



CITY OF COLUMBIA
CITY COUNCIL
DISTRICT ONE EVENING MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2006
6:00 P.M.
GREENVIEW PARK GYNASIUM
6700 DAVID STREET

The Columbia City Council conducted a District One Evening Meeting on Wednesday, August 2, 2006 in the Greenview Park Gymnasium located at 6700 David Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Mayor Robert D. Coble called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. The following members of Council were present: The Honorable E.W. Cromartie, II, The Honorable Sam Davis and The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann. The Honorable Anne M. Sinclair, The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine and The Honorable Kirkman Finlay III were absent. Also present were Mr. Charles P. Austin, Sr., City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Salley, City Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes for June 21 and 28, 2006

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve the Minutes for June 21, 2006 and June 28, 2006 on a single motion and as presented.

PRESENTATIONS

2. Welcome Address – The Honorable Sam Davis

Councilor Sam Davis welcomed everyone to the District One Evening Meeting in the Greenview Community. He invited attendees to view the new gymnasium after the meeting.

3. Welcome Address from North Columbia – Ms. Wanda Nunn, President of North Columbia Civic Club

Ms. Wanda Nunn, President of the North Columbia Civic Club, welcomed everyone to the North Columbia community. They have partnered with a lot of organizations that work out of the Greenview gymnasium. Over 200 residents were served during the first National Night Out.

Mrs. Julia Harrell, Greenview Park Senior Citizens Club, said that they are very appreciative of the things that the City of Columbia has helped them to accomplish for children and senior citizens alike. The Senior Citizens Club has water aerobics, they take trips and they socialize as a group of mature citizens. She said that the kids are able to go to the park, feel safe and stay out of trouble.

Mr. Henry Hopkins, Eau Claire Community Council, He said that they have started a renaissance in this area; however, we should not forget about the role of the City in this project. We should not forget what we're trying to do with the Main Street Project. He said that they would continue until they don't have to go outside of their area to shop. He announced that a shopping center would be developed on Farrow Road once an anchor tenant is identified. Mr. Hopkins stated that 65 units are being renovated in the area, but expressed concerns about the type of tenants that would go back there.

Councilor Sam Davis recognized Representatives Joe Brown and John Scott and The Honorable Senator Kay Patterson.

Senator Kay Patterson said that he hopes some good things would come out of this meeting. He noted gambling, dog fighting and drug dealing as concerns for the Greenview community.

3a. Gregg Street Bank Stabilization – Mr. John Dooley, Director of Utilities and Engineering

Mr. John Dooley, Director of Utilities and Engineering, explained that the City hired a consultant to do study the drainage issues in the vicinity of the New Ebenezer Baptist Church and Constan Car Wash. The drainage basin extends towards Baptist Hospital. The recommendations for making improvements were too expensive due to the need to acquire property. The issue for the Church is the erosion of the channel that's adjacent to them.

Mr. Joey Jaco, City Engineer, further explained that the scope of the project is the erosion of the channel that goes by the church, which will also cause the parking lot to erode. The basic scope of the project is to stabilize the channel. He said that it is not a difficult process, but due to permitting issues they must deal with the Corp of Engineers. The magnitude of the permits will determine the cost of the project. If they deal with less than 300 linear feet of the channel, the project may cost up to \$25,000. Anything greater than that would cost up to \$425,000. If the Corp of Engineers has jurisdiction, they will require mitigation.

Mr. John Dooley, Director of Utilities and Engineering stated that the City is still waiting on permits that were applied for 18 months ago.

Reverend Ross stated that they are grateful for the City considering doing something about this problem that has existed for quite some time.

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to authorize the City's Engineering Department to proceed with the Gregg Street Bank Stabilization Project as presented.

Councilor Sam Davis noted that the Greenview Community has the same problems and the City is also dealing with the Corp of Engineers who has said that these ditches can't be piped.

