



CITY OF COLUMBIA
CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2006
6:00 P.M.
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1737 MAIN STREET
THIRD FLOOR

The Columbia City Council conducted a Public Hearing on Wednesday, September 6, 2006 in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina. Mayor Robert D. Coble called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. The following members of City Council were present: The Honorable E.W. Cromartie, II, The Honorable Anne M. Sinclair, The Honorable Sam Davis, The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine, The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann and The Honorable Kirkman Finlay III. Also present were Mr. Charles P. Austin, Sr., City Manager and Ms. Ramona Bouknight, City Clerk Assistant.

PUBLIC HEARING

**Minister Spry led the group in prayer.

- **Council opened the Public Hearing at 6:20 p.m.**

1. Site Selection for the Homeless Service Center

Mr. Moss Blachman, Commission on Homelessness, explained that they have worked on this issue for the past two years with a charge to create a realistic plan that was solution oriented and would be supported by the public. The Cardinal Principle was to respect the dignity and quality of life of every citizen. Discussion groups were held and they reviewed over thirty different Ten Year Plans, academic literature and met with local experts. Public forums were held in the City of Columbia, Richland County and Lexington County. He noted that the Commission had to deal with credibility issues and questions of commitment since the same process as done in 1994, 1995, 1997, 1998 and 2001. Mr. Blachman explained that a shelter does not provide change, but a homeless service center helps them to become independent. The Columbia Council of Neighborhoods endorsed the proposed site; City Council adopted the blueprint, its strategies, and the Intergovernmental Agreement. The Site Selection Committee met eleven times to review the 16 responses that were received and to look at sites that had reasonable availability. He closed by saying that the proposed site bounded by Taylor, Hampton, Laurens and Gregg Streets met the established criteria, adding that homelessness is a problem, but there is a solution.

Mayor Robert D. Coble invited citizens to comment on the issue. He presented the notion of having a service center at the designated site, while adopting a Housing First Policy that doesn't have the emergency beds at the service center site. The housing would be in a distributive system through transitional housing throughout the community. This is a potential solution that we should talk about and put on the table. He said that we don't want to leave without some definitive process. An additional issue is what will we do this winter. He suggested that we ask the City Manager to find a location for this winter that would not be the current location or the Williams Building on the former Bull Street property. He said that we would then take the time to have citizens of the community go see the Housing First proposals.

Mr. Bennie L. Sulton, 1518 Gregg Street, disagreed with the comments made by Mr. Moss Blachman. He said that he and his wife have operated a small business at 1518 Gregg Street for the past 27-years. He stated that they own property that has now become ground zero for a proposed homeless center without full public discourse. He said that the covert activity concerning this site selection process is shameful, disgraceful and unethical. He said that they are not insensitive to the needs of the homeless. He complained about unwanted panhandling, begging and solicitations. He said that this would not have happened to a predominantly white community.

Mr. Bill Frew, Midlands Orthopedics, stated that his facility borders this area and when the Beth and Lou Holtz shelter opened their safety issues became very problematic. He said that one employee was raped and others were attacked. He had to hire armed security and build higher fencing to protect his employees. He complained about being under serviced by the Columbia Police Department.

Mr. I. S. Leevy Johnson, Esquire, said that his grandfather located their business on the corner of Taylor and Gregg Streets. He said that each day his 89-year old grandmother lives and works at that location. He stated that they are not in opposition to services for the homeless. He said that this issue is not about the homeless. It is about people not wanting this site in their neighborhoods. He noted that only one member of the site selection committee lives or work in the area of the recommended site. He said that it is a power issue and that it is unfair to create a block that will ultimately become a slum.

Mr. Andre Rogers, Columbia Metropolitan Baptist Association, said that it is important to realize that the homeless need a place in our community. He said that the committee's recommendation is a starting point, but not an ending point. He said that a viable solution could be reached for the homeless. There must be a plan in place to lift our fellow man. He said that winter is approaching and we cannot afford to leave anyone on the streets. He supports the compromise.

Captain Ethan Frizell, Salvation Army, thanked the members of Council for their leadership in addressing this issue. He said that the Blueprint to Address Homelessness has become a program-planning tool for the Salvation Army. They served 1,700 persons last year with more than 48,000 nights stay. He said that Housing First is a tremendous program. He added that the Salvation Army would continue to be a part of the process.

