



CITY OF COLUMBIA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING / ZONING PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2015 - 6:00 P.M.
CITY HALL - 1737 MAIN STREET
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 3RD FLOOR

The Columbia City Council conducted a Council Meeting and a Zoning Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Mayor Pro-Tempore Sam Davis called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and the following members of Council were present: The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine, The Honorable Brian DeQuincey Newman, The Honorable Cameron A. Runyan and The Honorable Moe Baddourah. The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin arrived at 7:12 p.m. The Honorable Leona K. Plough and The Honorable Moe Baddourah were 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. *The minutes are numbered to coincide with the order of the meeting.*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

Chief Aubrey Jenkins, Columbia Fire Department offered the Invocation.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine 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. [June 16, 2015 Work Session](#) and [Council Meeting](#) and [July 9, 2015 Emergency Meeting](#) Minutes – *Approved as presented.*

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to approve the June 16, 2015 Work Session and Council Meeting Minutes and July 9, 2015 Emergency Meeting Minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a single motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve the **Consent Agenda Items 2 through 25, 27 and 29 through 39.**

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS and AGREEMENTS

2. Council is asked to approve a [Professional Services Contract for Federal Lobbying Services](#), as requested by the Office of Governmental Affairs. Award to CapitalEdge Strategies, LLC in the amount of \$71,725.50 plus reimbursable expenses up to \$5,000.00 for a total annual amount not to exceed \$76,725.50. This firm is located in Washington, DC. *Funding Source: 1011103-638300 - Approved*

3. Council is asked to approve a [Professional Services Contract for State Lobbying Services](#), as requested by the Office of Governmental Affairs. Award to Kyle Michel Law Firm, LLC in the amount of \$71,000 plus reimbursable expenses up to \$1,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$72,000.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: 1011103-638300 - Approved*

4. Council is asked to approve a [Professional Services Contract for Janitorial Services](#), as requested by the Support Services Division. Award to Maid Over, LLC, the responsive bidder for initial cleaning in the amount of \$98,429.00. This firm is located in Greenwood, SC. *Funding Source: Fleet Services-Maintenance & Service Contract, 6308971-638200; Parking Services-Maintenance & Service Contract, 5312501-638200; Support Services-Maintenance & Service Contract, 1011201-638200; Support Services-Maintenance & Service Contract, 5511219-638200; Police-Maintenance & Service Contract, 1012402-638200; Wastewater Treatment Plant-Maintenance & Service Contract, 5516208-638200; Water Canal Plant-Maintenance & Service Contract, 5516206-638200 – **Note:** This is phase I for initial cleaning services. The second phase for routine maintenance and ongoing professional janitorial services will be submitted at a later date. The original budgeted amount is \$500,000. - Approved*

Lot	Buildings	Initial Cleaning Cost
1	Main Fire Station;911; Fire and Prevention; Police Department (Downtown); Police (PACE Team); Bus Shelters (qty. 15); Parking Headquarters; Receptive Station & Fleet Services	\$33,745.00
2	Municipal Court; 1225 Lady Street; Employee Gym; Main Police Headquarters; Police (South District); 900 Riverhill Circle; Health Clinic; & Wastewater Treatment Plant (Administration, Maintenance, Septage Receiving Station and Operations Lab)	\$33,959.00
3	City Hall, General Services Building (Support Services, Records, EOC Divisions); Police Training (1507, 1509 & 1511 Taylor Street); Harbison Police (West District); Police (East District); Police Metro Sub-District; Lutheran Survey/Eau Claire Town Hall/North District, Police/North Region’s Sub-District; Police Canine; Canal Water Plant Building (East Filter Building, West Filter Building, Administrative Building; Laboratory & Control Building; Foyer & Bathroom of Chemical Building; & Public Works	\$30,725.00
	Total	\$98,429.00

5. Council is asked to approve the [Renewal of Annual Maintenance and Support for the Customer Suite Utility Billing Software for Fiscal Year 2015/2016](#), as requested by the Budget and Program Management Office. Award to Hansen Technologies (formerly known as Ventyx) in the amount of \$97,422.57. This firm is located in Atlanta, GA. *Funding Source: General Administration Information Technology/Maintenance & Service Contract; 6218950-638200 – **Note:** This software is for billing and customer management for water and sewer, parking garages and solid waste services. The original budgeted amount is \$97,422.57. **CIO Comment:** I support the renewal of the annual maintenance and support agreement. - Approved*
6. Council is asked to approve a [Professional Services Contract for Citywide Technology Training for Fiscal Year 2015/2016](#), as requested by the Information Technology Department. Award to Fast Forward, a Local Business Enterprise in the amount of \$100,000.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Information Technology-Employee Training & Professional Development; 1011120-631200 (\$50,000) and Non-Departmental Employee Training/Employee Training & Professional Development (\$50,000) – **Note:** The original budgeted amount is \$100,000.00. **CIO Comment:** I approved this contract without any comments. - Approved*
7. Council is asked to approve a [Contract Renewal for Voice and Data Cabling Services](#), as requested by the Information Technology Department. Award to MD Technologies, a Local Business Enterprise in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: \$50,000 from the Support Services Public Building-Wiring Charges account 5511219-632120 and \$50,000 from the General Support Services-Wiring Charges account 1011201-632120 – **Note:** The original budgeted amount is \$100,000. **CIO Comment:** I support the renewal for Voice and Data Cabling Services. - Approved*
8. Council is asked to approve a [Contract Renewal for Oracle Maintenance Support effective August 1, 2015 through July 31, 2016](#), as requested by the Information Technology Department. Award to Mythics, Inc., in the amount of \$108,111.30. This vendor is located in Virginia Beach, VA. *Funding Source: Information Technology-Maintenance and Service Contract; 1011120-638200 – **Note:** This supports IFAS financials and banner for the utility customer relations applications. The original budgeted amount is \$108,111.30. **CIO Comment:** I support the renewal for Oracle Maintenance Support. - Approved*
9. Council is asked to approve an [Annual Maintenance Renewal for Ironport and Cisco Network for Fiscal Year 2015/2016](#), as requested by the Information and Technology Department. Award to NWN Corporation in the amount of \$117,378.98. *Funding Source: Information Technology-Maintenance and Service Contract; 1011120-638200 – **Note:** This is for the subscription license and maintenance for e-mail filtering appliances and Cisco provides the maintenance for all network equipment. The original budgeted amount is \$117,378.98. **CIO Comment:** I support the renewal for Ironport and Cisco Network. - Approved*

10. Council is asked to approve a [Contract Renewal for Citywide Safety Shoes for Fiscal Year 2015/2016](#), as requested by the Support Services Division. Award to Tyler Brothers in the amount of \$123,000.00. This vendor is located in Wagner, SC. *Funding Source: Central Store/Supplies-Safety Clothing and Supplies; 6208956-625900 – **Note:** This is the second year renewal of two (2) annual options to extend as stated in the original contract. The original budgeted amount is \$123,000.00. - Approved*
11. Council is asked to approve a [Contract Renewal for Uniform Rental Services for Fiscal Year 2015/2016](#), as requested by the Support Services Division. Award to Unifirst Corporation in the amount of \$300,780.00. This vendor is located in Lexington, SC. *Funding Source: Central Stores/Supplies-Uniforms and Clothing; 6208956-624100 – **Note:** This is the second year renewal of two (2) annual options to extend as stated in the original contract. The original budgeted amount is \$300,780.00. - Approved*
12. Council is asked to approve the [Renewal of Worker's Compensation Excess Loss Insurance Coverage effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017](#), as requested by the Risk Management Division. Award to NY Marine & General Insurance Company in the amount of \$145,975.00. This vendor is located in New York, NY *Funding Source: Worker's Comp. Administration, 6098939/636200 Insurance and Bonding - Approved*
13. Council is asked to approve the [Renewal of Insurance Policies](#) for Commercial Property, Computer, Crime, Auto-Parks & Recreation Buses and Auto-City Manager and Assistant City Managers' vehicles, as requested by the Risk Management Division. Award to Willis of North Carolina in the amount of \$247,910.00. *Funding Source: Premiums and Policies, 6058935 - Approved*
14. Council is asked to approve a [Contract Renewal for Aggregate Materials for Fiscal Year 2015/2016](#), as requested by the Public Works Department. Award to Vulcan Materials Company, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$351,621.00. This vendor headquarters is in Atlanta, GA and a local office in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: General Services/Central Stores-Cement, Rock & Masonry Materials; 6208956-623400 – **Note:** This is the third year renewal of four (4) annual options to extend as stated in the original contract. The original budgeted amount is \$351,621.00. - Approved*
15. Council is asked to approve an [Agreement for On-Call Structural Engineering Services for Fiscal Year 2015/2016](#), as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to Chao and Associates, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: 5511706-WM425116-SS722116-638305 – **Note:** The original budgeted amount for this project is \$75,000.00. - Approved*
16. Council is asked to approve an [Agreement for On-Call Engineering Services for Fiscal Year 2015/2016](#), as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to the Black and Veatch Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: 5516208-SS718616-638305 – **Note:** The original budgeted amount for this project is \$75,000.00. - Approved*

