



CITY OF COLUMBIA
CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT III EVENING MEETING
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2006
6:00 P.M.
COLUMBIA OWENS DOWNTOWN AIRPORT
1400 JIM HAMILTON BOULEVARD

The City of Columbia City Council conducted a District III Evening Meeting on Wednesday, January 18, 2006 at the Columbia Owens Downtown Airport located at 1400 Jim Hamilton Boulevard, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Mayor Robert D. Coble called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. The following members of City Council were present: The Honorable E.W. Cromartie, II, The Honorable Anne M. Sinclair, The Honorable Hamilton Osborne, Jr. and The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine. Absent were The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann and The Honorable Sam Davis. Also present were Mr. Charles P. Austin, Sr., City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Salley, City Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of January 11, 2006

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Ms. Sinclair, Council voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of January 11, 2006 as presented.

PRESENTATIONS

Councilwoman Anne M. Sinclair welcomed everyone to the District IV Evening Meeting.

Councilman Greg Pearce, Richland County Council, thanked the members of City Council for their support. He said that this is a community room and they hope to get the community at large to use it on a regular basis. He stated that this is a labor of love and without Jim Hamilton it would not have happened.

Mr. Jim Hamilton thanked the members of Council for meeting at the Airport and for their partnership with Richland County. He stated that the airport has always been and will continue to be involved with the community.

Mr. Bob Amundson, Rosewood Community Council President, said that Rosewood is one of the best places for recreation. He said they will begin meeting in and utilizing the new room. He thanked the members of Council for their support.

Mr. Brian Dressler, Rosewood Merchant Association Chairman, thanked the members of Council for their support. He said that they are excited about many things that are happening in the area. A Crawfish Festival is scheduled for Saturday, May 6, 2006. He noted that they would install a Wireless Fidelity Zone that will extend from the commercial area to the neighborhoods.

Ms. Betsy Watson, South Edisto Court Neighborhood, said that she is excited about what's happening in the community. She thanked the members of Council for their support. She stated that they are looking forward to getting a community center to ensure that the children have a safe place to play.

2. Proposed Low Water Bridges – Ms. Charlene Coleman, American Whitewater Regional Coordinator

Ms. Charlene Coleman discussed the dangers of the low water bridges that may be utilized within the Three Rivers Greenway. She noted that rivers rise and fall without warning and at a rapid pace. She said that a low water bridge is costly to maintain. Ms. Coleman said that people should not be given access to the islands in the middle of the river, because they will destroy the habitat. She explained that the Saluda River could go from 250 cubic feet per second to 5,000 cubic feet per second in twenty minutes. She further explained that foot entrapments are very dangerous and can occur when water is waded at the calf or higher. She suggested the use of cable stay suspension bridges from the Canal and below the railroad bridge to extend just below the Zoo. Ms. Coleman stated that these bridges are functional and low maintenance.

3. Lower Saluda Scenic River Project – Mr. Bill Marshall, Chairman of the Lower Saluda Scenic River Advisory Council and Manager of the River Conservation Program of the S.C. Department of Natural Resources

Mr. Bill Marshall, Chairman of the Lower Saluda Scenic River Advisory Council stated that the Lower Saluda stretches from below the Lake Murray Dam to the confluence of the Broad River. It was designated a State Scenic River in 1991. The purpose of the Scenic River Act is to protect unique and outstanding rivers throughout the State of South Carolina. He said that the Act establishes a cooperative voluntary management program; develops management plans in cooperation with landowners and river users; and provides additional tax incentives to land owners along the rivers. He said that the Advisory Council has pursued river management objectives to protect and conserve the qualities of the entire river corridor. He said that they are concerned about river use safety, so they provide safety information at public access points and a water level marker system to indicate hazards in changing conditions. Mr. Marshall said that the Saluda River is highly valued for its recreational uses and wildlife.

MAP AMENDMENTS / REZONING – FIRST READING

- 3a. **3110-3122 Rosewood Drive, TMS# 13801-01-06 through 10; rezone from RG-2 to PUD-R.