Mr. Roy Carson, Salvation Army, said that dealing with the homeless population is a problem for everyone. He stated that we have to decide how we can help these people. He said that one way is to make sure that everyone knows why we are doing this.

Dr. Lonnie Randolph, South Carolina Chapter of the NAACP / Vice President of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Neighborhood Association, said that this is not about the homeless. He said that he perceives this as an issue of fairness, justice, equity and equality. He stated that Ms. Doris Hilderbrand of the Site Selection Committee was that one person with courage who was indeed a majority in speaking up for the members of her community. He suggested that City Council study the effects that such decisions will have on the community as a whole.

Ms. Elizabeth Marks, Robert Mills Historic District, stated that the recent compromise has merit because it would distribute the responsibility of the homeless problem throughout our community. She would like to see other neighborhoods step up. She stated that the site selection process was not translucent or inclusive.

Mr. J. T. McLawhorn, Columbia Urban League, stated that it is important to plan with the people rather than for the people. He said that they were not asked to provide input. He cited incidents of harassment and threatened safety.

Ms. Vickie Singleton, Allen University, stated that they are not opposed to the City seeking creative ways to address the homeless situation. She voiced Allen University's support of the compromise.

Ms. Myrtle Gordon, CICC President, said that we approve of helping the homeless to become productive citizens, but other parts of the community should share the burden. She said that the Cooperative Ministry is moving to Beltline Boulevard, but they should not continue to dump these agencies in our community. She said that they would work with the City to develop a resolution.

Ms. Doris Hilderbrand, President of the Historic Waverly Neighborhood Association / 2320 Hampton Street, stated that she is not against homeless people, because she could become one herself. She said that as a member of the Site Selection Committee she advocated for the site not to impact one single neighborhood. She said that Richland and Lexington Counties should share the burden as well.

Mr. Larry Sebert, Chief Executive Officer of the Columbia Eye Clinic, stated that they have concerns with all of the plans. He cited incidents of theft, auto break-ins, constant panhandling, loitering and vagrancy.

Mr. Richard Davenport, Chief Executive Officer for the South Carolina Heart Center, asked the members of Council to consider a population that frequents the area. He referred to his patients that are elderly and ill and asked if having this center near his site would present additional uncertainty for his patients. He said that the compromise might have some merit.

Mr. Harvey Rosen, Rosen Appraisal / 1717 Laurel Street, stated that his concerns are the same as others in the area. He said that a campus is needed to help the homeless.

Mr. Joseph Rosen, Rosen Appraisal / 1717 Laurel Street, stated that he is not opposed to helping the homeless, but we need to make sure they have a campus location and the ability to gain employment. He suggested that they consider other sites such as the old Chevrolet dealership on Beltline Boulevard, the Grand Street Church, the Midlands Shopping Center on Two Notch Road or other properties that may be up for foreclosure. He said that if City Council voted on the site tonight, he would urge property owners to appeal their property values to the Richland County Tax Assessor between January 1 and March 1, 2007.

Dr. Mary Metropol, 1700 Henderson Street, stated that she loves the neighborhood and doesn't want to leave. She said that she can't understand why we have the number one business school in the country, but we can't find a solution. She asked the members of Council to vote no on the first proposal.

Dr. Alec Brown, Benedict College, stated that Benedict College has had a long tradition of working positively to transform the lives of disadvantaged individuals and distressed communities. He said that they have made important contributions in addressing the needs of the homeless. He stated that they share concerns about the proposal and the compromise, because it would move all of the homeless to one centralized area. He admitted that they have not been consulted or informed.

Mr. Joshua Stroman, Benedict College, Second Vice President of the Student Body, stated that student leaders are opposed to the relocation of a high concentration of mostly unemployed, transient individuals to this center. They are cognizant of the fact that not all homeless people are harmful, but they are concerned about increased crime levels.

Ms. Katheryn Bellefield, said that any one of us could be homeless tomorrow, but this is not a matter of doing for the homeless people, but a matter of helping and creating deep pockets for other people. She said that we are not doing our homework.

Representative Todd Rutherford stated that unbeknownst to him the money was put into the State budget for a homeless shelter to go in his district. He said that he truly cares about homeless people. He said that all homeless facilities come to this side of Columbia, but nothing goes in the Vista or out Bluff Road. He said that everybody has a burden that they ought to bear.

Mr. Gregg Capman, Palmetto Health, said that he understands the concerns voiced tonight, but they have a strong desire to find an effective solution. He said that Palmetto Health supports the concept of a consolidated homeless service center, believing that it would be more efficient. He said that they also support the recommendation of the Site Selection Committee.