17. Council is asked to approve an [Agreement for On-Call Engineering Services for Fiscal Year 2015 / 2016](#), as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to AECOM (formerly known as URS Corporation) in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00. This firm is located Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: 5511706-SS732816-638305 – **Note:** The original budgeted amount for this project is \$75,000.00. - Approved*
18. Council is asked to approve an [Agreement for Engineering Services to Conduct Annual Operations Training and to create a Standard Operations & Procedures and Plant Manual](#) for the Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant, as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to Brown and Caldwell in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00. This firm is located in Walnut Creek, CA with a local office in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Metro Wastewater Treatment Plants Operations & Maintenance Budget; 5516208-638305 – **Note:** The original budgeted amount for this project is \$75,000.00. – Approved*
19. Council is asked to approve an [Agreement for Engineering Services for Safety and Stormwater Consulting Services](#) at the Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant, as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to AECOM in an amount not to exceed \$75,900.00. This firm has headquarters in Los Angeles, CA and a local office in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Metro Wastewater Treatment Plants Operations and Maintenance Budget; 5516208-638305 – **Note:** The original budgeted amount for this project is \$75,900.00. - Approved*
20. Council is asked to approve an [Agreement between Core Campus, LLC and the City of Columbia for Structural Improvements to the Sumter Street Garage](#) in the amount of \$389,347.00. *Funding Source: Parking Fund Balance 532999-658650 – **Note:** The City of Columbia and Core Campus will split the cost of construction with each party contributing \$194,673.50 towards the project. - Approved*
21. Council is asked to approve a [Contract Renewal for the Grounds Maintenance Services for Fiscal Year 2015/2016](#) at the Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant and Lift Stations, as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to Gregory Landscape Services, Inc. in the amount of \$78,600.00. This vendor is located in Lexington, SC. *Funding Source: Utilities Metro Wastewater Plan-Maintenance and Service Contract; 5516208-638200 – **Note:** This is the first year renewal of one (1) annual option to extend as stated in the original contract. The original budgeted amount is \$78,600.00. - Approved*

22. Council is asked to approve [Contract Amendment #4 for Engineering Services for the Saluda River Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Study for Sub-Basins SR-03, SR-10 and SR-12](#), as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to Brown and Caldwell in an amount not to exceed \$98,200.00. This firm has headquarters in Walnut Creek, CA and a local office in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Sanitary Sewer Capital Budget; 5529999-SS7208-658650 – **Note:** This project is associated with the Clean Water 2020 Program. The original contract amount is \$695,700; the current contract amount is \$772,200.00; and the revised contract amount is \$870,400. - Approved*
23. Council is asked to approve the [Purchase of Two \(2\) Caterpillar Power Generators](#), as requested by the Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant. Award to Blanchard Machinery Company in the amount of \$167,157.10. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Utilities WWTP Special Projects; 5516208-638500 – **Note:** The Caterpillar Generators are used for backup power at the sewer pumping stations. The original budgeted amount for this purchase is \$200,000.00. - Approved*
24. Council is asked to approve the [Purchase of a Rear Loader Refuse Truck for the Solid Waste Division](#), as requested by the Fleet Services Division. Award to Amick Equipment Company, a Local Business Enterprise in the amount of \$168,318.00. This vendor is located in Lexington, SC. *Funding Source: Capital Replacement-Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment Capital; 6308972-658500 – **Note:** The original budgeted amount for this purchase is \$190,696.68. - Approved*
25. Council is asked to approve a [Contract Renewal for Citywide Copier Services for Fiscal Year 2015/2016](#), as requested by the Support Services Division. Award to Pollock Company in the amount of \$210,600.00. This vendor is located in West Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Central Stores/Copying-Xerox Copy and Supplies; 6208951-627200 – **Note:** This is the second year renewal of two (2) annual options to extend as stated in the original contract. The original budgeted amount is \$210,600.00. - Approved*
26. Council is asked to approve [Change Order #3 for Project WM4000; Lake Katherine Phase I](#), as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to Carolina Tap and Bore, Inc., in the amount of \$212,765.00. This firm is located in West Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: \$67,897 will come from the owner's contingency allowance and \$144,868 will come from fiscal year 2014/2015 CIP SD826002 – North Main Street Drainage Improvements Fund. – **Note:** This is a Mentor Protégé Program Project and Northeast Backflow of Lugoff, SC is the Protégé. The original contract amount is \$2,553,150; the revised contract amount is \$2,698,018 and original budgeted amount for this project is \$2,553,150.00. - Approved*

Councilor Davis inquired about the funding source. He asked how it was configured and if it is considered excess funding.

Mr. Joey Jaco, Director of Utilities and Engineering said if it's not excess, the department will transfer it back to use for other projects.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager noted that the TIGER Grant and the Penny Tax are contributing to the North Main reconstruction project to include the drainage improvements.

- 27. Council is asked to approve a [Contract Renewal for Wet Well Cleaning Services for Fiscal Year 2015/2016](#), as requested by the Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant. Award to P&S Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$237,405.00. This vendor is located in Lexington, SC. *Funding Source: Utilities Metro Wastewater Plant-Maintenance and Service Contract; 5516208-638200 – **Note:** This is the first year renewal of one (1) annual option to extend as stated in the original contract. The original budgeted amount is \$237,405.00. - Approved*

- 28. Council is asked to approve [Change Order #6 for Project SS696612; Annual Sewer Rehabilitation](#), as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to Improved Technologies Group, LLC in the amount of \$395,000.00. This firm is located in Knoxville, TN. *Funding Source: \$249,900 will come from the owner’s contingency allowance and \$145,100 will come from fiscal year 2014/2015 CIP SS7286 – **Note:** This is a Mentor Protégé Project and Holzheimer Construction of Gilbert, SC is the Protégé. This is a Clean Water 2020 Program Project and the original contract amount is \$3,674,570; and the total budgeted amount is \$6,674,570.00. - Approved*

Councilor Davis inquired about the purpose of the change order.

Mr. Joey Jaco, Director of Utilities and Engineering said the sewer lines were collapsing and we are replacing the pipes.

Upon a single motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Runyan, Council voted unanimously to approve **Item 26** and **Item 28**.

- 29. Council is asked to approve [Projects WM4322 and SS7318; Water Main and Sanitary Sewer Construction along Garners Ferry Road and Caughman Pond](#), as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to Shady Grove Construction, the lowest responsive bidder in the amount of \$430,381.14. This firm is located in Irmo, SC. *Funding Source: Fiscal Year 2014/2015; 5529999-658650-WM432202 - **Note:** This is a Mentor Protégé Program Project and JA Mabus & Associates of Batesburg, SC is the Protégé and will implement 20.2% (\$86,788) of the contract value. This project is associated with the Clean Water 2020 program and the following local sub-consultants will be utilized for this project at 31% of the contract value. The original budgeted amount is \$430,381.14. - Approved*

Sub-consultants	Locations	Contract %	Amount
Capital Concrete (SBE)	Lexington, SC	2.2%	\$9,520.00
Floyd Industrial (SBE)	Sumter, SC	28.8%	\$124,270.00

30. Council is asked to approve [Project WM4345; 12” Water Main Construction on Bitternut Drive](#), as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to LAD Corporation of West Columbia, the lowest responsive bidder in the amount of \$491,210.00 with a project contingency of \$47,500.00 for a total amount of \$538,710.00. This firm is located in Swansea, SC. *Funding Source: Improvement Fund; 5529999-658650-WM434501 – **Note:** This is a Mentor Protégé Program Project and Lexington Earthworks of Swansea, SC is the Protégé and will implement 20% (\$107,742.00) of the contract value. The original budgeted amount for this project is \$524,000 and the additional funding of \$14,710 will come from Capital Project Utility Conflict; WM335513 account. - Approved*
31. Council is asked to approve a [Contract Renewal for Repair Materials for Fiscal Year 2015/2016](#), as requested by the Water Distribution Division. Award to Supply Waterworks and Fortiline, Inc., (formerly Independent Waterworks) for the following lots in the amount of \$618,590.49. This vendor is located in West Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Utilities Water Distribution & Maintenance-Pipe, Fittings, Hydrants, Etc. – **Note:** This is the first year of one (1) annual option to extend as stated in the original contract. The original budgeted amount is \$618,590.49. - Approved*

Lots	Vendors / Locations	Amounts
2,3,8,10,11,17,20	Hayes Pipe Supply (Nashville, TN)	\$388,315.65
1,6,12,14,16,18,21	HD Supply Waterworks (W. Columbia)	\$129,298.94
4,5,9,15,19	Fortiline Inc. (Lexington, SC)	\$55,154.38
	SC Sales Tax	\$45,821.52
	Total	\$618,590.49

32. Council is asked to approve [Contract Amendment #1 for Project WM4230; Engineering Services for the Lake Murray Water Treatment Plant Disinfection, Residuals Handling and Pumping Improvements](#), as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to Black & Veatch Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$803,500.00. This firm has headquarters in Overland Park, KS and a local office in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Water Capital Outlay Budget; 5529999-WM4230-658650 – **Note:** This project is associated with the Clean Water 2020 Program and the following sub-consulting services will be provided at 36.54% (\$293,600) of the contract value. The original budgeted amount for this project is \$1,900,000.00. - Approved*

