



CITY OF COLUMBIA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2007
6:00 P.M.
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1737 MAIN STREET
THIRD FLOOR

The Columbia City Council conducted a Meeting on Wednesday, January 10, 2007 in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Mayor Robert D. Coble called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m. The following members of Council were present: The Honorable E.W. Cromartie, II, The Honorable Anne M. Sinclair, The Honorable Sam Davis and The Honorable Kirkman Finlay III. The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine and The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann were not present. Also present were Mr. Charles P. Austin, Sr., City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Salley, City Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes for November 15 and 29, 2006 and December 13, 2006

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve on a single motion the Minutes of November 15 and 29, 2006 and December 13, 2006 as presented.

PRESENTATIONS

2. SCDOT Big Check Ceremony for Elmwood Park Neighborhood Lighting Project – Ms. Melissa Smith Gentry, Public Works Director and Ms. Deborah Livingston, President of the Elmwood Park Neighborhood Association

Ms. Missy Smith Gentry, Director of Public Works, recognized the Elmwood Park Neighborhood Association for working diligently to obtain funding for their neighborhood lighting project. She also recognized Mr. Robert Lee of the Traffic and Engineering Division for playing a major role in this project.

Ms. Deborah Livingston, Elmwood Park Neighborhood Association President, recognized the residents of the Elmwood Park Neighborhood. She thanked the City of Columbia for their generous support of the lighting project. She recognized individuals that worked diligently for many years to obtain funding for this project. They completed a grant application four (4) years ago to request funding from the South Carolina Department of Transportation. They also raised and dedicated over \$30,000.00 to assist with this effort. She added that this project represents the power of collaboration and the impact realized when neighborhoods and governments move forward together.

Mr. John Hardee presented a check in the amount of \$145,000 to the Elmwood Park Neighborhood Association for their decorative street lighting project on behalf of the South Carolina Department of Transportation. He noted that these monies can only be used for enhancements.

3. Introduction of Mr. Eugene D. White, Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation – Mr. S. Allison Baker, Assistant City Manager for Public Services

Mr. S. Allison Baker, Assistant City Manager for Public Services introduced Mr. Eugene D. White as the new Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation. Mr. White came from Virginia and has an extensive background in youth violence prevention and intervention services.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion by Mr. Finlay, seconded by Ms. Sinclair, Council voted unanimously to approve the **Consent Agenda Items 4.** through **7.** and **9.** through **18.** as presented. **Item 8.** was withdrawn from the agenda.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS, AGREEMENTS AND CHANGE ORDERS

4. Council is asked to approve the Ashley Oaks and Ashley Woods Subdivisions Water System Contract of Sale, as requested by Engineering Operations. - *Approved*
5. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Two (2) EDUR Bare Pumps, as requested by the Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant. Award to Shanley Pump and Equipment, Inc., as a Sole Source Purchase in the amount of \$10,257.79. This firm is located in Arlington Heights, IL. *Funding Source: GL-5516208-6318000 - Approved*
6. Council is asked to approve the Rental of a Generator for the Saluda River Pump Station, as requested by the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Award to Blanchard Machinery, the lowest bidder, in the amount of \$11,124.00. This firm is located in West Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: 5516208-631800 - Approved*
7. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of One Lot of Trees, as requested by the Forestry and Beautification Department. Award to Green Source Direct, the lowest bidder meeting specifications, in the amount of \$11,206.76. This firm is located in Taylors, SC. *Funding Source: GL-2649999-627300 / JL-9315000101-627300 - Approved*
8. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of an Additional License and Maintenance for the Questys Document Imaging System, as requested by the Legal Department. Award to Decision Management Company, Inc. Doing Business As Questys Solutions, as a Sole Source Purchase, in the amount of \$12,188.15. This firm is headquartered in Mission Viejo, CA. *Funding Source: GL-1011501-658600 (Legal Department \$9,750.52) and GL-6098939-657600 (Workers Compensation \$12,188.15) - This item was withdrawn from the agenda.*
9. Council is asked to approve Window Cleaning Services for the Drew Wellness Center, as requested by the Parks and Recreation Department. Award to Windows Plus, the lowest bidder, in the amount of \$14,880.00. This firm is located in Mt. Pleasant, SC. *Funding Source: 1015115-638200 - Approved*
10. Council is asked to approve the Installation and Operation of Three (3) Gauging Stations along Rocky Branch, as requested by the Public Works and Utility and Engineering Departments. Award to United States Geological Survey (USGS) in the amount of \$39,420.00. This firm is located in SC. *Funding Source: Stormwater Utility Fund - Approved*
11. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Firehouse Software and Support, as requested by the Columbia Fire Department. Award to ACS Government Systems, Inc. doing business as ACS Firehouse Solutions, as a Sole Source Purchase, in the amount of \$50,138.00. This firm is located in Urbandale, IA. *Funding Source: GL-2082306-657600 (County Fire Administration \$10,594.70); GL-2082306-638200 (County Fire Administration); and GL-1012303-638200 (Fire Suppression \$30,056.30) - Approved*

12. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Twenty Two (22) Panasonic Toughbooks, as requested by the Columbia Police Department. Award to Soft Intelligence, Inc., the low bidder, in the amount of \$86,855.34. This firm is located in Atlanta, GA. *Funding Source: 1012402-657500 - Approved*
13. Council is asked to approve the Annual Maintenance and Support Agreement for the IFAS Software, as requested by Administrative Services. Award to Sungard Bi-Tech, as a Sole Source Purchase, in the amount of \$130,337.75. This vendor is headquartered in Wayne, PA. *Funding Source: GL-6218950-638200 - Approved*
14. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Vehicles for Various Departments and Divisions as listed below. The vehicles will be purchased from Butler Chrysler/Plymouth of Beaufort, SC (\$12,752.00); Vic Bailey Ford of Spartanburg, SC (\$89,268.00); Herndon Chevrolet of Lexington, SC (\$26,278.00); and Love Chevrolet of Columbia, SC (\$21,385.00) using the SC State Vehicle Contract in the total amount of \$149,683.00. - *Approved*

Quantity	Type	Department	Funding Source	Amount
1	PT Cruiser	Lake Murray WTP	5516207-628500	\$12,752.00
1	Ford Escape	Fleet Services	6308971-658500	\$26,423.00
1	Chevy Tahoe	Fire Department	1012304-658500	\$26,278.00
1	Trail Blazer	Water Distribution	5516205-658500	\$21,385.00
2	½ Ton Pick Up	Solid Waste	1014402-658500	\$25,138.00
3	½ Ton Pick Up	Inspections	1014101-658500	\$37,707.00

15. Council is asked to approve a Unisys Mainframe Upgrade, as requested by Information Technology. Award to Unisys Corporation, the current service provider, in the amount of \$221,790.16. This vendor is located in Blue Bell, PA. *Funding Source: GL-1011120-638200 (\$72,077.88) and GL-6218950-658600 (\$149,712.28) - Approved*
16. Council is asked to approve the Dell Computer Rollout, as requested by Information Technology. Award to Dell, as a Sole Source Purchase using the SC State Contract, in the amount of \$709,144.00. This vendor is headquartered in Round Rock, TX. *Funding Source: GL-1011120-657600 - Approved*

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

17. Ordinance No.: 2006-105 – Annexing 11.995 +/- acres, S/S Caughman Road and E/S Hallbrook Drive, Richland County TMS# 19100-02-03 and 19100-01-11 (portion) *First reading approval was given on December 13, 2006. – Approved on second reading.*
18. Ordinance No.: 2006-106 – Annexing 8.10 +/- acres, N/S Burdell Drive, Richland County TMS# 19108-02-38 *First reading approval was given on December 13, 2006. – Approved on second reading.*

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

19. Ordinance No.: 2006-096 – Granting encroachment to Starbucks Coffee for eight tables and fourteen chairs along the Lincoln Street sidewalk adjacent to its building at 831 Gervais Street – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2006-096 – Granting encroachment to Starbucks Coffee for eight tables and fourteen chairs along the Lincoln Street sidewalk adjacent to its building at 831 Gervais Street, subject to the following conditions.

