



CITY OF COLUMBIA  
CITY COUNCIL  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2007  
9:00 A.M.  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1737 MAIN STREET

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The City of Columbia City Council conducted a Meeting and a Zoning Public Hearing on Wednesday, January 17, 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 9:04 a.m. and the Zoning Public Hearing to order at 10:06 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 Daniel J. Rickenmann and The Honorable Kirkman Finlay III. The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine arrived at 9:06 a.m. Also present were Mr. Charles P. Austin, Sr., City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Salley, City Clerk.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Minutes of January 10, 2007

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of January 10, 2007 as presented.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

**\*\*Mr. S. Allison Baker**, Assistant City Manager for Public Services, announced that over 2,000 residents have benefited from the programs offered at the Charles R. Drew Wellness Center and 11 scholarships have been granted since August 2006. In celebration of these phenomenal accomplishments, the Charles R. Drew Wellness Center will host a celebration and dance on Saturday, January 27, 2006 from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Advance tickets are \$35.00 per person and \$50.00 per couple.

2. Introduction of the City of Columbia 2006 Employee of the Year (Ms. Laura A. Coleman, Telecommunicator) – Mr. Charles P. Austin, Sr., City Manager

Mr. Charles P. Austin, Sr., City Manager, introduced Ms. Laura A. Coleman, Telecommunicator as the City of Columbia 2006 Employee of the Year. She is described as a model employee that is loyal and professional at all times.

Mayor Coble presented Ms. Coleman with a plaque and Mr. Austin presented her with tokens of appreciation for being selected as the City of Columbia 2006 Employee of the Year.

- 2a. **\*\*Recognitions and Awards** – Mr. Charles P. Austin, Sr., City Manager

Mr. Charles P. Austin, Sr., City Manager recognized the following employees for recent awards, recognitions and accomplishments.

- Chief of Police H. Dean Crisp was awarded the Strom Thurmond Award for Excellence in Law Enforcement.
- The Finance Department earned a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2005.

- The International Codes Council (ICC) has certified Mr. Lee Bass and Ms. Porchia Smith of Development Services as Property Maintenance and Housing Inspectors.
  - The International Codes Council (ICC) has certified Mr. Robert Harkins of Development Services as a Commercial Energy Plans Examiner.
  - Ms. Megan Odom of the Community Development Department is now a Certified HOME Program Specialist. Very few people reach this designation. Her score was one of the highest percentiles and she is allowed by HUD to provide technical assistance to other participating jurisdictions.
  - Major Carl Burke was appointed as Lieutenant Colonel and is now the second in command for the Columbia Police Department.
3. Introduction of the Columbia Stingers of the Arena Football League – Mr. Roland Cousins, Director of Sales and Community Relations

Mr. Roland Cousins, Director of Sales and Community Relations for the Columbia Stingers, said that the public has embraced the Columbia Stingers and welcomed the Arena Football League to the City of Columbia. The first game is scheduled for March 10, 2007. He said that he met with the City Manager and discussed the idea of working with gang members. He presented a proposal for a Day of Truce in the City of Columbia on April 14, 2007 to focus on preventing youth from becoming future gang members. Mr. Cousins said that they would let the kids know that they care and that they will be after them in a positive way. There will be a series of planned events leading up to the Day of Truce.

4. EdVenture Update – Ms. Catherine Horne, President and CEO of EdVenture Children’s Museum

Ms. Catherine Horne, Executive Director of EdVenture Children’s Museum presented an update for EdVenture. She recognized the EdVenture Board of Directors that were in attendance. The secret to their success is everyone working together, because learning is a giant sized adventure. Attendance is approximately 200,000 annually with 50% coming from Richland and Lexington Counties; 80% are families; and 50% are adults. It is a great family destination. The City’s return on investment exceeds \$13 million per year including the impact of payroll and expenditures in the community. Outreach services are provided to 17 counties within South Carolina and they are committed to providing 100 days of free outreach programs in fire and life safety across the state. They also provide professional development programs for teachers and early childhood educators in 20 counties. Ms. Horne said that they are working to grow out-of-area attendance and new education initiatives in science and health. She stated that they are looking forward to the future and maintaining a world-class status. They are working to secure their future by building operating reserves; retiring existing short-term debts; and by expanding educational programs to meet the needs of the community.