Sub-consultants	Locations	Contract %	Amount
Howard Engineering (FBE)	Marietta, SC	23.37%	\$187,800
Terracon	Columbia, SC	0.81%	\$6,500
C. Jeff Stroud Architect, P.A. (SBE)	Elgin, SC	12.36%	\$99,300

33. Council is asked to approve a [Contract for Chemicals for the Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant, the Lake Murray and Columbia Canal Water Plants](#), as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to the lowest bidder of each lot in the amount of \$3,298,234.40. *Funding Source: Utilities Columbia Canal WTP/Chemicals; 5516206-624800 (\$1,260,105.20); Utilities Lake Murray Water Plant/Chemicals; 5516207-624800 (\$1,408,219.20); Utilities Metro Wastewater Plant/Chemicals; 5516208-624800 (\$629,910.00) – **Note:** A Reverse Auction was used for this bid process. This contract is for one (1) year with an option to extend for an additional one (1) year period. The original budgeted amount is \$3,298,234.40. - Approved*

Lots	Canal /Lake Murray Water Treatment Plant Chemicals	Vendors / Locations	Amount
1	Chlorine	JCI Chemical, Inc. (Sarasota, FL)	\$214,037.70
2	Fluoride	Key Chemical, Inc. (Waxhaw, NC)	\$100,450.00
3	Ammonia	Tanner Industries, Inc. (Southampton, PA)	\$119,900.00
4	Aluminum Sulfate	Chemtrade Chemicals US, LLC (Parsippany, NY)	\$487,775.00
5	Sodium Hydroxide	Univar USA, Inc. (Morrisville, PA)	\$28,221.70
6	Liquid Lime	Polytec, Inc. (Mooresville, NC)	\$326,960.00
7	Sodium Chlorite	International Dioxide, Inc. (N. Kingstown, RI)	\$654,480.00
8	Blended Phosphate	Corrosion Inhibitor (Carus)	\$168,300.00
9	Activated Carbon	Cabot Purification (Marshall, TX)	\$511,500.00
10	Liquid Polymer	Polydyne, Inc. (Riceboro, GA)	\$56,700.00
		Total for Lots 1 to 10	\$2,668,324.40
	Metro Wastewater Chemicals		Amount
11	Sodium Hypochlorite	JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc. (Sarasota, FL)	\$338,250.00
12	Sodium Bisulfate	Southern Ionics, Inc. (West Point)	\$245,000.00
		SC Sales Tax (8%)	\$46,660.00
		Total for Lots 11 and 12	\$629,910.00

34. Council is asked to approve [Project SS7253; Anaerobic Digester Rehabilitation for the Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant](#), as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to M.B. Kahn Construction, the lowest bidder in the amount of \$20,922,400.00 with a project contingency of \$1,000,000.00 with a total amount of \$21,922,400.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Fiscal Year 2014/2015 - 5529999-658650-SS725301 - **Note:** This project is associated with the Clean Water 2020 Program and the sub-consulting services will be provided at 32% (\$5,860,677) of the contract value. The original budgeted amount for this project is \$23,799,115.00. - Approved*

Sub-consultants	Service/Material	Locations	Contract %	Amount
Tendon Systems (OBE)	Masonry	Suwanee, GA	2%	\$359,530
B&G Waterproofing (OBE)	Waterproofing	Charlotte, NC	1%	\$35,870
Palmetto Metal Product (OBE)	Doors	Columbia, SC	1%	\$32,015
Bilt Rite (OBE)	Doors	Columbia, SC	1%	\$12,000
Quad City WPC (OBE)	Painting	Leland, NC	4%	\$864,00
Aquaseal (OBE)	Roofing	West Columbia, SC	1%	\$138,500
Sloan Construction (OBE)	Asphalt Paving	Columbia, SC	1%	\$198,555
Tindall (OBE)	Storm Drains	Spartanburg, SC	1%	\$21,392
Utility Electric (OBE)	Electrical	Anderson, SC	13.5%	\$2,895,000
Dover Insulation (OBE)	Insulation/Heat Tracing	Marion, NC	1.5%	\$279,815
Sifco Mechanical (OBE)	HVAC	Sumter, SC	5%	\$1,024,000

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

35. [Ordinance No.: 2015-026](#) - Granting a Franchise to All Star Hot Dogs for operation of a stationary sidewalk vending cart in the mid-block pad of the 1100 block of Gervais Street – *First reading approval was given on June 16, 2015. – Approved on second reading.*
36. [Ordinance No.: 2015-047](#) – Annexing 954 Custer Street, Richland County TMS #07305-06-03 – *First reading approval was given on June 16, 2015 – Approved on second reading.*

EVENT RESOLUTIONS

37. [Resolution No.: R-2015-048](#) – Authorizing consumption of beer and wine beverages only at the Palmetto Peanut Boil Fundraiser on October 3, 2015 – *Approved*
38. [Resolution No.: R-2015-057](#) – Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only within Boyd Plaza and the bus lane on the northern side of Hampton Street adjacent to the Columbia Museum of Art for Arts and Draughts on Fridays, August 14, 2015, November 5, 2015, February 5, 2016 and May 13, 2016 – *Approved*
39. [Resolution No.: R-2015-060](#) – Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at the USC Pep Rally at Wild Wing Cafe in the Vista – *This event is scheduled for Thursday, August 27, 2015. – Approved*

PRESENTATIONS

40. [Judge Lincoln C. Jenkins, III Day Proclamation](#) – The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin

Mayor Pro-Tempore Davis and the members of City Council proclaimed July 21, 2015 as Judge Lincoln C. Jenkins, III Day in the City of Columbia.

The Honorable Judge Lincoln C. Jenkins, III, Retired Municipal Court Judge thanked the City of Columbia and its Councils dating back to 1986 to the present for allowing him to be of service to the community in which he grew up in. He recalled that on Friday he went to pay his bill at Time Warner Cable and two individuals recognized and greeted him with kind words. He said life is just a minute; it's up to use it and give an account if you abuse it.

41. [Neighborhood Safety Month Proclamation](#) and National Night Out – Chief William “Skip” Holbrook, Columbia Police Department

Chief William “Skip” Holbrook, Columbia Police Department announced that National Night Out is Tuesday, August 4, 2015 and we are challenging everyone with breaking down barriers and bridging gaps in our community. He announced that the mission of the Columbia Police Department is: Policing Excellence through Community Partnerships.

The kickoff event will be held on Thursday, July 30, 2015 at the Convention Center.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Davis and the members of City Council proclaimed Tuesday, August 4, 2015 as Neighborhood Safety Month in the City of Columbia.

42. Let's Move! Columbia 5th Birthday Recognition – The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine

Councilor Devine said Let's Move! is an initiative started by First Lady Michelle Obama and they are celebrating the 5th anniversary of the Let's Move! Initiative. She said the City of Columbia was one of the first cities to join the initiative and has received gold medals in all five areas. The City celebrated its achievements through an Easter Egg Hunt and Family Fitness Day. The National League of Cities (NLC) announced that all cities that achieved the pinnacle have additional strategies to consider undertaking over the next five years. She outlined four (4) of the strategies that the City of Columbia will be considering and adopting: 1) developing a bicycle friendly community; 2) developing and implementing design guidelines for physical activities; 3) making policies and pragmatic changes for utilizing farmers markets and 4) developing and implementing a zoning ordinance for urban agriculture and community gardens. In closing, she said as we move into the next five years, we will continue to look for innovative and creative ways to engage our young people.

The Let's Move! Flash Mob performed for City Council.

43. Recognition of the 2015 Winners of the #LoveColumbia Photo Challenge – Ms. Leshia Utsey, Director of Public Relations

Ms. Leshia Utsey, Director of Public Relations introduced the 2015 #LoveColumbia Photo Challenge Winners: Frederick Austin, Facebook Winner; Salley Rickenbacker, Twitter Winner; and Tony Claremont, Instagram Winner. The photos will be on display in the gallery at City Hall.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PUBLIC HEARING

LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT – FIRST READING

44. **Land Use Element**: request to amend the City of Columbia Comprehensive Plan to update the Future Land Use Map to include recently annexed parcel at 954 Custer Street.

Council District: 2
Proposal: Amend Future Land Use Map of *The Columbia Plan: 2018* to include the property at 954 Custer Street in to the City of Columbia.

Applicant: City of Columbia

PC Recommendation: Approve (9-0); 06/01/15

Staff Recommendation: Approve

[Ordinance No.: 2015-067](#) – Amending the City of Columbia Comprehensive Plan 2018 Future Land Use Map to include 954 Custer Street, Richland County TMS #07305-06-03 annexed into the City of Columbia by Ordinance No.: 2015-047 – *Approved on first reading.*

Ms. Krista Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services explained that properties must be annexed, applied a zoning classification and applied a land use classification.