Mr. Jonathan Chambers, Deputy Zoning Administrator, stated that Development Services staff met with the developer on Friday, January 13, 2006 to resolve some of the concerns. He stated that the developer has agreed to move the rear units facing Hope Avenue up at least 4' giving a total of 14' to the rear property line; they will reduce units 6 through 10 to 40' from 47'; and they discussed tying in a fence to combine the two (2) properties. He noted that the current zoning would allow approximately 16 units to be developed.

Upon motion by Ms. Sinclair, seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted to give first reading approval to a Map Amendment and the Rezoning of 3110-3122 Rosewood Drive, TMS# 13801-01-06 through 10; rezone from RG-2 to PUD-R, provided that the applicant continues to work with staff to reduce driveway widths and refine the screening, 7-0 (12//505) and subject to the applicant moving the rear units facing Hope Avenue up at least 4' giving a total of 14' to the rear property line; reducing the height of units 6 through 10 to 40'; and tying in a fence to combine the two (2) properties.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Ms. Sinclair, Council vote unanimously to approve on a single motion the **Consent Agenda Items 4. through 24.** as presented.

STREET CLOSINGS

4. Council is asked to approve a request from the South Carolina Department of Transportation to close Park Street between Pendleton Street and Greene Street and College Street between Assembly Street and Lincoln Street on Friday, June 2, 2006 from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. for a 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Interstate Highway System. Contact: Mr. Michael Covington, SCDOT Director of Administrations - *Approved*
5. Council is asked to approve a request from the Township Auditorium to close Henderson Street between Taylor Street and Blanding Street and Blanding Street between Pickens Street and Henderson Street on Monday, January 30, 2006 from 7:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. for two Performances of the Freedom Train. Contact: Ms. Sally Roach, Executive Director – *Approved, subject to the event sponsor hiring off duty Columbia Police Officers for traffic control.*
6. Council is asked to approve a request from the Colonial Center and Global Spectrum to close Greene Street to the railroad tracks where it dead ends; close Gadsden Street and Lincoln Street between Blossom Street and the railroad tracks around the University of South Carolina Greek Housing; restrict access from the corner of Gadsden Street and Greene Street to Wayne Street and Gervais Street one hour prior to the following events. Contact: Ms. Lauren Parker, Security and Safety Coordinator – *Approved, subject to the University Police Department being responsible for traffic control at each location.*

Friday	February 3, 2006	Monster Jam	5:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.
Saturday	February 4, 2006	Monster Jam	5:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.
Thursday	February 9, 2006	USC Women's BB	5:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Saturday	February 11, 2006	USC Men's BB	3:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Sunday	February 12, 2006	Motley Crue	5:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.
Tuesday	February 14, 2006	USC Men's BB	11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Friday	February 17, 2006	Step Show	5:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Saturday	February 18, 2006	USC Men's BB	11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	February 19, 2006	USC Women's BB	1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	February 21, 2006	USC Women's BB	5:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Thursday	February 23, 2006	USC Women's BB	5:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Friday	February 24, 2006	Winter Jam	6:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.
Saturday	February 25, 2006	USC Men's BB	10:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	February 28, 2006	USC Men's BB	6:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND AGREEMENTS

7. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Two (2) EDUR Pumps, as requested by the Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant. Award to Shanley Pump & Equipment, Inc., as a Sole Source Purchase in the amount of \$10,257.79. This firm is located in Arlington Heights, IL. *Funding Source: 5516208-631800 - Approved*
8. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of the EvidenceOnQ Database Software for Property and Evidence Management, as requested by the Columbia Police Department. Award to Intergrated Software Solutions, Inc., the low bidder, in the amount of \$22,900.24. This firm is located in Seattle, WA. *Funding Source: 1012402-627500 - Approved*

