



CITY OF COLUMBIA  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 01, 2006  
10:00 A.M.  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1737 MAIN STREET

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The City of Columbia City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, February 1, 2006. The Honorable Mayor Robert D. Coble called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.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., The Honorable Sam Davis, The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine and The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann. Also present were Mr. Charles P. Austin, Sr., City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Salley, City Clerk.

\*\*Mayor Robert D. Coble invited everyone to attend a Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Martin Luther King Memorial Park on Thursday, February 2, 2006 at 12:00 p.m. in honor of the late Mrs. Coretta Scott King. This event is being hosted by the Collaborative for Community Trust. He led us in a moment of silent meditation.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Minutes of January 18 and 25, 2006

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve on a single motion the Minutes of January 18 and 25, 2006 as presented.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

2. 2005 Employee of the Year – Ms. Melissa Gentry, Director of Public Works

Ms. Melissa Gentry, Director of Public Works recognized Mr. Michael McQueen, Truck Diver III as the City of Columbia 2005 Employee of the Year. She read a letter from a citizen that expressly stated her gratefulness for Mr. McQueen when he helped her find some files that were discarded by mistake. He is described as a friendly employee that does a wonderful job.

Mayor Robert D. Coble presented a plaque to Mr. Michael McQueen and Mr. Charles P. Austin, Sr., City Manager presented him with a token of appreciation for being the City of Columbia 2005 Employee of the Year.

3. Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2004 – Mr. G. C. Robinett, Chief Financial Officer

Mr. G. C. Robinett, Chief Financial Officer, announced that the City of Columbia has ended the June 30, 2005 fiscal year with an unrestricted surplus of \$384,655.00. He stated that

Ms. Ann Ross of JW Hunt stated that she is required to report certain things to City Council regarding the external auditor's opinion of the City's financial statements. She reported that there was a change in the disclosure of the City's cash investments; a couple of audit adjustments were made; there were no disagreements with management; there were no consultations with other independent accountants where they were second guessing our opinions; there were no issues discussed prior to retention; and there were no difficulties encountered in performing the audit.

Mr. G. C. Robinett, Chief Financial Officer recognized the Accounting Division for receiving a Certificate for Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for fiscal year ending June 30, 2004. The City has received this award continuously since 1985.

4. Columbia Green Contribution for Spring Plantings – Ms. Hilary McDonald, President of Columbia Green

Ms. Hillary McDonald, President of Columbia Green explained that Columbia Green is a private not for profit organization with the purpose of helping the City of Columbia become more beautiful. She presented a check in the amount of \$9,854.50 to the City of Columbia for the purchase of summer annuals to be planted throughout the city.

Councilman Daniel J. Rickenmann announced that he has purchased an additional seven (7) trees this year and that we need to let staff know where to plant them.

\*\*Upon motion by Mr. Rickenmann, seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to authorize the City Manager to approve all Street Closing requests.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Upon motion by Ms. Sinclair, seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve the **Consent Agenda Items 5.** through **15.** on a single motion and as presented.

#### **STREET CLOSINGS**

5. Council is asked to approve a request to close Marion Street between Gervais Street and Senate Street and Senate Street between Marion Street and Sumter Street on Saturday, November 11, 2006 from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. for a Trinity Bazaar. Contact: Mr. Erin Crawford and Mr. Hiller Davenport, Chairs of the 2006 Trinity Bazaar - *Approved*
6. Council is asked to approve a request from the Five Points Association to close Santee Avenue between Harden Street and Blossom Street on Friday, March 17, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. for a Strong Man Competition. Contact: Ms. Geah Pressgrove, Ferillo & Associates - *Approved*

#### **CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND AGREEMENTS**

7. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Two (2) Utility Vehicles for use at the Three Rivers Greenway, as requested by the Parks and Recreation Department. Award to Palmetto Lawn & Leisure, using the SC State Vehicle Contract, in the amount of \$11,473.36. This vendor is located in Lexington, SC. *Funding Source: 1015116-658500 - Approved*
8. Council is asked to approve a request to Purchase Twenty (20) Body Armor Vests, as requested by the Police Department. Award to Wright-Johnston, using the SC State Contract, in the amount of \$12,571.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: 1012402-624100 - Approved*
9. Council is asked to authorize Repairs to the #5 Raw Water Pump, as requested by the Canal Water Plant. Award to Graves Water Service, Inc., the low bidder, in the amount of \$13,300.00. This firm is located in Jackson, SC. *Funding Source: 5516206-631800 - Approved*

10. Council is asked to approve the Replacement of the HVAC Unit at 1225 Laurel Street, as requested by the Support Services Division. Award to Piedmont HVAC, the lowest bidder, in the amount of \$13,571.00. This firm is located in West Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: 5511219-638500 - Approved*
11. Council is asked to approve a Preventive Maintenance Contract Renewal on Perkins Elmer Equipment, as requested by the Lake Murray Water Plant. Award to Perkins Elmer in the amount of \$14,449.92. This firm is located in Shelton, CT. *Funding Source: 5516207-638200 - Approved*
12. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of a Full Sized Sedan, as requested by the Police Department. Award to Vic Bailey, using the SC State Vehicle Contract, in the amount of \$19,299.00. This vendor is located in Spartanburg, SC. *Funding Source: 1012407-658500 - Approved*
13. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Forty-Four (44) Record Management System Workstation Licenses, as requested by the Police Department. Award to VisionAir, Inc., as a Sole Source Procurement, in the amount of \$47,810.24. This firm is located in Castle Hayne, NC. *Funding Source: 1012402-6576 - Approved*
14. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Four (4) Chevrolet Trail Blazers, as requested by the Police Department. Award to Love Chevrolet, using the SC State Vehicle Contract, in the amount of \$72,368.00. This vendor is located in Cayce, SC. *Funding Source: 1012403-658500 - Approved*