Ms. Julie Avin, Mental Illness Recovery Center Inc. (MIRCI) stated that they have operated the homeless recovery center on Gregg Street since November 2005 for homeless individuals who have a mental illness. She added that most of them also have substance use disorders. Services are provided using best practice models. One aspect is assertive outreach, finding people where they are, bringing them in and helping them build skills to live in the community and then transition to permanent housing. There are thirty-two clients enrolled to date.

Sister Judith Karam, President and Chief Executive Officer of Providence Hospitals / Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine, stated that she supports the committee's recommendation, because there are numerous models across the United States on how to deal with the issue of homelessness. She said that providing support services for the homeless would work. She talked about the Joseph Home, which provides shelter and supportive services for the homeless.

Ms. Vickie Harris, Vice President of Finance for Hardaway Concrete Company, stated that only the railroad tracks separate their property from the proposed site. She said that they would rather that it be placed elsewhere due to safety concerns.

Dr. Albert Jabs congratulated the members of Council on this vision of hope. He is a Lexington County resident and encouraged all to bring down walls and open up doors. He urged the people of Lexington County to give a little more of their hard earned money to support this noble effort. He stated that the urgency and need is so great. He closed by saying that when some future historian measures the greatness of a city; they will look at how you took care of the rejects, the ruthless and the homeless.

Ms. Catherine Bruce, Waverly Neighborhood Association, stated that they needed some sense of confidence in the programs being presented. She said that there are an increasing number of homeless people coming downtown. She would like to know that the issues of housing, earnings and services are high on the solutions list. She suggested a Good Neighbor Agreement no matter where the center is located. She agrees that the centers should be spread out.

Mr. Hemphill Pride, Esquire, 1401 Gregg Street, said that he found out about this site two weeks ago. He said that it is not a conducive environment for doing business. He stated that the Waverly Community is now integrated, but he would be ill fated if the City would put the site anywhere else. He accused them of putting the site there, because it is a predominantly African American community.

Minister Kenneth Spry, 154 Forestview Circle, quoted several bible passages to the audience. He said that this is a moral and morality issue. He stated that it is a myth that all homeless people sit around all day and do nothing. He said that the proposed services would help the homeless to move on. He asked them to consider what would Jesus do.

Reverend Joseph Hightower, 3403 Colonial Drive, said that we should not forget that some homeless people have fought for our country and some are our mothers and fathers and we should not be afraid of them. He encouraged all to act like this is America and to be brave. He asked Council to make the best decision for the City of Columbia.

Ms. Lorene Vining, National Organization for Women, stated that the face of homelessness is being portrayed as the face of criminals. She reminded them that a lot of homeless people are women and children that have been afflicted by domestic violence. It is sad that people are defecating on other's people property, but it is even sadder that some people don't have a place to defecate.

Mr. William Brown said that he sympathizes with the community, but he commends the people that are advocating for the homeless. He stated that he is homeless although he is employed. He said that there are homeless people and street people that don't care about nothing. He asked if the solution would be conducive for the people that need help or is it about money. He said that people don't understand the plight of the homeless.

Mr. Bill Barron, 3215 Sunbury Lane, stated that there is a serious problem as far as street people are concerned. He said that we needed to do something constructive to help these people.

Mr. Myka Gates, 1722 Hampton Street, stated that the adolescents in his apartment building are forbidden and afraid to walk to the store nearby, because of the homeless. He stated that incarceration and homelessness are intricately linked.

Ms. Delores Johnson, 1930 Hampton Street, distributed a letter to the members of Council. She stated that she watched the center everyday during the winter and that she is an advocate for the homeless. She wishes they could do all things possible for the homeless. She hopes that the center does not become an embarrassment if located on Hampton Street. She requested that the City purchase her properties at 1930 Hampton Street and 1430 Cherokee Street.

Mr. Pat McWhirter, Esquire, 1807 Hampton Street, said that he is not opposed to helping the homeless, but is opposed to helping the homeless at the expense of any one neighborhood. He asked the members of Council to table any action and allow time to review the compromise presented. He would like to know what kind of shelter it would be and he wants to be certain that the burden will be shared.

Mr. George Little, 1728 Hampton Street, said that he strongly disagrees with the assessment that the area is not a neighborhood. He said that the concept of centralizing the homeless is wrong. He said that much research has been done on the decentralization of the homeless, because this would lessen the demand on hospitals and the police. He suggested that they visit www.fanninemaesupport.org.

