Program Project: an Agreement for Engineering Services to render services in compliance with the Transmission System Operation and Maintenance Program](#), as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to Brown & Caldwell, Inc., in the amount of \$1,127,229.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Budget; 5516205-SS7257-636600 – **Note:** This is a Clean Water 2020 Program Project and a Sub-Contracting Outreach Program Project. Alliance Consulting Engineers (sub-consultant) located in Columbia, SC., will assist with the Force Main Condition Assessment Plan; Pump Station Technical Data and Criticality Assessment; Inventory Management System; Sulfide and Corrosion Control; and submittals and staff training at 21% of the contract value. The original budget for this project is \$1,200,000.00. - Approved*

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

19. [Ordinance No.: 2014-031](#) – Granting an encroachment to Technetics Group LLC/EnPro Industries, LLC for installation and maintenance of conduit and fiber optic cable within the right of way area of the 2700 block of The Boulevard adjacent to its buildings at 2791 The Boulevard and 2770 The Boulevard, Richland County TMS No.: 13512-02-03 and 13512-01-01 – *First reading approval was given on April 8, 2014. – Approved on second reading.*

20. [Ordinance No.: 2014-035](#) – Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Third Amendment to Lease between the City of Columbia and Old Boy Properties, LLC for property consisting of 100 ± acres in Richland County, South Carolina being a portion of the property formerly owned by Columbia Venture, LLC and Sunday School, LLC – *First reading approval was given on April 8, 2014. – Consideration of approval on second reading was deferred on April 22, 2014.*

21. [Ordinance No.: 2014-039](#) – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 13, Municipal Court to add Sec. 13-8 juror compensation – **Note:** *Municipal Court jurors shall receive compensation of \$10 per day and \$5 for mileage per day. – First reading approval was given on April 8, 2014. – Approved on second reading.*

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

22. [Ordinance No: 2014-017](#) – Granting an encroachment to Scoopy Doo for placement and maintenance of two (2) tables and four (4) chairs within the sidewalk right of way adjacent to 725 Saluda Avenue for use by its patrons for outdoor dining during normal business hours – *Consideration of this item was deferred on April 1, 2013. – Approved on first reading on April 22, 2014, as amended to prohibit smoking within the encroachment area.*

Ms. Krista Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services reported that the parties were able to come to an agreement on this encroachment. She said there was a request to prohibit smoking within the encroachment area.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No: 2014-017 – Granting an encroachment to Scoopy Doo for placement and maintenance of two (2) tables and four (4) chairs within the sidewalk right of way adjacent to 725 Saluda Avenue for use by its patrons for outdoor dining during normal business hours, as amended to prohibit smoking within the encroachment area.

23. [Ordinance No.: 2014-037](#) – Granting encroachment to Raad and Raad, LLC for installation and maintenance of a wrought iron fence within the right of way area of the 2000 block of Park Street adjacent to its property located at 2000 Park Street, Richland County TMS #09015-01-08 – *Approved on first reading on April 22, 2014.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2014-037 – Granting encroachment to Raad and Raad, LLC for installation and maintenance of a wrought iron fence within the right of way area of the 2000 block of Park Street adjacent to its property located at 2000 Park Street, Richland County TMS #09015-01-08.

RESOLUTIONS

24. [Resolution No.: R-2014-040](#) – Adopting a Public Art Receipt and Process to Procure Policy - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2014-040 – Adopting a Public Art Receipt and Process to Procure Policy.

25. [Resolution No.: R-2014-048](#) – A Resolution related to preserving Support and Funding for the Arts and Culture in the City of Columbia and Engaging Leaders in Columbia’s Arts Community in the Design of a New Multi-Use Sports and Entertainment Venue – *Approved as amended within the second whereas clause and striking section 2 from the resolution.*

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Runyan, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2014-048 – A Resolution related to preserving Support and Funding for the Arts and Culture in the City of Columbia and Engaging Leaders in Columbia’s Arts Community in the Design of a New Multi-Use Sports and Entertainment Venue, subject to revising the second whereas clause as follows and striking section 2 from the resolution.

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia has also adopted Resolution R-2014-046 declaring its intent to issue Special Obligation Bonds (Hospitality Fee Pledge), otherwise known as Hospitality Bonds, with \$29 million in proceeds not to include the cost of issuance and debt service reserves for the development and construction of the Multi-use Venue; and,

APPOINTMENTS

26. [Columbia Tree and Appearance Commission](#)

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to approve the reappointment of Mr. Andy Whitfield to a second and final three-year term and the appointment of Ms. Karen Settana and Mr. Michael Beets as at-large representatives for a three-year term to the Columbia Tree and Appearance Commission.

27. [Hospitality Tax Advisory Committee](#) – *Consideration of these appointments was deferred. Council asked that the vacancies be re-advertised for a two-week period.*

28. [Planning Commission](#)

Upon a motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to approve the reappointment of Mr. Rick Cohn for a second and final three-year term.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS/REFERALS

29. Council is asked to refer a review of the Ban the Box Initiative to the Administrative Policy Committee as requested by The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin. – *Consideration of this item was deferred.*

30. Council is asked to refer a review of the Climate Protection Action Committee bylaws and the newly proposed purpose to the Environment and Infrastructure Committee as requested by The Honorable Cameron A. Runyan.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Runyan and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to refer a review of the Climate Protection Action Committee bylaws and the newly proposed purpose to the Environment and Infrastructure Committee as requested by The Honorable Cameron A. Runyan.

APPEARANCE OF THE PUBLIC

No one appeared at this time.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Runyan, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Moore
City Clerk