#### MAP AMENDMENTS / REZONING – SECOND READING

15. 3110-3122 Rosewood Drive, TMS# 13801-01-06 through 10; rezone from RG-2 to PUD-R. – *Approved on second reading, 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.*

#### CONSIDERATION OF BIDS, AGREEMENTS AND CHANGE ORDERS

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Ms. Sinclair, Council voted unanimously to approve on a single motion **Items 16.** through **18.** and **18b.** as amended. **Item 18a.** was discussed in Executive Session.

16. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Five (5) Intermediate Size Patrol Cars, as requested by the Police Department. Award to Herndon Chevrolet, using the SC State Vehicle Contract, in the amount of \$90,620.00. *Funding Source: 1012403-658500 - Approved*
17. Council is asked to approve an Agreement for Engineering Services for Design and Construction of Potable Water and Sanitary Sewer Pipeline Relocations Necessary to Accommodate SCDOT Bridge Improvements along the US 176 Bridge Over the Broad River; CIP Projects WM4090 and SS6980, as requested by Engineering Operations. Award to Parsons, Brickenhoff, Quade & Douglas in an amount not to exceed \$139,762.00. This firm is located in Columbia. Twelve (12%) of the work will be subcontracted to Chao and Associates, an MBE Firm located in Columbia. *Funding Source: FY 2005/2006 Capital Improvements Program Budget - Approved*

18. Council is asked to approve a request to Purchase Additional Equipment for the Mobile Record Management System, as requested by the Police Department. Award to VisionAir, the lowest bidder, in the amount of \$157,906.50. This vendor is located in Castle Hayne, NC. *Funding Source: GL-2659999-6275 and JL-9204000201-627500 – Approved*
- 18a. **\*\***Council is asked to approve a Contract to Provide Professional Consultation and Financial Advisement Related to Potential Contractual Relationships between the City of Columbia and Fort Jackson. Award to Municipal Partners, LLC, in an amount not to exceed 7% of any Contracts Negotiated and Accepted Between the City of Columbia and Fort Jackson. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. - *This contract was discussed in Executive Session. No action was taken.*
- 18b. **\*\***Council is asked to approve the Replacement of the Ceiling in the Basement of 1136 Washington Street, as requested by General Services. Award to Boykin Contracting, the contractor currently working on the building, in the amount of \$15,800.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: CP 105902-636600 – Approved*

### **ORDINANCES – FIRST READING**

19. Ordinance No.: 2006-006 – Annexing 7736 Garners Ferry Road, Richland County TMS# 19102-02-07 – *Approved on second reading.*

Upon motion by Mr. Rickenmann, seconded by Ms. Sinclair, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2006-006 – Annexing 7736 Garners Ferry Road, Richland County TMS# 19102-02-07.

20. Ordinance No.: 2006-007 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 18, Redevelopment Commissions to repeal Article III, Columbia Neighborhood Redevelopment Commission, in its entirety – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2006-007 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 18, Redevelopment Commissions to repeal Article III, Columbia Neighborhood Redevelopment Commission, in its entirety.

21. Ordinance No.: 2006-009 – Authorizing land swap with Columbia Development Corporation of 413 Pendleton Street in exchange for 816 and 824 Washington Street – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon motion by Mr. Rickenmann, seconded by Mr. Osborne, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2006-009 – Authorizing land swap with Columbia Development Corporation of 413 Pendleton Street in exchange for 816 and 824 Washington Street.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to approve on a single motion **Resolution Items 22.** through **23a.** as amended.

22. Resolution No.: R-2006-002 – Authorizing street closing for Carolina Classic Car Show - *Approved*
23. Resolution No.: R-2006-003 – Authorizing Acceptance and Dedication of Street Known as Gordon Bowman Street in Church Place to the City of Columbia; Richland County TMS# 11408-05-04; CF# 214-04A - *Approved*
- 23a. \*\*Resolution No.: R-2006-005 – Authorizing Annual Sidewalk Sale for Merchants in the 2100-3200 blocks of Devine Street - *Approved*

## **OTHER MATTERS**

24. Council is asked to approve a Request for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity, as requested by the Business License Division. Award to Paul V. Chatlani doing business as Taxi Plus, 202 Dee Ann Street, West Columbia, SC 29170. - *Approved*

Upon motion by Mr. Rickenmann, seconded by Mr. Cormartie, Council voted unanimously to approve a Request for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity, as requested by the Business License Division. Award to Paul V. Chatlani doing business as Taxi Plus, 202 Dee Ann Street, West Columbia, SC 29170. Ms. Devine was not present for the vote.

\*\*Upon motion by Ms. Sinclair, seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to authorize Mr. Charles P. Austin, Sr., City Manger to approve all Sidewalk Vending requests with the understanding that the members of Council would like to be made of aware of closings in their area or representation. Ms. Devine was not present for the vote.

## **APPEARANCE OF PUBLIC HAVING BUSINESS WITH CITY COUNCIL**

No one appeared at this time.

- **Council adjourned the meeting to reconvene the Work Session at 11:04 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Salley  
City Clerk