Councilor Devine asked Ms. Hampton to address the process that this annexation went through in correlation to the regular process.

Ms. Krista Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services said when properties are annexed into the City, they have a Richland County zoning classification and we do a map amendment to classify the property in the City. She said the restricted laws allow the annexations to be a single parcel; therefore, we have to prepare them one by one. She said This is in a donut hole, which is an area surrounded by the City and from a policy perspective this has been a priority.

- **Council opened the Public Hearing at 6:41 p.m.**

Ms. Regina Williams, Booker Washington Heights resident said she was handed a paper as she came in that caused her to be concerned about the process that occurred. She read the paper that said “Moving your home into the city in order to seek office is not illegal, but breaking the rules to do it is not fair.”

Councilor Devine said the process for this annexation is the same.

Councilor Davis said it is a process. He apologized if it appeared that we were moving fast.

- **Council closed the Public Hearing at 6:46 p.m.**

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2015-067 – Amending the City of Columbia Comprehensive Plan 2018 Future Land Use Map to include 954 Custer Street, Richland County TMS #07305-06-03 annexed into the City of Columbia by Ordinance No.: 2015-047.

PUBLIC INPUT

45. [Resolution No.: R-2015-062](#) – Public Input on Closing and Transfer of portion of Greene Street between Pickens Street and Sumter Street to the University of South Carolina - *Approved*

- **Council opened the meeting for Public Input at 6:47 p.m.**

No one appeared in support of or in opposition to this matter.

- **Council closed the Public Input segment for this matter at 6:48 p.m.**

Upon a motion made by Mr. Runyan and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: 2015-062– Public Input on Closing and Transfer of portion of Greene Street between Pickens Street and Sumter Street to the University of South Carolina.

46. [Resolution No.: R-2015-071](#) – Public Input on Closing of portions of Blaine Street, Dunston Street and Whitlock Street under South Carolina Property Partners, LLC vs. South Carolina Department of Transportation, Richland County Department of Public Works and City of Columbia, Civil Action 201 5-CP-40-1431 – *A public hearing was conducted. No one appeared in support of or in opposition to this matter.*

Ms. Natalie Armstrong, Esq., Assistant City Attorney explained that they met with all of the parties involved with this request. She said there were issues regarding easements to water lines and sewer lines, but these issues can be resolved.

- **Council opened the meeting for Public Input at 6:51 p.m.**

No one appeared in support of or in opposition to this matter.

- **Council closed the Public Input segment for this matter at 6:51 p.m.**

This was received as information only and no action was taken.

RESOLUTIONS

47. [Resolution No.: R-2015-017](#) – Authorizing the City Manager and Chief of Police to execute a Metro Narcotics Agreement for the Temporary Transfer of Law Enforcement Officers between the City of West Columbia and the City of West Columbia Police Department and the City of Columbia and City of Columbia Police Department – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Runyan and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2015-017 – Authorizing the City Manager and Chief of Police to execute a Metro Narcotics Agreement for the Temporary Transfer of Law Enforcement Officers between the City of West Columbia and the City of West Columbia Police Department and the City of Columbia and City of Columbia Police Department.

48. [Resolution No.: R-2015-036](#) – Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Columbia, Richland County School District One and EngenuitySC for a Pilot Project at Logan Elementary School – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2015-036 – Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Columbia, Richland County School District One and EngenuitySC for a Pilot Project at Logan Elementary School.

49. [Resolution No.: R-2015-054](#) – Authorizing the City Manager and Chief of Police to execute a Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Columbia and McEntire Joint National Guard Base, 169th Fighter Wing – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2015-054 – Authorizing the City Manager and Chief of Police to execute a Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Columbia and McEntire Joint National Guard Base, 169th Fighter Wing.

50. [Resolution No.: R-2015-055](#) – Authorizing Notice of 2015 Election for Councilmembers from Districts 2, District 3 and one At Large Seat – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Runyan, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2015-055 – Authorizing Notice of 2015 Election for Councilmembers from Districts 2, District 3 and one At Large Seat.

51. [Resolution No.: R-2015-061](#) – Authorizing the City Manager to execute and ratifying the execution of a Second Amendment to Contract of Sale for the purchase of approximately 8.5 acres known as 1048 Dreyfus Road, Richland County TMS # 11204-02-01 – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2015-061 – Authorizing the City Manager to execute and ratifying the execution of a Second Amendment to Contract of Sale for the purchase of approximately 8.5 acres known as 1048 Dreyfus Road, Richland County TMS # 11204-02-01.

ORDINANCE – FIRST READING

52. [Ordinance No.: 2015-049](#) – Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Agreement to Sell and Purchase Real Estate between the City of Columbia and Pinnacle, Inc. for the purchase of 2725 Drayton Street, Richland County TMS #09119-12-02 – *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.: 2015-049 – Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Agreement to Sell and Purchase Real Estate between the City of Columbia and Pinnacle, Inc. for the purchase of 2725 Drayton Street, Richland County TMS #09119-12-02.

OTHER MATTERS

53. [Elgin's Wrecker Services Request to Change Rotation Zones](#) – Mr. Robert Anderson, Director of Public Works – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve the Request from Elgin's Wrecker Service to change rotation zones from Zone 3 to Zone 2.

54. Council is asked to approve the submittal of the [2015 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program Application](#) in the amount of \$78,789.00, as requested by the Columbia Police Department – ***Note:** This grant will be used to purchase body-worn cameras, server(s), docking stations and accessories. There is no match requirement for this grant. - Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Runyan and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to approve the submittal of the 2015 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program Application in the amount of \$78,789.00, as requested by the Columbia Police Department.

APPEARANCE OF THE PUBLIC

Mr. Femi Olulenu expressed concerns about the annexation process for Mr. Bishop's property. He questioned the legality of the annexation. He said Mr. Bishop has a right to run for City Council, but he has to abide by the rules.

Ms. Krista Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services said they will look at the documentation and review the timeline. She said is not uncommon to receive applications after the deadline. She explained that there are two annexation processes: one requires a Planning Commission review and the other is a fast track annexation where it goes to any next City Council Meeting, but when you do that you have to come back and do a map amendment to confirm the zoning. She noted that we have done a number of these over the past year. She said this is a stated method in the ordinance.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager added that staff doesn't receive directives on how to get it done; they follow the process.

Councilor Devine asked the City Manager to check on the concerns regarding a memo to staff and the timelines, because it's unfair for any candidate to be accused of doing this.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager agreed to look into the timeline. She clarified that staff hasn't seen the memo.

Elder Norman Summers, District Two resident said we want City Council to do what's right; we want someone who is going to represent our district. He went past his filing date and he doesn't live in District Two yet. We've had great councilmen in District Two and we thank Mr. Newman for what he has done thus far. We don't want someone who is going to use this position as a stepping stone. He is trying everything he can to get this property annexed into the City of Columbia.

Ms. Diane Wiley, Belvedere Community President said this came up in the Free Times all of a sudden and we want to do things right. She said District Two has been neglected for a long time. She said the Belvedere Community had already voted down the Public Works Department moving to Beltline; we don't want garbage in our neighborhood.

Ms. Wilson, City Manager clarified that the drawing presented by Ms. Wiley was the new Utilities and Engineering building.

ZONING PUBLIC HEARING

- **Mayor Benjamin arrived at 7:12 p.m.**
- **Council opened the Zoning Public Hearing at 7:12 p.m.**

ZONING CONFIRMATION – FIRST READING

55. **954 Custer Street**, TMS#07305-06-03; confirm RS-1 (Single-Family Residential.) –
Approved
- | | | |
|------------------------------|--|----------------|
| Council District: | 2 | |
| Proposal: | Confirm C-3 zoning for recently annexed property | |
| Applicant: | Aaron R. & Jennifer D. Bishop | |
| PC Recommendation: | Approve (9-0); 06/01/15 | |
| City Council Recommendation: | Approve; 06/16/15 | Annexation |
| City Council Recommendation: | Approve; 06/23/15 | Interim Zoning |
| Staff Recommendation: | Approve | |

Councilor Runyan said this is his first time hearing about this property. He asked was everything done properly.

Ms. Krista Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services said we did not receive a memo to move this forward; it is a fast track annexation. She said our office uses a business friendly model to move forward with the process if the applicant has contacted the office.

Councilor Devine said denying an annexation when there is no proof of wrong doing is counterproductive. Our staff said it was done appropriately. She said concerns can be raised during campaign time.

Elder Norman Summers, District Two resident said it’s best to do this the right way; if no one is sure, then go back and check and do it the right way.

Mayor Benjamin said he has been familiar with this process and he knows that all of the rules have been followed. He said if someone has an issue with the fact that Reverend Bishop wants to come into the City, then that’s one issue. He insisted that the rules have been followed. He asked if there is anything else on this issue or if someone else signed up to speak on the issue.

Elder Norman Summers, District Two resident said he does not live in District Two yet, but now we have an election coming up he wants to run to elevate himself; we want someone to be fair.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Zoning Confirmation for 954 Custer Street, TMS#07305-06-03; confirm RS-1 (Single-Family Residential).