1. Tables will be no more than 24” wide and all street furniture shall be placed to allow a minimum of 36” clear path on the sidewalk to meet ADA requirements;
2. All tables and chairs must be commercial grade;
3. No more than two (2) tables and four (4) chairs on Gervais Street, one (1) under each window);
4. Up to six (6) tables and ten (10) chairs along Lincoln Street, but they can not interfere with the existing street tree(s); and
5. The liability insurance must be maintained.

20. Ordinance No.: 2006-100 – Granting encroachment to Neal Coyle for installation and maintenance of landscaping and an irrigation system adjacent to his property at 231 King Street and along the 2500 block of Duncan Street – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Ms. Sinclair, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2006-100 – Granting encroachment to Neal Coyle for installation and maintenance of landscaping and an irrigation system adjacent to his property at 231 King Street and along the 2500 block of Duncan Street.

21. Ordinance No.: 2006-107 - Annexing 110 Cort Road, 120 Cort Road and 130 Cort Road known as Parcel B, Parcel C, Parcel D, Parcel E and Parcel F containing 11.45 +/- acres, Richland County TMS# 09316-03-07 (portion) – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon motion by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Cromartie, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2006-107 - Annexing 110 Cort Road, 120 Cort Road and 130 Cort Road known as Parcel B, Parcel C, Parcel D, Parcel E and Parcel F containing 11.45 +/- acres, Richland County TMS# 09316-03-07 (portion).

22. Ordinance No.: 2006-108 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 23, Utilities and Engineering, Article V, Water and Sewer Rates, Sec. 23-152, Sewer plant expansion fee – *This item was withdrawn from the agenda.*

23. Ordinance No.: 2006-110 – Authorizing transfer of 1504 Williams Street, 1530 Williams Street and the City’s interest, if any, to Science Alley, Richland County TMS# 09009-14-01, 09009-14-24 and alleyway adjacent to 09009-14-02, 09009-14-20, 09009-14-21, 09009-14-22, 09009-14-23, 09009-14-24, 09009-14-03, 09009-14-19, 09009-14-18, 09009-14-09, 09009-14-17, 09009-14-16, 09009-14-15 and 09009-14-14 to Huger Street II, LLC – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2006-110 – Authorizing transfer of 1504 Williams Street, 1530 Williams Street and the City’s interest, if any, to Science Alley, Richland County TMS# 09009-14-01, 09009-14-24 and alleyway adjacent to 09009-14-02, 09009-14-20, 09009-14-21, 09009-14-22, 09009-14-23, 09009-14-24, 09009-14-03, 09009-14-19, 09009-14-18, 09009-14-09, 09009-14-17, 09009-14-16, 09009-14-15 and 09009-14-14 to Huger Street II, LLC.

24. Ordinance No.: 2007-001 – Annexing 835 Kennerly Road, Richland County TMS# 05101-01-04 – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon motion by Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Sinclair, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2007-001 – Annexing 835 Kennerly Road, Richland County TMS# 05101-01-04.

25. Ordinance No.: 2007-002 – Annexing 11 Redbay Court (Woodcreek Farms, Lot 14, Tract D14, Phase III), Richland County TMS# 28812-02-14 – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon motion by Mr. Finlay, seconded by Mr. Cromartie, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2007-002 – Annexing 11 Redbay Court (Woodcreek Farms, Lot 14, Tract D14, Phase III), Richland County TMS# 28812-02-14.