Ms. Karen Stone, 500 Saluda Avenue, said that she would like to hear more about the compromise to determine if it is an acceptable solution. She asked what would be the City's commitment to increasing public safety. She asked if the negative impacts were considered when the best practices were reviewed.

Ms. Alex Furgess urged the members of Council to go back and review their main goals. She noted that one goal was to improve the quality of life for all citizens. She reminded them that we are all citizens that care about what goes on in our communities. She said that they know why they were chosen for this, adding that last year they talked about placing it on Barnwell Street, Main Street and Bluff Road.

Mr. Scott Hendley, 1919 Taylor Street, said that it is quite surprising to think that a project of this scale can fit into a community without creating a certain amount of damage. He said that businesses will see a negative impact and it is going to turn into a homeless district.

Ms. Vi Hendley, 104 Alabama Street, said that her husband's business would be impacted severely given its location. She said that it is necessary to find a place for the homeless. She said that she likes the idea of a distributive process. She presented a chart to the members of Council. She said that this is a potential homeless district.

Ms. Elaine Frick, 2921 Oceola Street, stated that the Blueprint to Address Homelessness is a responsible study. She is concerned for the homeless as a member of her community and congregation. She wants another study and she wants Council to work to find a creative solution.

Mr. Ben Lanza, 1900 Hampton Street, said that he has seen more homeless people than you could shake a stick at. He encouraged them to take a tour of the area to see who is there. He said that he wants the homeless to have a good deal, but referred to the Council as being short sighted and poor businessmen. He said that ongoing funding and lots of community support is needed. He proposed that other things be done with the site. He said that the biggest winner is the person who currently owns the block.

Ms. Maire Dugan, 4403 Monticello Road, admitted that she is confused about the criticism given to this process. She said that she had numerous opportunities to provide input at various meetings. She thanked Mr. Moss Blachman for a thankless job. She noted that no one spoke to the temporary location of a winter shelter. She asked that the Williams Building be reconsidered for the location of a temporary shelter.

Ms. Safiyah Fareed, 1608 Taylor Street, stated that a homeless man approached a little girl at their Mosque and it terrified the kids and the adults. She said that being in business forces you to be realistic. She said that homelessness is not a problem, but a result of many things.

Mr. Bill Hayes, 2011 Hampton Street, stated that the ones that are turned away are rowdy, drunk and on drugs. He said that this would have a negative impact on downtown revitalization.

Dr. Albert L. Reid, 428 Easter Street, stated that while his neighborhood is removed from this site he is a concerned citizen. He said that few would differ on the need, because it is serious for the homeless men, women and children. He urged the members of Council to use the findings of the committee. He said that the site should be used as a place of research to resolve this nationwide problem.

Mr. John Nichols, 1634 Taylor Street, stated that he knows the face of the homeless. He said that he doesn't approach this as an anti-homeless issue. He stated that he learned about this from a neighbor last week. He urged the members of Council to rethink this decision.

Ms. Marti Bluestein, 1614 and 1634 Taylor Street stated that she wants Columbia to do well and to attract tourist to the City. She said that you cannot save Columbia if you place the homeless service center in the downtown area. She encouraged them to look at what Raleigh, North Carolina did to address the issue of homelessness.

Mr. Nathaniel Roberson, 1708 Richland Street, stated that he wants Columbia to have a site and provide for the homeless. He admitted that he is selfish about this, because he wants to ensure the safety of his employees as well. He said that clients don't come to his office after hours anymore.

Mr. Joseph Henry, Esquire, 1708-B Richland Street, asked that they take the public trust given to them and not abuse it, but exercise it responsibly.

Mr. Kevin Gray, 3008 Jaydeen Court, stated that we are talking about people and reminded the audience that Mary and Joseph were once homeless as well. He said that he supports the center being where it is now. He said that homeless people are citizens and they have rights. He compared it to the argument of segregation. He stated that this is about us having affordable housing for the working poor and a plan to move people in dire constraints back into the mainstream so they can become stakeholders.

Mr. Matt Wilson stated that he is homeless and it doesn't matter where this goes somebody will be unhappy. He said that the City of Columbia is entering a stage of explosive changes. He said that homelessness has become a multi-million dollar business in the United States. He supports the use of the Chevrolet building. He encouraged the Council to be accountable, noting that the shelter was overcrowded last year.

