

CITY OF COLUMBIA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2001
10:00 A.M. - 1737 MAIN STREET
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The City of Columbia City Council will met Wednesday, May 2, 2001, 10:00 a.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Mayor Robert D. Coble called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Council members present were: The Honorable E. W. Cromartie, The Honorable Francenia B. Heizer, The Honorable Anne M. Sinclair, and The Honorable Jim Papadea, The Honorable Hamilton Osborne, Jr., and The Honorable Sam Davis. Also attending were Ms. Leona K. Plough, City Manager and Ms. Peggy S. Breeland, City Clerk.

I. ROLL CALL

II. PRESENTATIONS

A. Neighborhoods USA Notable Award

Ms. Katherine Trimnal, President-Elect of Columbia Council of Neighborhoods, appeared before Council to recognize WLTX TV – News 19 as one of the ten recipients of a National 2001 NUSA Notable Award.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion by Mr. Osborne, seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as amended to hold III.B.12 and a correction to III.B.3. the bid amount is \$1,251,871.00 with \$100,000 incentive for a 60 day early completion.

A. REQUEST TO CLOSE STREETS AND USE SIDEWALKS

1. Council approved the request from Susan Creed, a Gadsden Street resident, to close the 2300 Block of Gadsden Street, for a Block Party to be held on Friday, May 25, 2001, between the hours of 7:00 p.m and 10:00 p.m.
2. Council approved the request from Janet E. Merling, to close the 2900 Block of Kershaw Street (between Hagood and Shirley Streets), for their 5th Annual Neighborhood Block Party, to be held on Saturday, May 5, 2001, between the hours of 3:00 p.m. until midnight.

B. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND AGREEMENTS

1. Council gave approval for a Change Order #1 to Agreement with Trussell Brothers Construction Co. Inc. for Emergency Repair of Sanitary Sewer at Lake Katherine/Penn Branch. This change order addresses additional costs associated with the restoration of three

properties on Kilbourne Road necessary when an 18-inch sanitary sewer collapsed under a house on Kilbourne Road. The cost is not to exceed \$34,540.75.

2. Council gave approval for a Change Order #1 to Agreement with Hall Contracting Corp. for Sanitary Sewer Replacement for Penn Branch/Lake Katherine, Phase IIA. This change order addresses overages on the project primarily replacing and relocating service laterals. This work is necessary to reconnect homeowners to the new sanitary sewer line at the time of construction. This cost is not to exceed \$129,369.42.
3. Council held over approval to enter into an agreement with Trussell Brothers Construction Company, Inc. to replace the sanitary sewer along Penn Branch and Lake Katherine. This Phase, IIB, addresses the sanitary sewer around Lake Katherine. Until this phase is completed, the existing sanitary sewer restricts the system capacity. The total cost is not to exceed \$1,531,871.00.
4. Council gave approval for a Change Order #1 to Agreement with Kinsel Industries, Inc. (Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Annual Maintenance Contract). This change is necessary to complete the rehabilitation of the existing sanitary sewer along E. Muller Avenue and Colonial Drive from N. Main Street to James Street. The sewer has deteriorated and has caused several recent backups. The cost is not to exceed \$135,000.00.
5. Council gave approval to contract for Landscape Maintenance Along Highways as requested by the Forestry Division. Award contract to G & H Equipment, the low bidder, at a cost of \$13,440.00.
6. Council gave approval to contract for Trailer Mounted TV Inspection System Unit as requested by the Wastewater Maintenance Division. Award contract to Cues, Inc., the low bidder, at a cost of \$82,278.46.
7. Council gave approval to contract for Tires and Tubes as requested by Fleet Services. Award contract by lost to Cate McLaurin Company (Lots 2,4,8,9,13 & Disposal Fee - \$28,604.75; Fraiser Tire Service (Lots 1,3,5,11,12,14-27 & Disposal Fee - \$104,608.00); and Miller Brothers Giant Tire Service (Lots 7, 10 & Disposal Fee - \$7,875.00). The award for the following lots were to the lowest bidder meeting specifications (Lots 2,3,5,7,10,13,14,15,16,17,19,20, & 24). The total cost is \$148,142.14.
8. Council gave approval to purchase three (3) data/video projectors as requested by the Fire Department. Award contract to East Educational Service, the low bidder, at a cost of \$14,112.00.
9. Council gave approval to purchase an Infra red Spectrometer System as requested by the Police Department. Award contract to Thermo Nicolet Corp, the low bidder, at a cost of \$46,172.86. This equipment is being paid for by a grant from the S.C. Dept. of Public Services.
10. Council gave approval for a contract extension with REA Construction, Co., to add additional streets to the current resurfacing contract at the same unit price as the original contract. The

total amount would be \$200,000 in "C Fund" money and would allow completion of the entire resurfacing contract this year.

11. Council gave approval for to hold an Auction on May 12, 2001, at Fleet Services, to dispose of surplus vehicles and equipment.
12. Council held over approval of a proposed encroachment location for the installation of interfacing boxes submitted by BellSouth. The proposed locations are the Southwest corner of Greene Street and Sumter Street and Northwest corner of Greene Street and Bull Street. Both locations are adjacent to USC property.

C. ORDINANCES - SECOND READING

1. Ordinance No. 2001-038 - Annexing 2850 The Boulevard, Richland County TMS #13507-02-02.

Council gave second reading approval to Ordinance No. 2001-038 – Annexing 2850 The Boulevard. The property is light industrial and will retain the current M-1 zoning upon annexation. The property is located in Council District 4. First reading was given on April 18, 2001.

2. Ordinance No. 2001-039 - Annexing 753 Janice Drive, Richland County TMS #07305-01-07.

Council gave second reading approval to Ordinance No. 2001-039 – Annexing 753 Janice Drive. The property is single-family residential and will retain the Current RS-1 zoning upon annexation. The property is located in Council District 1. First reading was given on April 18, 2001.