5. Project Homeless Connect Update – Mr. Jonathan Artz, Community Development Program Coordinator

Mr. Jonathan Artz, Community Development Program Coordinator provided an update on the last Project Homeless Connect Day sponsored by the City of Columbia on December 8, 2006 at 1511 Taylor Street. The Community Development Department organized the City’s Second Annual Project Homeless Connect event as part of a national campaign sponsored by the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness. On that day, 35 agencies and organizations provided information on housing, employment, legal assistance, substance abuse programs, mental health services and healthcare. Haircuts and manicures were provided by Kenneth Shuler School of Cosmetology; All Medical offered wheelchair repairs; 10 corporate sponsors provided food; and there were many volunteers from the City of Columbia, Midtown Fellowship and the USC

College of Social Work.

- **Council adjourned the meeting at 10:01 a.m. to break prior to convening the Zoning Public Hearing.**

### **ZONING PUBLIC HEARING**

- **Council opened the Zoning Public Hearing at 10:06 a.m.**

#### **CONFIRM ZONING OF PREVIOUSLY ANNEXED PROPERTIES – FIRST READING**

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Ms. Sinclair, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the *Confirmation of Zoning of Previously Annexed Properties* for **Items 6.** through **8.** as presented. No one appeared in support of or in opposition to the items. First reading consideration of **Item 9.** was deferred.

6. N/S Saluda River near W/S Interstate 26, Richland County TMS#07208-03-09 and Lexington County TMS#003697-09-004; zoned Richland County RU and Lexington County ID; confirm D-1 zoning (Richland County parcel) and C-3 zoning (Lexington County parcel). – *Approved on first reading.*
7. 1310 Bush River Road (6.387+/-acres), Richland County TMS#05916-10-02 and Lexington County TMS#003697-07-025, 043; the properties are zoned Richland County C-3 and Lexington County C-2; confirm C-3 zoning. – *Approved on first reading.*
8. 1550 Bush River Road (26.966+/-acres), Richland County TMS#05916-10-02 and Lexington County TMS#003697-07-045 thru 047; the properties are zoned Richland County C-3 and Lexington County C-2; confirm C-3 zoning. – *Approved on first reading.*
9. 110, 120, and 130 Cort Road, TMS#09316-03-07; confirm M-1 zoning.

Councilor Davis sought assurance that the concerns of the Northwood Hills Neighborhood Association have been addressed as it relates to environmental, noise and buffer zone issues. He stated that the neighbors should know what to expect.

Mr. Chip Land, Annexation Coordinator urged the Council to give the matter first reading approval today and allow him to resolve any pending issues prior to second reading. He stated that the issues are such that the City would not have any control over them. He said that it would be best to have the property inside the City so that the City rules would apply.

Mr. Charles P. Austin, Sr., City Manager, explained that he has had several conversations with the parties and that the business owners are willing to do what they can, within reason, to resolve any concerns.

The Public Hearing was conducted. First reading consideration of this item was deferred.

## TEXT AMENDMENTS

10. Amend Chapter 17, Article V, Division 4, §17-691, Buildings and sites list (c), Group II, add 1414 Gregg Street.

Mr. Marc Mylott, Development Services Director, explained that the intent is to amend the zoning map and the text of the zoning Ordinance to add 1414 Gregg Street to the list of landmarks. The property owner initiated this request. Council was asked to defer first reading approval until an Ordinance is drafted for consideration.

The Public Hearing was conducted. First reading consideration of the matter was deferred.

## MAP AMENDMENTS / REZONINGS

1414 Gregg Street, TMS#11406-02-22; rezone from C-1 to C-1, -DP.

The Public Hearing was conducted. First reading consideration of the matter was deferred.

## MAP AMENDMENTS / REZONINGS – FIRST READING

11. 1.86 acres, W/S Planters Road (Veterans Park), TMS#16405-01-04; rezone from C-2 to PUD-R.

No one appeared in support of or in opposition to the request.

Upon motion by Mr. Rickenmann, seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Map Amendment / Rezoning of 1.86 acres, W/S Planters Road (Veterans Park), TMS#16405-01-04; rezone from C-2 to PUD-R, provided that **(1)** the setbacks shown on the site plan control, rather than those listed within the descriptive statement and **(2)** the townhouses and condominiums that do not have street frontage cannot be subdivided into fee-simple lots.

12. 2513 Haskell Avenue, TMS#11412-12-09; rezone from RG-2 to C-1.

No one appeared in support of or in opposition to the request.

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Ms. Sinclair, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Map Amendment / Rezoning of 2513 Haskell Avenue, TMS#11412-12-09; rezone from RG-2 to C-1.

13. 528 Queen Street, TMS#11312-08-05; rezone from RG-1 to PUD-R.

No one appeared in support of or in opposition to the request.