Mr. Olufemi Olulenu, 1007 Pine Street, said that the Waverly corridor has been neglected for many years and just when they start putting money into that area they decide to put a homeless concentration camp there. He asked if they are looking for a homeless penitentiary. He invited the members of Council to spend a night in his home and see what the homeless people do in his neighborhood.

Ms. Sylvie Dessau said that she is in favor of having a service center, but urged Council to make an informed decision.

Mr. Cravens Ravenell stated that it is clear that we are reaffirming why we need to build a homeless shelter. Without the services we will continue to have the same problems. He urged them to consider that this is something that needs to be done and we can't keep putting it off.

Mr. Mike Kelley asked the members of Council to provide adequate security for the site. He recommended approval of the committee's recommendation.

Mr. Tom Prioreshi, Capitol Places, stated that the problem is here and unless we make the decision to eliminate it, it will continue to exist. He urged the members of Council to support the committee's recommendation.

Mr. Harrison asked the members of Council how could they overlook the majority. He said that the train needed to be slowed down a tad. He said that the conductors driving the train are not present and their faces have not been shown. He supports placing the site on the Mental Health property.

Mr. Paul Simmons said that he is homeless and shelters won't help the homeless. He stated that the homeless are feed enough, but they need housing and training.

An unidentified Blythewood resident stated that homelessness is a major concern for us all. She said that it concerns her that a decision is about to be made. She implored the members of Council to take their time in making a decision.

Mr. Preston Winkler, Executive Director of the Greater Columbia Community Relations Council, stated that homelessness is a reality. He challenged the members of Council to work toward community relations and find ways to work together to develop a solution.

Mr. Mark Carman stated that the committee is on the right track. He suggested that they delay voting until the fears and concerns can be addressed.

Mr. Chuck Lemark volunteered to assist the Council in any way possible.

Mr. James Johnson said that he works with the homeless and it is heartbreaking. He said that a lot of the homeless need to be educated and cared for.

Upon motion by Mayor Coble, seconded by Mr. Cromartie, Council voted unanimously to proceed as follows:

1. Endorse and send to the Homelessness Commission for their consideration the Hampton Street site as the location for the Homeless Service Center.
 2. Endorse and send to the Homelessness Commission City Council's direction to adopt the Housing First Policy as endorsed by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as the national strategy. The implementation of this policy requires that no emergency beds be housed at the Hampton Street Homeless Service Center, but rather the center is for intake, evaluations and services. The overnight emergency housing will be provided through off site transitional housing distributed among the community. The City of Columbia will work with the Homelessness Commission to seek federal funding and other funding to ensure the successful implementation of this Housing First Policy.
 3. Direct Mr. Charles P. Austin, Sr., City Manager to work with the Homelessness Commission and Cooperative Ministries to secure a location for the temporary winter shelter beginning November 2006. This site will not be at Hampton Street or the Williams Building on the old Bull Street property.
 4. Direct Mr. Charles P. Austin, Sr., City Manager and the Homelessness Commission to set up a tour and briefing for the community, business leaders and elected officials to tour the St. Patrick Center in St. Louis, Missouri and any other facility or city that has implemented the Housing First Policy and as the City Manager deems necessary.
- **Council closed the Public Hearing at 10:30 p.m.**

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion by Mayor Coble, seconded by Mr. Cromartie, Council voted unanimously to approve **Items 2.** through **19.** on a single motion and as presented.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND AGREEMENTS

2. Council is asked to approve the Replacement of the 7 ½ Ton Air Conditioning Unit on the Third Floor of 1225 Laurel Street, as requested by the Support Services Division. Award to W.B. Thomason, the lowest bidder, in the amount of \$10,556.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: 5511219-659300 (\$5,220.00) and 1011201-659300 (\$5,336.00) - Approved*
3. Council is asked to approve Catering Services for the Employee Luncheon on September 21, 2006, as requested by the Employee Special Activities Committee (ESAC). Award to Blowfish Baseball & Home Plate Catering, in the amount of \$11,890.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: 1011125-624200 - Approved*
4. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Four (4) Spartan Sewer Rodding Machines, as requested by the Wastewater Maintenance Division. Award to Spartan Tool, LLC as a Sole Source, in the amount of \$11,894.00. This vendor is located in Winston Salem, NC. *Funding Source: 5516205-657400 - Approved*
5. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of up to Five Hundred (500) Used Parking Meter Housings, as requested by Parking Services. Award to the City of New Haven, Connecticut, in an amount not to exceed \$12,500.00. *Funding Source: Parking Fund Reserves - Approved*