ANNEXATION, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP AMENDMENT, & ZONING MAP AMENDMENT – FIRST READING

56. 84 Hillmark Drive, TMS#07216-04-04; request to annex, assign land use classification UEMR (Urban Edge Mixed Residential), and zone the property RS-1 (Single-Family Residential). The property is currently classified as Suburban and zoned RS-LD (Residential, Single- Family, Low Density) in Richland County. – *Approved on first reading.*

Council District: 2
Proposal: Annex, assign land use classification UEMR, and zone the property RS-1
Applicant: Herbert L. & Patsy B. Johnson
PC Recommendation: Approve (9-0), 06/01/15
Staff Recommendation: Annex, assign UEMR Land Use Classification, and RS-1 Zoning

Ordinance No.: 2015-052 – Annexing and Incorporating 84 Hillmark Drive, Richland County TMS #072 16-04-04 into the Plan Columbia Land Use Plan Putting the Pieces Together adopted by Ordinance No.: 2015-014 on February 17, 2015 – *Approved on first reading.*

Mr. Herbert Johnson, Applicant said he doesn't want to be annexed into the city, because they felt like they were being forced to be annexed into the city.

Ms. Krista Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services said water and sewer services require annexation if you are contiguous to the city. The septic tank failed and required sewer services.

Mayor Benjamin asked if the property has been connected to the sewer system.

Mr. Herbert Johnson, Applicant said yes.

Ms. Krista Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services explained that most single family residences that are annexed into the city see a reduction in costs. She agreed to provide Mr. Johnson with that information.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to 84 Hillmark Drive, TMS#07216-04-04; request to annex, assign land use classification UEMR (Urban Edge Mixed Residential), and zone the property RS-1 (Single-Family Residential). The property is currently classified as Suburban and zoned RS-LD (Residential, Single- Family, Low Density) in Richland County **and** Ordinance No.: 2015-052 – Annexing and Incorporating 84 Hillmark Drive, Richland County TMS #072 16-04-04 into the Plan Columbia Land Use Plan Putting the Pieces Together adopted by Ordinance No.: 2015-014 on February 17, 2015.

57. [924 Brantley Street](#), TMS#07306-02-33; request to annex, assign land use classification UEMR (Urban Edge Mixed Residential), and zone the property RS-1 (Single-Family Residential). The property is currently classified as Suburban and zoned RS-LD (Residential, Single- Family, Low Density) in Richland County. – *Approved on first reading.*

Council District: 2
Proposal: Annex, assign land use classification UEMR, and zone the property RS-1
Applicant: Ann M. Barry
PC Recommendation: Approve (9-0), 06/01/15
Staff Recommendation: Annex, assign UEMR Land Use Classification, and RS-1 Zoning

[Ordinance No.: 2015-051](#) – Annexing and Incorporating 924 Brantley Street, Richland County TMS #07306-02-33 into the Plan Columbia Land Use Plan Putting the Pieces Together adopted by Ordinance No.: 2015-014 on February 17, 2015 – *Approved on first reading.*

No one appeared in support of or in opposition to this matter.

Mayor Benjamin noted that this property is approximately a block and a half from Mr. Bishop’s house.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to 924 Brantley Street, TMS#07306-02-33; request to annex, assign land use classification UEMR (Urban Edge Mixed Residential), and zone the property RS-1 (Single-Family Residential). The property is currently classified as Suburban and zoned RS-LD (Residential, Single- Family, Low Density) in Richland County **and** Ordinance No.: 2015-051 – Annexing and Incorporating 924 Brantley Street, Richland County TMS #07306-02-33 into the Plan Columbia Land Use Plan Putting the Pieces Together adopted by Ordinance No.: 2015-014 on February 17, 2015.

ZONING MAP AND TEXT AMENDMENTS – FIRST READING

58. [1525 Bull Street](#), TMS#11402-03-07; request to rezone from C-4, DD (Central Area Commercial, Design Development District) to C-4, DD, -DP (Central Area Commercial, Design Development District, Design Preservation). Amend Sec. 17-691 (c) to establish 1525 Bull Street as a Group II individual historic landmark in the City of Columbia. – *Approved on first reading.*

Council District:	2
Proposal:	Rezone parcel from C-4, DD to C-4, DD, DP and Amend Chapter 17 – Article V, Division 3 - §17-691 (c) to designate structure as a Group II Landmark
Applicant:	Krista Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services
DDRC Recommendation:	Approve (6-0), 04/09/15 Landmark Status
PC Recommendation:	Approve (9-0), 06/01/15
Staff Recommendation:	Approve

No one appeared in support of or in opposition to this matter.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Map Amendment for 1525 Bull Street, TMS#11402-03-07; request to rezone from C-4, DD (Central Area Commercial, Design Development District) to C-4, DD, -DP (Central Area Commercial, Design Development District, Design Preservation). Amend Sec. 17-691 (c) to establish 1525 Bull Street as a Group II individual historic landmark in the City of Columbia.

59. [1707 Wayne Street](#), TMS#09010-11-13; request to rezone from RG-3, DD (Townhouse and High-Rise Residential, Design Development District) to RG-3, DD, -DP (Townhouse and High-Rise Residential, Design Development District, Design Preservation). Amend Sec. 17-691 (d) to establish 1707 Wayne Street as a Group III individual historic landmark in the City of Columbia. – *Approved on first reading.*

Council District:	2
Proposal:	Rezone parcel from RG-3, DD to RG-3, DD, DP and Amend Chapter 17 – Article V, Division 3 - §17-691 (d) to designate structure as a Group III Landmark
Applicant:	Kristen Puckett & Ian Scholl, Property Owners
DDRC Recommendation:	Approve (6-0), 05/14/15 Landmark Status
PC Recommendation:	Approve (9-0), 06/01/15
Staff Recommendation:	Approve

No one appeared in support of or in opposition to this matter.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Map Amendment for 1707 Wayne Street, TMS#09010-11-13; request to rezone from RG-3, DD (Townhouse and High-Rise Residential, Design Development District) to RG-3, DD, -DP (Townhouse and High-Rise Residential, Design Development District, Design Preservation). Amend Sec. 17-691 (d) to establish 1707 Wayne Street as a Group III individual historic landmark in the City of Columbia.

60. [2150 Harden Street, Parker Annex Building](#), TMS#11501-01-01(p); request to rezone from PUD-LS (Planned Unit Development-Large Scale) to PUD-LS, -DP (Planned Unit Development-Large Scale, Design Preservation). Amend Sec. 17-691 (c) to establish the Parker Annex Building at 2150 Harden Street as a Group II individual historic landmark in the City of Columbia. – *Approved on first reading.*

Council District: 2
Proposal: Rezone parcel from PUD-LS to PUD-LS, DP and Amend Chapter 17 – Article V, Division 3 - §17-691 (c) to designate structure as a Group II Landmark
Applicant: Krista Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services
DDRC Recommendation: Approve (5-0), 05/14/15 Landmark Status
PC Recommendation: Approve (9-0), 06/01/15
Staff Recommendation: Approve

No one appeared in support of or in opposition to this matter.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Map Amendment for 2150 Harden Street, Parker Annex Building, TMS#11501-01-01(p); request to rezone from PUD-LS (Planned Unit Development-Large Scale) to PUD-LS, -DP (Planned Unit Development-Large Scale, Design Preservation). Amend Sec. 17-691 (c) to establish the Parker Annex Building at 2150 Harden Street as a Group II individual historic landmark in the City of Columbia.

61. [1501 Lady Street](#), TMS# 11402-12-14(p); request to rezone from C-4, DD (Central Area Commercial, Design Development District) to C-4, DD, -DP (Central Area Commercial, Design Development District , Design Preservation). Amend Sec. 17-691 (c) to establish 1501 Lady Street as a Group II individual historic landmark in the City of Columbia. – *Approved on first reading.*

Council District: 2
Proposal: Rezone parcel from C-4, DD to C-4, DD, DP and Amend Chapter 17 – Article V, Division 3 - §17-691 (d) to designate structure as a Group II Landmark
Applicant: Krista Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services
DDRC Recommendation: Approve (6-0), 05/14/15 Landmark Status
PC Recommendation: Approve (9-0), 06/01/15
Staff Recommendation: Approve

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Map Amendment for 1501 Lady Street, TMS# 11402-12-14(p); request to rezone from C-4, DD (Central Area Commercial, Design Development District) to C-4, DD, -DP (Central Area Commercial, Design Development District, Design Preservation). Amend Sec. 17-691 (c) to establish 1501 Lady Street as a Group II individual historic landmark in the City of Columbia.

TEXT AMENDMENT – FIRST READING

62. [Ordinance No.: 2015-050](#) – 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 4, Landmarks, Sec. 17-691 Buildings and sites list, (c), to add 1525 Bull Street, TMS#11402-03-07, 2150 Harden Street, Parker Annex Building, TMS#11501-01-01(p) and 1501 Lady Street, TMS# 11402-12-14(p) and (d) to add 1707 Wayne Street, TMS# 09010-11-13 – *Approved on first reading.*

No one appeared in support of or in opposition to this matter.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2015-050 – 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 4, Landmarks, Sec. 17-691 Buildings and sites list, (c), to add 1525 Bull Street, TMS#11402-03-07, 2150 Harden Street, Parker Annex Building, TMS#11501-01-01(p) and 1501 Lady Street, TMS# 11402-12-14(p) and (d) to add 1707 Wayne Street, TMS# 09010-11-13.