RESOLUTIONS

26. Resolution No.: R-2006-044 – Release and abandonment of a Portion of the City’s Existing 15’ Storm Drainage Easement along Richland County TMS# 16412-08-01 and 02; Identified as 59 Hampton Springs Court and 55 Hampton Springs Court; CIP Project #SD8301; CF# 250-217 and CF# 196-17 - *Approved*

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Ms. Sinclair, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2006-044 – Release and abandonment of a Portion of the City’s Existing 15’ Storm Drainage Easement along Richland County TMS# 16412-08-01 and 02; Identified as 59 Hampton Springs Court and 55 Hampton Springs Court; CIP Project #SD8301; CF# 250-217 and CF# 196-17.

27. Resolution No.: R-2006-051 – Release and abandonment of a Portion of the City’s Existing 15’ Water Main Easement along Richland County TMS# 16405-03-12 (portion); Holiday Inn Express; 7329 Garners Ferry Road; CF# 285-01 and CF# 112-19 (R-1) - *Approved*

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Ms. Sinclair, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2006-051 – Release and abandonment of a Portion of the City’s Existing 15’ Water Main Easement along Richland County TMS# 16405-03-12 (portion); Holiday Inn Express; 7329 Garners Ferry Road; CF# 285-01 and CF# 112-19 (R-1).

OTHER MATTERS

28. Council is asked to approve the Disposition of Two Hundred Fifty Three (253) Cell Phones and Accessories, as requested by the Columbia Police Department's Evidence / Property Unit and City Administration. Award to Sister Care (Ms. Nancy Barton) and other community organizations as they may be identified, for Emergency Use.

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Mr. Finlay, Council voted unanimously to approve the Disposition of Two Hundred Fifty Three (253) Cell Phones and Accessories, as requested by the Columbia Police Department's Evidence / Property Unit and City Administration. Award to Sister Care (Ms. Nancy Barton) and other community organizations as they may be identified for Emergency Use.

29. Council is asked to consider two (2) Requests to Amend the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 24, Vehicles for Hire, Article II, Taxicabs, Shuttles and Limousines, Division 2, Driver's Permit, Sec. 24-72, Investigation of application; persons eligible for permit

Ms. LaToya Blanks requested an appeal on her chauffeur's license. She has driven cabs for nine (9) years. Her request for a license renewal was denied due to a charge of Criminal Domestic Violence, which occurred in May 2006. She asked the Council to amend the Ordinance to allow her to obtain a chauffeurs license so that she can adequately provide for her family.

Mr. Ladson Hayes, Jr. asked the members of Council to amend the current Ordinance, which disqualifies him from obtaining a chauffeurs license. He was incarcerated for ten (10) years for manslaughter, but has been a productive member of society since. He asked the members of Council to amend the Ordinance to allow him to obtain a chauffeur's license so that he may provide for his future wife and family.

There was a consensus of Council to direct staff to draft an Ordinance for consideration that would allow both applicants to obtain a chauffeurs license.

30. **Strategic Planning for the Columbia Development Corporation and the South Columbia Development Corporation – The Honorable Anne M. Sinclair

Upon motion by Ms. Sinclair, seconded by Mr. Finlay, Council voted unanimously to endorse the strategic planning process for the Columbia Development Corporation and the South Columbia Development Corporation.

31. **Council is asked to approve a Proposed Budget for the History Panel Dedication/Unveiling Ceremony along the Canal Embankment (Three Rivers Greenway) as proposed by Ferrillo & Associates in the amount of \$3,690.00. *Funding Source: Council Contingency Fund - This item was withdrawn from the agenda.*

APPOINTMENTS

- A. **Midlands Authority for Conventions, Sports and Tourism

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Ms. Martha Scott Smith to the Convention Center Authority Board of Directors for a two (2) year term. Ms. Smith is replacing The Honorable Michelle Childs.

APPEARANCE OF PUBLIC HAVING BUSINESS WITH CITY COUNCIL

No one appeared at this time.

- **Council adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Salley
City Clerk