6. Council is asked to approve Project #SS6792; Green Lakes Sewer Lift Station Pump Repairs, as requested by Engineering Administration. Award to Charles R. Underwood, Inc. in the amount of \$14,544.82. This firm is located in Sanford, NC. *Funding Source: Sewer Improvement Fund - Approved*
7. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Tents, Stakes and Straps, as requested by the Emergency Operations Center. Award to O'Henry Productions, Inc., in the amount of \$16,237.36. This firm is located in Waco, TX. *Funding Source: GL-2059999-658900 / JL-9601000205-658900 - Approved*
8. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Thirteen (13) Dell Desktop Computers, as requested by the Police Department. Award to Dell Marketing, LP, using the SC State Contract, in the amount of \$18,669.56. This vendor is located in Round Rock, TX. *Funding Source: GL-1012402-657600 - Approved*
9. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of 2,150 Frozen Turkeys for the Employees Christmas, as requested by Administration. Award to U.S. Food Service, the lowest bidder, in the amount of \$26,789.00. This firm is located in Lexington, SC. *Funding Source: 1011125-639900 - Approved*
10. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Twenty Two (22) Dell Desktop Computers, as requested by the Police Department. Award to Dell Marketing, LP, using the SC State Contract, in the amount of \$30,928.62. This vendor is located in Round Rock, TX. *Funding Source: GL-1012401-657600 - Approved*
11. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Radiation Meters, Alpha, Beta, Gamma Detectors, Dosimeters and Accessories, as requested by the Emergency Operations Center. Award to Pulcir, Inc., the low bidder, in the amount of \$48,168.52. This vendor is located in Oak Ridge, TN. *Funding Source: GL-2059999-625600 / JL-9601000205-625600 - Approved*
12. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of \$35.00 Value Gift Cards for 2,150 Employees Christmas, as requested by Administration. Award to Piggly Wiggly, the lowest bidder, in the amount of \$67,725.00. This vendor is located in Charleston, SC. *Funding Source: 1011125-639900 - Approved*

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

13. Ordinance No.: 2006-041 – Granting encroachment to Lofts at Printers Square for installation and maintenance of balconies and landscaping at 530 Lady Street *First reading approval was given on August 23, 2006. – Approved on second reading.*
14. Ordinance No.: 2006-060 - Annexing 730 Buckner Road, Richland County TMS# 11704-03-01 (portion); 11704-03-02 and 11704-03-24 (portion) *First reading approval was given on July 26, 2006. – Approved on second reading.*
15. Ordinance No.: 2006-069 – Annexing 130 Fontaine Center Drive, Richland County TMS# 14205-10-01 *First reading approval was given on August 23, 2006. – Approved on second reading.*
16. Ordinance No.: 2006-070 – Annexing 411 Commerce Drive, Richland County TMS# 14202-01-59 *First reading approval was given on August 23, 2006. – Approved on second reading.*

CONFIRM ZONING OF PREVIOUSLY ANNEXED PROPERTIES - SECOND READING

17. 87.1 acres E/S Patton Circle, TMS# 09414-01-03; confirm M-1 zoning. *First Reading approval was given on July 12, 2006. – Approved on second reading.*

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS, AGREEMENTS AND CHANGE ORDERS

18. Council is asked to approve a Contract for Physicals and Health Screenings, as requested by the Fire Department. Award to Professional Health Services in the amount of \$103,400.00. This firm is located in Harristown, PA. *Funding Source: 1012303-636900 (City to pay 47%) and 2082306-636900 (County to pay 53%) - Approved*
19. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of 2,600 Roll Carts, as requested by the Solid Waste Division. Award to Toter, Inc., in the amount of \$119,340.00. This vendor is located in Statesville, NC. *Funding Source: 1014401-627600 - Approved*

RESOLUTIONS

20. Resolution No.: R-2006-038 – Authorizing consumption of alcoholic beverages and Annual Blues Festival at Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Park - *Approved*

Upon motion by Mayor Coble, seconded by Mr. Cromartie, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2006-038 – Authorizing consumption of alcoholic beverages and Annual Blues Festival at Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Park.

APPEARANCE OF PUBLIC HAVING BUSINESS WITH CITY COUNCIL

No one appeared at this time.

- **Council adjourned the meeting at 10:37 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Salley
City Clerk