3. Ordinance No. 2001-042 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 2, Administration, Article II, Mayor and Council, Division 1, Generally, Sec. 2-32, Reimbursement of expenses.

Council gave second reading approval to Ordinance No. 2001-042 -amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 2, Administration, Article II, Mayor and Council, Division 1, Generally, Sec. 2-32, adding the following new language: The Mayor and members of Council may receive a per diem allowance for meals consistent with the per diem rates approved for City employees.

IV. ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Mr. Papadea, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Items IV. 1 and 2 on a single motion.

1. Ordinance No. 2001-049 - Granting encroachment to Brian L. Boger for tree planting and maintenance within the right of way adjacent to 1922 Gregg Street.

Council gave first reading approval of Ordinance No. 2001-049 - Granting encroachment to Brian L. Boger for tree planting and maintenance in the City's right-of-way at 1922 Gregg Street (a mini storage facility).

2. Ordinance No. 2001-050 - Annexing Parcel 21, Columbiana Station, Harbison Boulevard, Lexington County TMS #02797-01-56.

Council gave first reading approval of Ordinance No. 2001-050 - Annexing parcel 21. The property is commercial and will retain the current C-3 zoning upon annexation. The property is located in Council District 1.

V. RESOLUTIONS

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Ms. Heizer, Council voted unanimously to approve Items V. 1 through 4 on a single motion.

1. Resolution No. 2001-024 – Authorizing execution and ratification of an Agreement with Norfolk Southern Railway Company.

Council gave approval of Resolution No. 2001-024 – Authorizing execution and ratification of an agreement with Norfolk Southern Railway Company.

2. Resolution No. 2001-029 – Authorization for Acceptance of Dedication of Streets known as Burnside Drive and Pine Lane in The Pines, Phase I,

Council gave approval of Resolution No. 2001-029 - Authorization for Acceptance of Dedication of Streets known as Burnside Drive and Pine Lane in The Pines, Phase I,

3. Resolution No. 2001-030 – Authorizing application for Urban Forestry Grant Funds.

Council gave approval of Resolution No. 2001-030 - authorizing an application for a Urban Forestry Grant Funds. These funds will provide safety and tree climbing training for city forestry crews.

4. Resolution No. 2001-031 - Authorizing consumption of alcoholic beverages and Cinco de Mayo Celebration.

Council gave approval of Resolution No. 2001-031 - authorizing consumption of alcoholic beverages and Cinco de Mayo Celebration, on Saturday, May 5, 2001, between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 12:00 a.m. and to close a portion of Saluda Avenue between Harden and Greene Streets for preparation and set up of the event.

VI. REQUEST TO PERMIT OUTSIDE MUSICAL EVENT

1. Request from James C. Bigby, Salty Nut Café.

Upon motion by Ms. Sinclair, seconded by Ms. Heizer, Council voted unanimously to give approval pending confirmation to Ms. Sinclair from Mr. John Stucker, President of University Neighborhood Association, to permit a outdoor musical event featuring the live music of the Blue Dogs (blue grass rock) on Friday, May 11, 2001, between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. The event will take place on an existing stage in the private parking lot of 2000A Greene Street. Additionally, this would be a charitable event with a portion of the proceeds going to the National Parkinson's Foundation. Professional security services will be contracted for the safety and control of the crowd.

VII. REQUEST TO FUND CANDO (Columbia Assisting Neighborhood Development Opportunities)

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Mr. Papadea, Council voted unanimously to approve the request to fund the CANDO Grants.

VIII. APPEARANCE OF PUBLIC HAVING BUSINESS WITH CITY COUNCIL

Ms. Sandra Knightner, resident of 20 Delane Drive and other residents of the Pinehurst Community, appeared before Council to express her concerns regarding the CANDO Grant Program Application and the Pinehurst Community Park Center. Ms. Knightner asked Council to accept and approve the Pinehurst Community's CANDO Grant proposal of \$4,288.00 towards the purchase of three computers and educational software for the Pinehurst Community's Homework Center.

Council took this as information and asked City Staff to develop a solution by May 9, 2001.

Pastor Duane E. Hall, resident of 4679 Ft. Jackson Blvd. and Hope II Fellowship Leader, appeared before Council as a representative of the Pinehurst Community Center and expressed his concern regarding the needs of the children in the community and the provision of adequate tutorial, educational, and academic resources at the Community Center.

Ms. Laura Cole, 4029 Trenholm Road across from Mays Park, appeared before Council to express her concerns regarding commercial infringement and the sale of alcoholic beverages at 1609 Beltline Blvd. and 4039 Trenholm Road and signage for a "cat" clinic on Trenholm Road.

Council asked City Legal Staff to address these concerns and to consultant Chief Austin.

Ms. Cherie Waggoner, 1727 Heyward Street, appeared before Council to express concerns regarding property in Five Points.

Council asked City Manager and Mr. Meggs to resolve these concerns and to have Mr. Gergel to report back to Council regarding Ms. Waggoner's property concerns.

Mr. Mel Jenkins, President of the Rosewood Neighborhood Association, appeared before Council with an update regarding community meetings regarding the possible developer for Rosewood Shopping Center. Mr. Jenkins stated that approximately 90 neighbors in the two public sessions as well as city staff and reported a general positive response. He asked that Mr. Meggs meet with the community leaders regarding pawn shops issues in the Rosewood area.

Mr. Durham Carter appeared before Council concerning the approval of the CANDO Grant funding. Mr. Carter was concerned that the time delay would cause problems with the allocation notification process.

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Ms. Heizer, Council voted to go into executive session at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,



Peggy S. Breeland,
City Clerk