- **Council closed the Zoning Public Hearing at 7:27 p.m.**

OTHER MATTERS

63. [Animal Services Overview and Operations](#) - Mr. Robert Anderson, Director of Public Works

Teresa Wilson, City Manager explained that the Superintendent of Animal Services will give an overview of our services, successes, improvements and partnerships.

Ms. Marli Drum, Superintendent of Animal Services stated that the No-Kill Columbia goal is set for 2018. She defined a no-kill shelter as an animal shelter that does not kill healthy or treatable animals even when the shelter is full; reserving euthanasia for terminally ill animals or those considered dangerous to the public. She reported that over the last five years intake has been reduced by 4,044 animals and euthanasia has dropped by 5,370 animals. She said we have an agreement with Richland County to house all of their animals and the County funded the shelter expansion project in 2007 making the facility 30,000 sq. ft. She noted that animals from Richland County make up 64% of our intake and the County pays \$14 dollars per animal per day. She acknowledged other groups that City Animal Services also partners with: Lexington

County, the Animal Mission, the Humane Society, Pawmetto Lifeline, Help Every Animal Reach Tomorrow (HEART) Program, the Heartworm Project, Pet Sense, Palmetto Conservation Association, private veterinarians, citizen groups, schools, boy scouts and youth birthday parties. She said each group meets a special need and we are thankful for these partnerships. She said we offer affordable and easy adoptions; dogs and puppies are \$73 and cats and kittens are \$68 to include spay/neuter, microchip, vaccinations and an exam. She announced that Christmas in July will be held on Friday, July 25, 27 & 28, 2015 and pet adoptions will be \$25. She noted that adoptions are on the rise. She outlined the legal hold times for owner surrenders (1-3 business days), strays (5 days) and identifiable strays (14 days). She said they use best practices for the animal shelter; all animals are photographed daily and posted at PetHarbor.com; and pets available for adoption are posted at PetFinder.com. She said a professional dog trainer works with staff and adoption dogs and provides behavioral examinations. She reported that the drop cages have been closed for three months and intake has been reduced by 403 animals. She said ordinance changes will be presented to City Council to reduce the number of community cats that are being euthanized. She said they have already started a pilot program in four areas and they would like to implement this citywide. She would like to release animals to responsible pet owners within 48 hours at no charge for the first time. She suggested that they expand differential licensing to reward owners who spay and neuter their pets. She outlined many of the upcoming outreach efforts. She said they are constructing a new building and will cohabitate with the Humane Society. The building will include isolation rooms. She reported that Charleston's live release rate is 92%. She noted that it took eight years for them to accomplish that plan; at year five their live release rate was 40%; and our live release rate at year five is 42%. She said Charleston's budget is \$5 million and our budget is \$1.4 million; they have 90 employees and we have 25; they have four fulltime vets and we have one; and they have a 32,000 sq. ft. facility. She said Greenville's live release rate after eight years is 61%, their budget is almost \$ 4 million, and they have 77 employees. She said the City of Columbia should be proud of what we are accomplishing along with our partners. She insisted that No Kill Columbia is almost here; we are on track to make that happen. She stated that any major disruption or change in our relationships would delay that goal. In closing, she conservatively anticipated that in three years intake will be down to 6,400 animals; live release will be up to 4,600; and euthanasia will be down to 1,700. [Click here to view the presentation.](#)

Ms. Denise Wilkinson, CEO of Pawmetto Lifeline said the organization has a comprehensive approach to addressing the homeless pet population. The approach involves collaboration with a lot of rescue organizations, education, medical services and a strong adoption program. She noted that Pawmetto Lifeline doesn't receive any public funding from the City of Columbia, Richland County or Lexington County for its annual operations; the annual budget is \$3.7 million. She said we serve over 35,000 animals per year. She reported that after an extensive vetting process, Pawmetto Lifeline was selected to work with Lexington and Richland Counties. She said we were equal investors and each entity contributed \$1.5 million to build the regional Myer-Finlay Pet Adoption Center. She noted that the day the contract was signed with the counties, Pawmetto Lifeline issued a check to Lexington County for \$1 million and agreed to pay \$500,000 to up fit the building, but the building belongs to Lexington and Richland Counties. She explained that the contract requires Pawmetto Lifeline to pull at least 1,200 animals from each shelter. She stated that Pawmetto Lifeline is not talking about privatization; we were using Charleston Animal Society's public/private model, but it was taken off the table due to concerns

from staff and council members. She said they proposed a memorandum of understanding to bring clarity to Pawmetto Lifeline and the City shelter as it relates to policies and procedures and how we function daily as a team. She said we are working in your shelters every day; we are a strong team. She explained that the HEART Program was created to support municipal shelters; we have 200 vetted partners in South Carolina and around the country along with dedicated staff for the HEART Program; and we spend over \$1 million annually supporting the shelters in the City of Columbia and Lexington County. She noted that Pawmetto Lifeline also has a spay/neuter clinic. She further noted that the Animal Mission and the Humane Society do not have an adoption program nor do they pull animals from the shelters. She said we are working to help you get as many animals out of the shelter as possible; we've pulled 2,000 animals per year for the past three years. In closing, she said we appreciate the relationship and we look forward to continued discussions.

Mayor Benjamin said the importance of us moving forward together is key. He said Columbia can become a no-kill city; the data shows that the trends are going aggressively in that direction. He said us getting there sooner, will require a lot more work from the policy makers as well. He wants City staff to work more closely with Pawmetto Lifeline, the Animal Mission, the Humane Society, and the other groups that are our partners. He said we can see the successes of other cities; we need to appropriate additional funding. He said it's rare for so many people to agree on the major issues; we want to see the euthanasia rate drop aggressively. We can come up with a plan to continue to support what staff is doing and to accelerate what's happening with additional resources. We will have a budget surplus this year and we can appropriate additional funds to make this work. Most of the conversations have occurred in silos and he would love to bring everybody together. A blue ribbon taskforce is needed with a short timeline to come back to City Council with directions on how we can move forward aggressively with the understanding that success only shows up after a period of time. He proposed that we cement our commitment to becoming a No-Kill community in less than three years and appoint a Blue Ribbon Commission that, working with city staff, will bring all of the rescue groups and experts together to develop a concrete plan to meet our No-Kill goal together and deliver it to City Council for our consideration in no more than 90 days.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Devine.

Councilor Davis agreed with the suggestion. He acknowledged that he is an animal lover; he has adopted; and he looks forward to adopting again soon. He concluded that all of the partners are very important; they all play a major role. He doesn't expect the cost for a partnership to be great, because the resources can be shared and the commitment and people are already in place.

Councilor Runyan said no kill is referred to a 90% live release rate; is that what we are voting on.

Ms. Marli Drum, Superintendent of Animal Services said 90% is the goal and we want to have a 10% euthanasia rate.

Councilor Runyan says he supports the motion. He suggested that serious expertise needs to be on the panel. He said Charleston has leveraged its partnerships with the private sector and if we move forward appropriately we can keep close to where we are from a budgeting standpoint, but see much greater outcomes to leveraging the existing relationships with the private sector.

Councilor Newman said it is good to know that everyone is working towards the same goal. He supports the Mayor's motion. He asked that we expedite the no kill ordinance.

Councilor Devine said we all agree that we don't want to euthanize any animal that doesn't need to be euthanized. She said everyone has different levels of expertise. She said some of the conversations have been disconcerting; our staff works hard and the criticism has been unwarranted, especially when you look at the rates and resources in other cities. She said we all have a role to play; we are all part of the same community; and she hopes that the committee can appreciate everybody's role and capitalize on everybody's strengths. She hopes we approach this in the spirit of recognizing that everybody wants the same thing and we don't need to be adversarial.

Mayor Benjamin encouraged those interested in serving on the panel to email the members of Council.

Councilor Davis suggested that youth be appointed to the panel.

Ms. Susan Adams said in 25 years she has adopted five rescue dogs and she has a lot of experience with the agencies in this room. She wanted to make sure that we don't let one agency have a bigger say in this. She said her least successful adoption was from that agency and they never returned her phone call. She said her most successful adoption was from the City shelter and they do an incredible job.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to cement our commitment to becoming a No-Kill community in less than three years and appoint a Blue Ribbon Commission that, working with city staff, will bring all of the rescue groups and experts together and develop a concrete plan to meet our No-Kill goal together and deliver it to City Council for consideration in no more than 90 days. This will be a 15-member panel with youth representatives and appointments are not restricted to city residents.

