



CITY OF COLUMBIA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2006
10:00 A.M.
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1737 MAIN STREET

The City of Columbia City Council conducted a Meeting on Wednesday, May 3, 2006 in the Council Chambers located at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Mayor Robert D. Coble called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m. The following members of Council were present: The Honorable E. W. Cromartie, II, The Honorable Anne M. Sinclair, 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.

****Public Safety Concerns in the Hamptons**

Residents of the Hamptons appeared before the members of City Council to present their concerns over the number of public safety violations that have occurred in their area. One home was broken into and the wife was held at gunpoint and no longer feels safe. They want to make sure that the City has funding for the Police Department to patrol the area. They said that the Columbia Police Department and the Richland County Sheriffs Department have been very responsive to their concerns. They noted coordination issues within the jurisdictions for residents that were not annexed into the City. They are trying to establish a crime watch program.

Councilor Kirkman Finlay, III stated that funding police protection should be a priority. He said that district four wants police protection and the budget should be funded to help. He stated that vandals tore down a 30-foot wooden fence at his store in Five Points. He noted that basic police services are not being delivered.

****Public Safety Concerns – Mr. Hemphill Pride, Attorney**

Mr. Hemphill Pride, II, Attorney, appeared before the members of Council to address concerns about the lack of response to his complaints regarding excessive force by members of the Columbia Police Department against African-American citizens. He cited several incidents to the members of Council. He stated that the Chief of Police has not been responsive to his complaints.

There was a consensus of Council to direct Mr. Charles P. Austin, Sr., City Manager to thoroughly review the allegations discussed and to provide a report to the members of City Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of March 8 and 22, 2006

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve on a single motion the Minutes of March 8 and 22, 2006 as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve the **Consent Agenda Items 2. and 3.** on a single motion.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND AGREEMENTS

2. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of 200 Privacy Screens, as requested by the Emergency Operations Center. Award to Educational Supply and Equipment, the lowest bidder, in the amount of \$\$12,272.68. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: GL-2059999-629900 and JL-960100205-629900 (State Grant Funding) - Approved*
3. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of 350 Raptor Holsters, as requested by the Police Department. Award to Lawmen's Safety Supply, the lowest bidder, in the amount of \$23,465.75. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: 1012402-624100 - Approved*

MAP AMENDMENTS / REZONING – SECOND READING

4. +/- 2.9 acres, Clifton, Drake, & Norris Streets, TMS# 16505-04-02, rezone from RG-2 to PUD-R. *First Reading approval was given on April 12, 2006.*

The following individuals appeared before the members of Council in support of the request:

Mr. Tige Watts

The following individuals appeared before the members of Council in opposition to the request:

Mr. Allen Francis
Mr. Malcolm Rentz
Mr. Tim Crenshaw
Ms. Lois McCarthy

Upon motion by Ms. Devine, seconded by Mr. Cromartie, Council voted unanimously to give second reading approval to a Map Amendment **and** the Rezoning of +/- 2.9 acres, Clifton, Drake, & Norris Streets, TMS# 16505-04-02, rezone from RG-2 to PUD-R, provided (1) the architectural style, massing, and building materials of the single-family residences generally match those presented to the Brandon Acres / Cedar Terrace Neighborhood Association, and (2) the development conform to the site plan stamped Received by Development Services on 3/1/06, specifically the building footprints and keeping the 50-foot buffer on lots 6 through 19 in a natural state.

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

5. Ordinance No.: 2005-104 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 12, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article I, In General, is amended to repeal Sec. 12-5, Operating or parking vehicle for purpose of advertising and to add Sec. 12-18, Advertising vehicles

Upon motion by Mr. Rickenmann, seconded by Mr. Cromartie, Council voted five (5) to one (1) to give second reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2005-104 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 12, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article I, In General, is amended to repeal Sec. 12-5, Operating or parking vehicle for purpose of advertising and to add Sec. 12-18, Advertising vehicles. Voting aye were Mr. Rickenmann, Ms. Devine, Mr. Davis, Mr. Cromartie and Mayor Coble. Ms. Sinclair voted nay.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS, AGREEMENTS AND CHANGE ORDERS

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Ms. Sinclair, Council voted unanimously to approve **Items 6. and 7.** on a single motion.

6. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of a Recycling Truck, as requested by the Solid Waste Division. Award to Carolina International, the lowest bidder, in the amount of \$127,626.36. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: 6308972-658500 - Approved*
7. Council is asked to Renew the Contract for Police Uniforms for 2006/2007, as requested by Police Department. Award to Wright-Johnston, the current vendor, in the amount of \$415,944.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: 1012402-624100 - Approved*
8. Council is asked to approve a Contract for the Construction of a House at 100 Gabriel Street, as requested by the Community Development Department. Award to L.O. Fogle, the low bidder, in the amount of \$112,800.00. This firm is located in Elgin, SC. *Funding Source: 5020000-171900 - Approved*

Upon motion by Ms. Sinclair, seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve a Contract for the Construction of a House at 100 Gabriel Street, as requested by the Community Development Department. Award to L.O. Fogle, the low bidder, in the amount of \$112,800.00.

9. Council is asked to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement to Provide for the Needs of the Homeless Population in and around the Midlands Region of South Carolina.

Upon motion by Mayor Coble, seconded by Ms. Sinclair, Council voted four (4) to (2) to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement to provide for the needs of the Homeless Population in and around the Midlands Region of South Carolina. This agreement should be sent to Mr. Sam Tennebaum, Interim Chair and ask him to share it with Richland and Lexington Counties and then report back to City Council. Voting aye were Ms. Devine, Mr. Cromartie, Ms. Sinclair and Mayor Coble. Voting nay were Mr. Rickenmann and Mr. Davis.

- **Councilor Anne M. Sinclair left the meeting at 11:53 a.m.**

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

Upon motion by Mr. Rickenmann, seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to **Items 10.** through **14.** on a single motion. Ms. Sinclair was not present for the vote.

10. Ordinance No.: 2006-016 – Granting encroachment to Jeff Caswell for installation and maintenance of landscaping and a wrought fence with brick columns adjacent to his property at 1828 Greene Street - *Approved*
11. Ordinance No.: 2006-018 – Granting encroachment to the University of South Carolina for construction and maintenance of the Biomed Block - *Approved*
12. Ordinance No.: 2006-019 – Granting encroachment to the University of South Carolina for construction and maintenance of the Horizon Block - *Approved*
13. Ordinance No.: 2006-027- Annexing 1046 Berea Road, 1047 Berea Road and NW/S Market Street, Richland County TMS #11206-04-01, 11206-04-03, 11206-03-02 and 11206-04-02 - *Approved*

14. Ordinance No.: 2006-029 - Annexing 3701 Clement Road and 3707 Clement Road, Richland County TMS #09104-08-07 - *Approved*

- **Councilor Anne M. Sinclair returned at 11:56 a.m.**

RESOLUTIONS

Upon motion by Mr. Rickenmann, seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve **Items 15.** through **17.** on a single motion.

15. Resolution No.: R-2006-016 – Authorizing condemnation for Right of Way Acquisition for the North Main Street Streetscape Project, Richland County TMS# 09109-12-09 (Tract 35), TMS# 09109-12-08 (Tract 36), & TMS# 09109-12-07 (Tract 38); CF# 250-169 - *Approved*
16. Resolution No.: R-2006-017 – Authorizing consumption of beer and wine an Annual Gay & Lesbian Pride Movement at Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Park - *Approved*
17. Resolution No.: R-2006-018 – Authorizing consumption of alcoholic beverages and Summer Concert Series in Finlay Park - *Approved*

APPEARANCE OF PUBLIC HAVING BUSINESS WITH CITY COUNCIL

No one appeared at this time.

- **Council adjourned the meeting at 11:58 a.m. to break prior to reconvening the Work Session.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Salley
City Clerk