ORDINANCES - SECOND READING

9. Ordinance No.: 2005-127 – Granting encroachment to Capitol Places IV, LLC at 1338-1350 Main Street (Barringer Building) – *First reading consideration was given on January 11, 2006. – Approved on second reading, subject to the applicant being responsible for maintenance on all encroachments.*
10. Ordinance No.: 2005-135 – Request for Permission to Grant an Easement to SCE&G Company along a portion of City Property Identified as Lexington County TMS# 01800-07-002 (portion); Lake Murray Water Treatment Plant Property; SC Hwy. 6; CIP Project# WM4071; CF# 250-211 – *First reading consideration was given on January 11, 2006. – Approved on second reading.*
11. Ordinance No.: 2005-136 – Approval for Conveyance of a Portion of City Property Identified as the Ballentine Tank Site to the SC Department of Transportation for US Highway 76/176 Improvements Project; File# 40.207B; Tract 11; Richland County TMS# 03300-07-02 (portion); CF# 251-69 – *First reading consideration was given on January 11, 2006. – Approved on second reading.*
12. Ordinance No.: 2005-138 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 24, Vehicle for Hire, Article II, Taxicabs, Shuttles and Limousines, Division 2, Driver's Permit, Sec. 24-72, Investigation of application; persons ineligible for permit, (2) – *First reading consideration was given on January 11, 2006. – Approved on second reading.*
13. Ordinance No.: 2006-002 – Authorizing transfer of 2017 Holt Drive, Richland County TMS# 11212-12-07 to Joseph Lee Lipscomb, Jr. – *First reading consideration was given on January 11, 2006. – Approved on second reading.*
14. Ordinance No.: 2006-003 – Authorizing transfer of 1914 Pulaski Street, Richland County TMS# 09010-02-18 to Vista Properties, SCLP – *First reading consideration was given on January 11, 2006. – Approved on second reading.*

ANNEXATIONS WITH MAP AMENDMENTS / REZONING – SECOND READING

15. 1330 Buckner Road, TMS#11704-03-08; annexation with rezoning from Richland County D-1 to M-1. *This property is currently under consideration for annexation – First reading consideration was given on January 11, 2006. – Approved on second reading.*
16. 1107-1115 Shop Road, TMS# 11210-01-13(p); annexation with rezoning of 3.95-acre portion from Richland County M-1 to RG-3. *This property is currently under consideration for annexation. – First reading consideration was given on January 11, 2006. – Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2005-137 – Annexing Parcel B (6.96 acres) W/S Shop Road, Richland County TMS# 11210-01-13 – *First reading consideration was given on January 11, 2006. – Approved on second reading.*
17. 803 Silver Street, TMS# 08816-01-08; annexation with rezoning from Richland County M-1 to RG-1. *This property is currently under consideration for annexation. – First reading consideration was given on January 11, 2006. – Approved on second reading.*

MAJOR CHANGE TO A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) – SECOND READING

18. N/S 1200 Block Bower Parkway (Project Pet), TMS# 002763-01-006; major change to PUD-LS. – *First reading consideration was given on January 11, 2006. – Approved on second reading.*
19. 919 Bluff Road and .038 acres along South Stadium Road (Carolina Walk), TMS# 11205-01-02, 11206-05-01 and 02; major change to PUD-R. – *First reading consideration was given on January 11, 2006. – Approved on second reading.*

MAP AMENDMENTS / REZONING – SECOND READING

20. +/- 17.26 acres, S/S 2300 Block Leesburg Road, TMS# 19211-01-68; rezone from D-1 to RS-1. – *First reading consideration was given on January 11, 2006. – Approved on second reading.*
21. 900 Whaley Street, +/- 2.52 acres, Whaley, Lincoln, and Heyward Streets. TMS# 11301-20-01 and 02; rezone from M-2, -PD to PUD-R, -PD. – *First reading consideration was given on January 11, 2006. – Approved on second reading, subject to reducing setbacks to those figures depicted upon submitted site plan and clarifying that the amenity package includes pool, cabana, or playground rather than and/or as written within descriptive statement, 9-0 (11/7/05).*
22. 501 South Bull Street (Rosewood Hills), TMS# 11212-01-01 and 11212-02-01, 11212-03-01, 06 and 07, 11212-06-01 through 05 and 11; rezone from C-3, RG-2, and PUD-R to PUD-R. – *First reading consideration was given on January 11, 2006. – Approved on second reading.*
23. 339 Heyward Street (Granby Square Village), TMS# 08816-14-01; rezone from RG-2, -PD to PUD-R, -PD. – *First reading consideration was given on January 11, 2006. – Approved on second reading.*

TEXT AMENDMENTS – SECOND READING

24. Ordinance No.: 2006-004 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Article III, Zoning, Division I, Generally §17-55, Definitions, Dwelling Unit – *First reading consideration was given on January 11, 2006. – Approved on second reading.*

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS, AGREEMENTS AND CHANGE ORDERS

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Mr. Osborne, Council voted unanimously to approve **Items 25.** and **26.** on a single motion.

25. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of a Wheel Loader with Tink Bucket, as requested by the Solid Waste Division. Award to Interstate Equipment Co., the low bidder meeting specifications, in the amount of \$98,223.00. This firm is located in West Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: 6308972-658500 - Approved*
26. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of a Front Loader Garbage Truck, as requested by the Solid Waste Division. Award to Amick Equipment Co., the low bidder meeting specifications, in the amount of \$166,175.00. This firm is located in Lexington, SC. *Funding Source: 6308972-658500 - Approved*

MAP AMENDMENTS / REZONING – FIRST READING

27. 3110-3122 Rosewood Drive, TMS# 13801-01-06 through 10; rezone from RG-2 to PUD-R. – *Please see Revised Item 3a.*

RESOLUTIONS

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Ms. Sinclair, Council voted unanimously to approve **Items 28.** and **29.** on a single motion.

28. Resolution No.: R-2005-073 – Authorizing the Five Points Association to Conduct Street and Sidewalk Sales for the “St. Pat’s in Five Points Festival” - *Approved*
29. Resolution No.: R-2006-001 – Authorizing Sidewalk Sales for Granger Owings, Inc. at 1333 Main Street - *Approved*

APPEARANCE OF PUBLIC HAVING BUSINESS WITH CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Norman Bailey, 634 South Woodrow Street, is concerned about the old tennis center being sold due to the development of the new center. He said that there is an issue with security at the Southeast Tennis Center. Mr. Bailey inquired about the minimum square footage of a residential lot. He said that properties are being developed below specifications throughout Rosewood.

Mr. Allison Baker stated that the Wheeler Hill Facility would be renovated once phase one of the Southeast Tennis Center is complete and funding becomes available. He said that the Southeast facility would be lighted and staffed for security purposes.

Mr. Jonathan Chambers, Deputy Zoning Administrator asked for the address of the property in question and agreed to check into the matter.

Mr. Jeff Bloom, Scout Masters, recognized two (2) troop members that are working on their citizenship badges. He thanked Mr. Jim Hamilton for his on-going support of the Boy Scouts. He urged the members of Council to deal with the morning and evening congestion problems in Five Points. He said that the open lanes switch up by the hour and that merchants and citizens are complaining. He suggested that they place Police Officers at the intersections of Greene Street at Harden Street and Devine Street at Harden Street to override the traffic signals and keep traffic flowing from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Ms. Pam Harpootlian stated that the Columbia City Jazz Dance Company has been invited to tour China for three (3) months with all expenses paid, but the parents were reluctant to send their children to China for that amount of time. She stated that they negotiated a one-month tour, but the host won’t pay for it. There are 23 dancers and they estimate spending \$5,000.00 per chaperone. Ms. Harpootlian requested \$35,000.00 of the \$62,000.00 budget. The budget consists of a photographer, videographer, costume upgrades, \$1,000.00 per dancer and \$5,000.00 per chaperone. She stated that their resources are limited because they are also raising money for their Koger Show.

There was a consensus of Council to direct Ms. Libby Gober, Ombudsman to meet with Ms. Harpootlian and to consider the two (2) events as one while exploring every funding option available to include the committee process and to report back to Council with their findings.

Mr. Keith Costello asked for clarification on the City law regarding abandoned vehicles. He stated that he feels like a victim of the situation. He explained that he has several vehicles and they are all operable with current registration and tags. He said that the City came out to his residence to follow up on a complaint in May 2005 and again in October 2005 with a Police Officer. He said that the word abandoned needs to be better defined.

- **Council adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Salley
City Clerk