64. [Update on Homeless Services Coordinator Activities](#) & [Inclement Weather Center Report](#)
– Ms. Anita Floyd, Vice President for Community Impact & Strategic Implementation /
United Way of the Midlands

Ms. Anita Floyd, Vice President for Community Impact & Strategic Implementation for United Way of the Midlands recognized the following partners: Midlands Housing Alliance, Salvation Army, MACH, Midlands Housing Trust Fund, NAMI SC, City Center Partnership and City staff. She provided an update on the Inclement Weather Center. United Way was to provide up to 100 days of emergency shelter at the Calhoun facility from November 6, 2014 to April 1, 2015 when nights were predicted to be colder than 40 degrees. She said they were also tasked with providing engagement with the unsheltered homeless population when the center was not operating. She

recalled that a report was given on the Inclement Weather Center in May 2015; they were open 83 nights and averaged 133 people. She said since the center closed, they met with partners twice and now they have recommendations for the 2015/2016 season. She recommended a 100-night budget for November 1, 2015 to April 1, 2016; open the center when the weather is 40 degrees or less; retain flexibility for precipitation; keep the same pick up site; staffing will remain the same; continue to provide a hot dinner and a light breakfast; continue to include clients in HMIS with swipe cards for registration; add security at the pick-up site starting at 4:30 p.m.; and hire someone from Transitions to pick up the lots during the week when the center is operating. She recalled that MHA hired two individuals for outreach services. She said the goals of outreach were to ensure continuity in management and to provide consistent contact and outreach. She reported that since the shelter closed in April, they have engaged 150 people; 51 of those individuals have been placed into housing and provided with basic needs and services. She said the contract for the coordination of homeless services included the coordination of case management, data management, and research on point in time, best practices, employment, prevention, maximizing community resources, housing, transportation, food sharing and planning strategies for justice systems. She recalled that the contract was awarded at the beginning of 2015 and they hired two people.

Councilor Devine requested that Jacqueline Sloane, Homeless Services Coordinator for United Way be introduced to City Council at an upcoming meeting.

Ms. Anita Floyd, Vice President for Community Impact & Strategic Implementation / United Way of the Midlands continued to report that United Way has a team of nine (9) and the City contract supports 1.7 FTEs. She reported that a [calendar has been created for meals](#) and a next step will be to get meal coordination agreements signed with providers. She said United Way worked a lot on the coordinated entry system. She announced that all of the Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) in the State are now integrated and we have a common assessment tool that is used to measure need and vulnerability to help guide agencies with prioritizing individuals for placement. She reported that a healthcare report was completed in conjunction with the South Carolina Coalition for the Homeless; \$1 billion dollars was spent on hospital charges in three years for people who are homeless in our state; 213 people accumulated \$175 million in acute crisis care; and \$140 million was spent for over 4,000 people in Richland and Lexington Counties. She said if we can get people into housing, the consumption of these expensive services will be reduced. She said a point and time count showed that we still have 1,468 homeless individuals; there are 400 unsheltered people on any given night; there are 67 homeless youths; and 17% of the homeless are veterans. She reported that more than 75% of homeless individuals are seeking housing; 50% of those individuals can afford to pay something; 20% are already employed; and 60% are looking for work or better work. She said a new point and time count will be done in January 2016. She said housing is the answer to a lot of these issues and they will focus on increasing access to housing and developing housing and programs for youth. She said a landlord forum was held; 70 landlords participated; and we were able to hear some of the obstacles they had with participating in a voucher program. She said we are going to work to address some of the obstacles by offering incentives in hopes of having 95% occupancy by December with the vouchers that are available to veterans. She reported that they are convening stakeholders to start understanding the services needed for youth; they need specialized services such as a drop in facility and housing for

homeless youth. She said United Way sponsored crisis intervention training with ten city police officers and they will train twenty more officers from communities across the region next year. She reported that the second round of homeless court sessions were held today and the next step is to accelerate the solicitation of applications. She reiterated that the priorities for next year are housing, meal sharing, prioritizing with the coordinated entry system, employment coordination and pursuing data and research.

Councilor Devine asked if the youth are a part of a homeless family and what are the ages.

Ms. Anita Floyd, Vice President for Community Impact & Strategic Implementation / United Way of the Midlands said they are single youth between the ages of 16 and 22.

Mr. Christopher “Jaja” Lee said he has been appointed by people who are homeless. He said last year was the best time in running the Inclement Weather Center. He complimented the staff. He believes that in order to change homelessness, you have to deal with the individuals. He said he is ready to be productive. He urged the staff to work with him to fix the problems with the homeless.

- [Resolution No.: R-2015-063](#) – Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement for the Housing First Program between the City of Columbia and the University of South Carolina for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 – *Approved by a vote of four (4) to one (1).*

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted four (4) to one (1) to approve Resolution No.: R-2015-063 – Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement for the Housing First Program between the City of Columbia and the University of South Carolina for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. Voting aye were Mr. Davis, Ms. Devine, Mr. Newman and Mayor Benjamin. Mr. Runyan voted nay.

- [Resolution No.: R-2015-064](#) –Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Agreement between the City of Columbia and The Midlands Housing Alliance, Inc. for 2025 Main Street for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2015-064 –Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Agreement between the City of Columbia and The Midlands Housing Alliance, Inc. for 2025 Main Street for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

- [Resolution No.: R-2015-067](#) – Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Contract between the City of Columbia and the United Way of the Midlands for the Regional Coordination of Homeless Services in the Midlands – *Approved by a vote of four (4) to one (1).*

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted for (4) to one (1) to approve Resolution No.: R-2015-067 – Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Contract between the City of Columbia and the United Way of the Midlands for the Regional Coordination of Homeless Services in the Midlands. Voting aye were Mr. Davis, Ms. Devine, Mr. Newman and Mayor Benjamin. Mr. Runyan voted nay.

- [Resolution No.: R-2015-068](#) – Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Inclement Weather Center Service Agreement between the City of Columbia and the United Way of the Midlands for operation of the Inclement Weather Center - *Approved*

Councilor Devine asked if the recommendations regarding additional security and hiring someone to clean up are already in the contract.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said yes.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2015-068 – Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Inclement Weather Center Service Agreement between the City of Columbia and the United Way of the Midlands for operation of the Inclement Weather Center.

65. [Fiscal Year 2015/2016 Accommodations Tax and Hospitality Tax Funding Recommendations](#) – Ms. Libby Gober, Assistant to City Council

Mr. Hal Stevenson, Chair of the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee said the committee received several applications, they reviewed the applications and the majority of the committee supported allocating those funds to the Columbia Metropolitan Conventions and Visitors Bureau and Capital City Lake Murray Country Regional Tourism Board and any surplus would be split equally between those two entities.

Mayor Benjamin announced that Council will take the recommendations under advisement.

Mr. Will Green, Chair Hospitality Tax Advisory Committee said they met for four days to review the applications and to interview applicants. He noted that individual organizations were voted on, but the overall funding recommendations were unanimous from the committee. He said they received almost the same number of applications as last year, but organizations did request more funding. He recalled that Council allocated an additional \$425,000 to the committee last year. He respectfully requested that any surplus funding from the prior year be given to the committee to consider the applications that were already received. He said there are a lot of festivals and potential attractions that can use extra funding to become a draw.

Ms. Libby Gober, Assistant to City Council asked Council to approve funding for the event and not the entity, because the fiscal agency may change.

Councilor Devine asked about the denial of funding for the Girl Scouts.

Ms. Libby Gober, Assistant to City Council said the application was for brick and mortar; it's not a historic or recreational facility.

Councilor Devine asked about funding for Posscon.

Ms. Libby Gober, Assistant to City Council said it was funded by Council.

Mr. Bobby Gist, Chairman of the North Columbia Business Association appeared before Council along with Ms. Sabrina Odom, Executive Director of the North Columbia Business Association and Ms. Christie Savage, President of the Eau Claire Community Council to stress the importance of parity and how hospitality tax dollars are allocated and spent. He said every organization is not a festival. With respect to the North Columbia Cornbread Festival, the organization received \$10,000 less this year and it is a well-attended festival with no arrests. He requested an increase above last year's allocation for the Cornbread Festival. He said the Eau Claire Unity Festival will also be a family oriented festival. He said we want parity with respect to the different groups geographically in the City.

Councilor Davis said when you compare the numbers you see that there needs to be some reconsideration. He said you also look at what is expected of a festival. He said the festivals are well attended and they provide clean family fun. He said this is the year to look across the board to see how broad that brush is painted.

Mayor Benjamin agreed to take the funding recommendations under advisement.

66. Main Street Shag Event – Ms. Libby Gober, Assistant to City Council

Ms. Libby Gober, Assistant to City Council said we are moving forward with a Shag Festival on September 5, 2015 on Main Street after the Soda City Market. She said \$20,000 is needed for the event.

Mayor Benjamin agreed to consider this request and take action at the next meeting.

67. [Community Promotions Funding Process](#) – Ms. Melisa Caughman, Budget and Program Management Director and Ms. Libby Gober, Assistant to City Council

Ms. Melisa Caughman, Budget and Program Management Director reviewed the application process for the fiscal year 2015/2016 Community Promotions funding. She reviewed the process that was adopted by City Council in January 2015. She reported that there is \$250,000 in the General Fund and \$73,790 in the 5% general purpose funds from the accommodations tax fund for a total amount of \$323,790.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve the Community Promotions Funding process as outlined:

Requests must come in the form of an application, no letters or email requests will be considered. Any organization that has submitted a letter or email to request funding will need to submit the appropriate application.