Mr. John Dooley, Director of Utilities and Engineering, added that there are other solutions that would also draw the Corp of Engineers attention.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve the **Consent Agenda Items 4.** through **13.** on a single motion.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND AGREEMENTS

4. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Ten (10) Level C Responder Kits, Batteries and Chargers, as requested by the Emergency Operations Center. Award to Fisher Safety, the lowest bidder, in the amount of \$ 10,338.60. This firm is vendor is located in Greenville, SC. The kits consist of chemical and biohazard proof coveralls, gloves, boots and breathing apparatus. The batteries and charges will power the breathing apparatus. *Funding Source: GL-2059999-629900 and JL-9601000102-62990 - Approved*
5. Council is asked to approve the Renewal of the IFAS / Banner Hardware Maintenance Contract, as requested by the Information Technology Department. Award to Dimension Data in the amount of \$21,286.22. This firm is located in Alpharetta, GA. *Funding Source: GL-1011120-638200 - Approved*

6. Council is asked to approve SD8300; Emergency Storm Drain Repair at Devil's Ditch and Edmond Drive, as requested by Engineering Administration. Award to Ideal Construction Company in the amount of \$27,700.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Storm Water Improvement Fund - Approved*
7. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of One (1) Vapor Trace Explosive Detector QS-H100, as requested by the Emergency Operations Center. Award to Implant Sciences, the only bidder, in the amount of \$28,524.60. This is a handheld device that detects microscopic traces of military and commercial explosives on people, luggage, cargo or surfaces and identifies the explosive in real time. *Funding Source: 2059999-658400 and JL-960700102-658400 The City will be reimbursed for this purchase via State Homeland Security Grant 3HSS084 - Approved*
8. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Two (2) Logos Real Time X-Ray Imaging Systems, as requested by the Emergency Operations Center. Award to Logos Imaging, the only bidder, in the amount of \$50,877.28. These are portable x-ray units that are used on-site to examine bags and other items for guns and explosive devices. *Funding Source: GL-2059999-658400 and JL-96070013-658400. The City will be reimbursed for this purchase via Homeland Security Grant 5BZPP03. - Approved*
9. Council is asked to approve the Renewal of the Oracle Database Support Contract for IFAS and Banner, as requested by the Information Technology Department. Award to Oracle USA in the amount of \$64,618.49. This firm is located in Virginia Beach, VA. *Funding Source: GL-1011120-638200 - Approved*
10. Council is asked to approve a Contract for the Rehabilitation of a House at 920 Vernon Court, as requested by the Community Development Department. Award to Prominent Homes, Inc., the lowest bidder, in the amount of \$68,238.00. This firm is located in Irmo, SC. *Funding Source: 5020000/171900 - Approved*

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

11. Ordinance No.: 2006-060 – Annexing 730 Buckner Road, Richland County TMS# 11704-03-01 (portion); 11704-03-02 and 11704-03-24 (portion) – *Approved on second reading.*
12. Ordinance No.: 2006-061 – Annexing 6825 Pennington Road, Richland County TMS# 16407-07-02 – *Approved on second reading.*
13. Ordinance No.: 2006-064 - Authorizing execution of a Limited Warranty Deed from the City of Columbia to Wheeler Hill Development, LLC for the transfer of Phelps Street located between St. James Street and Pickens Street – *Approved on second reading.*

APPEARANCE OF PUBLIC HAVING BUSINESS WITH CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Michael Steward thanked the members of Council for voting for secondary transportation for the disabled community. He said that the DART system is much needed. He has ridden DART for three (3) years to get to doctors appointments and to the grocery store. He voiced concerns for the RTA waiting so long to announce their budget problems. He said that everyone should be responsible for sharing in the cost of public transportation. He stated that the DART schedule causes riders to be late to appointments.

Mr. Jessie Outen asked what was being done as a community to help the bus system. He said that other municipalities should help carry the burden as well. He suggested that a comprehensive plan be completed. He suggested that they operate during peak times, instead of cutting routes. Mr. Outen expressed concerns about the storm drainage system throughout the community. He said that the system was updated on the main thoroughfares, but not the connecting roads.

Ms. Marie Dugan requested an update on the North Main Street Streetscape Project.

Councilor Sam Davis stated that all of the necessary rights of ways have been acquired through the condemnation process.

Mr. Steve Gantt, Senior Assistant City Manager for Operations explained that the plans are complete for the project, but since this is being done in cooperation with the South Carolina Department of Transportation they would not allow us to bid the work or begin construction until all easements are finalized.

Mr. Charles L. McAfee asked specifically about the progress being made on the ditch behind Easter Street.

Councilor Sam Davis explained that some preliminary surveying was done to determine what has been done and what needed to be done. He stated that the Corp of Engineers would be an issue in resolving this matter. He further explained that the City, County and the Department of Transportation maintain portions of the ditch. We need to determine full pricing and determine how to split the cost.

Mr. John Dooley, Director of Utilities and Engineering stated that money is a major issue since the project will cost several million dollars. He said that they have not talked about permitting and that something other than piping will be mandated. The project cost will double if we are required to mitigate.

- **Council adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Salley
City Clerk