- I. Programs and projects requesting funding must occur within City of Columbia city limits.
- II. Only non-profit or charitable organizations are eligible to submit applications.
- III. Applications are for projects and programs that occur between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016.
- IV. Organizations receiving \$50,000 or more in Hospitality Tax or Accommodations Tax allocations are not eligible for Community Promotions funding.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager requested a vote on funding for the Main Street Shag Event.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to allocate \$20,000 for the Main Street Shag Event.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said in terms of the Community Promotions funding, a multitude of individuals have submitted written requests and we are asking them to submit an official application. She said we will start the application process now; applications will be due by 4:00 p.m. on August 10, 2015; and recommendations will be provided to City Council for consideration on August 18, 2015.

68. Council is asked to approve the Installation of a Multi-Way Stop at the intersection of Heyward Street and Gregg Street, as requested by the Hollywood / Rose Hill Neighborhood. – *Consideration of this item was deferred.*

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Ms. Regina Williams, Booker Washington Heights Community resident said she is proud to be here with these young people from her community. She said our lives begin to end the day we become silent on things that matter and these children matter to me.

Master Ceasar Nieto, 2015 C.A. Johnson High School Salutatorian said he will be attending Benedict College this fall on a scholarship. He appeared before City Council to express concerns about not having a gym in the Historic Booker T. Washington Heights Community. He said the Charles R. Drew Wellness Center is the only gym in the area, but it is a 15 minute walk from his house. He asked for a gym closer to home. He suggested that summer meals and summer job training can also be provided at the facility, because it is a low income area. He said some of us don't know how to find a job or how to create a resume. He requested free passes to the Drew Wellness Center for youth in the Booker Washington Heights Community from now until school begins. He introduced two gentlemen that box, but they walk to a gym by Columbia Mall to train. He said they are trying to put forth effort to become productive in society. He said a gym in

their community could lower the negative output from young adults. He said he would love for his 13-year old sister and nieces to be able to go to the gym. He also wants the best for his friends and their brothers and sisters as well.

Councilor Devine suggested that Ms. Williams meet with Senior Assistant City Manager S. Allison Baker to receive scholarships for those students interested in having access to the Charles R. Drew Wellness Center until schools starts again.

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

69. [Ordinance No.: 2015-048](#) – Amending the "Retiree Participation Requirements" – *This item is for discussion purposes only regarding the extension of retiree participation requirements for Council members. – Consideration of this item was deferred.*

Councilor Devine said she requested this ordinance. She said some members of Council don't want to address our salaries. She asked Ms. Benjamin to present a comparison of salaries to peer municipalities and surrounding entities. She doesn't want to consider this ordinance tonight. She said you now become fully vested after 28 years of service, but as part time council members that serve full time, we will not serve for 28 years. She asked that this be placed on the agenda for discussion when all members of Council are present.

Ms. Pamela Benjamin, Human Resources Director said in 2006 Council salaries were updated to \$13,500. She said Richland County Council earns \$16,500. She agreed to send Council the comparative salary information. She noted that if Council had received the pervious cost of living adjustments in 2007, 2008, 2012 and 2013, their salary would be \$15,177.

Councilor Devine asked Council to review the ordinance and forward inquiries to Ms. Knox or Ms. Benjamin.

70. [Ordinance No.: 2015-055](#) – An Ordinance to Authorize the Replacement of and Substitution for the Letter of Credit securing the \$81,860,000 Original Principal Amount City of Columbia, South Carolina, Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Series 2009, and to approve the form and terms of, and authorize the execution of, a Letter of Credit and Reimbursement Agreement, a Remarketing Agreement and a Tender Agent Agreement, and other Agreements as necessary or desirable; and to authorize the removal and appointment of Paying Agents, Registrars, Custodians, Tender Agents, Remarketing Agents for the Bonds, including the 2009 Bond; and other matters related thereto – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2015-055 – An Ordinance to Authorize the Replacement of and Substitution for the Letter of Credit securing the \$81,860,000 Original Principal Amount City of Columbia, South Carolina, Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Series 2009, and to approve the form and terms of, and authorize the execution of, a Letter of Credit and Reimbursement Agreement, a Remarketing Agreement and a Tender Agent Agreement, and other Agreements as necessary or desirable; and to authorize the removal and appointment of Paying Agents, Registrars, Custodians, Tender Agents, Remarketing Agents for the Bonds, including the 2009 Bond; and other matters related thereto.

71. [Ordinance No.: 2015-069](#) – Repealing Emergency Ordinance 2015-066 for the Temporary Ban of Weapons within a two hundred fifty (250') foot area surrounding the South Carolina State House Grounds – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2015-069 – Repealing Emergency Ordinance 2015-066 for the Temporary Ban of Weapons within a two hundred fifty (250') foot area surrounding the South Carolina State House Grounds.

Mayor Benjamin thanked all law enforcement officers that put themselves in harm's way; they exhibited diligence, professionalism and restraint.

Councilor Davis said he was at a recent MASC meeting and they complimented the Columbia Police Department for the efforts undertaken in the interest of everyone's safety.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS/REFERRALS

72. [Economic and Community Development Committee Report](#) – *This report was received as information.*

Councilor Davis said the Economic and Community Development Committee met on June 24, 2015. The committee heard from a young entrepreneur that is working on a pop up shop. It's a mobile fashion truck. Staff was asked to work with the business owner to find a location that doesn't compete with parking for nearby businesses. We recommend and support the concept.

Councilor Devine said we've heard this concern before. There are small businesses that are shut out of the Soda City Market, because they don't create their own goods and that represents a challenge. We need to look at this so that we can stay on the cutting edge and encourage diversity among entrepreneurs.

Councilor Davis also reported that Property Enhancement Assistance for Rental Properties is a loan program that will further enhance the City's ability to deal with redevelopment and property maintenance challenges in neighborhoods. He said we vetted it and we support it. The loans will be up to \$50,000 to the owner who has to invest up to 10% of the costs and the owner must offer the housing to those who incomes do not exceed 80% of the area median income. He said the committee supports this. He said there was a concern about addressing pockets that require rehab.

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No one appeared at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 9:37 p.m. pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws §30-4-70(b) for discussions of negotiations incident to the proposed purchase of property, discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and the receipt of legal advice relating to matters covered by attorney-client privilege.

Mayor Benjamin stated that Council will not reconvene after Executive Session.

73. Discussion of negotiations incident to the proposed purchase of property
 - *Main Street - This item was discussed in Executive Session. No action was taken.*
 74. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements
 - *Vertical Development Opportunities with City Parking Garages - This item was discussed in Executive Session. No action was taken.*
 - *Wateree Community Actions, Inc. – This item was discussed in Executive Session. No action was taken. Mayor Benjamin abstained from discussing this matter.*
 - *Palmetto of Richland County, LLC - This item was discussed in Executive Session. No action was taken.*
 75. Receipt of legal advice relating to matters covered by attorney-client privilege
 - *Donohue v. City of North Augusta - This item was discussed in Executive Session. No action was taken.*
 - *Conflict Waiver Request (Jim Meggs, Esq.) – This item was discussed in Executive Session. No action was taken.*
 - *Stevens & Wilkinson of SC, Inc. v COC (Hotel Litigation) - This item was discussed in Executive Session. No action was taken. Mayor Benjamin abstained from discussing this matter.*
- Mr. Newman left the meeting at 10:30 p.m.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Runyan and seconded by Mayor Benjamin, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Moore
City Clerk

Meeting Dates	Type of Meeting	Meeting Times
August 4, 2015	Work Session	<i>To Be Determined</i>
	<i>City Hall – 1737 Main Street – 2nd Floor Conference Room</i>	
	National Night Out	
August 18, 2015	Work Session	2:00 p.m.
	<i>City Hall – 1737 Main Street – 2nd Floor Conference Room</i>	
	Council Meeting / Public Hearing	6:00 p.m.
	<i>City Hall – 1737 Main Street – Council Chambers – 3rd Floor</i>	

In accordance with Ordinance No.: 2004-094 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 2, Administration, to add VI, Lobbyist, Sec. 2-302. (a) Any person who acts as a lobbyist must within fifteen days of being employed or retained as a lobbyist, register with the city clerk. (b) The registration must be in a form approved by the city council that includes only the name and business address of the lobbyist, the name and business address of the person or entity that compensates the lobbyist and the issue or matter for which the lobbyist has been retained. A separate form shall be submitted for each issue or matter and each person or entity who compensates the lobbyist. (c) Any lobbyist who is employed by the city or has contracts with the city must seek approval by city council to be a lobbyist for other clients so long as he is employed or under contract. To obtain a Lobbyist Registration Form please contact the Office of the City Clerk at (803) 545.3045 or send your request to cityclerk@columbiasc.net.