Upon motion by Ms. Sinclair, seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Map Amendment / Rezoning of 528 Queen Street, TMS#11312-08-05; rezone from RG-1 to PUD-R, provided **(1)** no employees and no on-premise sales, and **(2)** shall conform to all provisions of Sec. 17-317, Home Occupations, except nos. 2 and 4.

14. 1200 Block Devine and Blossom Streets, 600 Block Main and Sumter Streets (USC Honors Residence Hall), TMS#11303-12-01; rezone from C-1, -DD to PUD-C, -DD.

No one appeared in support of or in opposition to the request.

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Map Amendment / Rezoning of the 1200 Block Devine and Blossom Streets, 600 Block Main and Sumter Streets (USC Honors Residence Hall), TMS#11303-12-01; rezone from C-1, -DD to PUD-C, -DD.

15. 600 Block East Exchange Boulevard, TMS#16308-07-01(p); rezone from PUD-R to PUD-C.

No one appeared in support of or in opposition to the request.

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Mr. Finlay, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Map Amendment / Rezoning of the 600 Block East Exchange Boulevard, TMS#16308-07-01(p); rezone from PUD-R to PUD-C.

16. South Side Heyward Street, TMS13806-11-01; rezone from RG-1 to PUD-R.

No one appeared in support of or in opposition to the request.

Upon motion by Ms. Sinclair, seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Map Amendment / Rezoning of South Side Heyward Street, TMS13806-11-01; rezone from RG-1 to PUD-R, provided **(1)** substantial compliance with the proposed site plan, **(2)** where descriptive statement silent, RS-3 zoning requirements shall apply, and **(3)** the applicant shall submit clear answers to the questions posed by the neighbor by 12/13/06 [This condition satisfied; see packet].

17. 900 Block Piney Grove Road (Spring Haven Subdivision), TMS#06200-01-06; rezone from RS-3 to PUD-R.

No one appeared in support of or in opposition to the request.

Upon motion by Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Map Amendment / Rezoning of the 900 Block Piney Grove Road (Spring Haven Subdivision), TMS#06200-01-06; rezone from RS-3 to PUD-R.

18. 3415 Bellingham Road, TMS#09108-04-06; rezone from RS-2 to PUD-R.

Ms. Krista Wingard, Applicant, said that she wants to subdivide the lot and sell it for the purpose of constructing a single-family residence. She initially wanted to subdivide and construct the house next to her current dwelling, but the Board of Zoning Appeals recommended that it be constructed in the rear of her lot.

Ms. Tina Stoia, Realtor / Residential Builder, said that she owns several homes in the area and stated that she intends to purchase the lot, construct the house and then sell it. She will remain living across the street from 3415 Bellingham Road.

Ms. Shirley Lord, 3408 Hazelhurst Road, appeared before the Council in opposition to the request to rezone. She presented a petition that was signed by 60 neighbors in opposition to this request. She said that you couldn't buy a house and then expect to sell your backyard for a profit. She noted that there are over 100 houses for sale in the area starting at \$19,000.00. She urged the Council to consider the elderly residents of the community.

Ms. Pam Lewis, 3413 Bellingham Road, appeared before the Council in opposition to the request to rezone. She initially supported the request until she saw the plat and discovered that it crosses over her property line. She said that the driveway would cause trees to be removed and decrease privacy.

Mr. Bill Manley, 4000 Abingdon Road, appeared before the Council in opposition to the request, because it would take away from the charming character of the neighborhood. He urged the Council Members to come out to the Eau Claire area to see what is being done.

Ms. Krista Wingard, Applicant / Property Owner, stated that her lot is too big to maintain and it backs up to a fence.

Ms. Tina Stoia, Realtor / Residential Builder/ 3412 Bellingham Road, said that she lives in the neighborhood and has been instrumental in changing Keenan Terrace by renovating run down houses. She thanked the residents for appreciating her hard work in turning around their run down neighborhoods in the Eau Claire community. She said that she doesn't complain about her neighbor's renovations after she spent mega bucks to repair her home. Ms. Stoia and her brother own the lot at 406 Hillcrest Avenue and they have a lease option with a very nice couple. It is 150' wide by 170' deep and will be subdivided. She said that she has single handedly turned her neighborhood around and would like to do the same thing on Hillcrest Avenue.

Ms. Evelyn Hedgepath, 3414 Bellingham Road, appeared before the Council in opposition to the request. She lives next to Ms. Stoia and across from Ms. Wingard. She admitted that they renovated their home, but it doesn't extend Ms. Stoia's lot. She owns a vacant lot, but doesn't intend to construct a dwelling on it.

Councilor Davis said that he attended meetings wherein this concept was proposed and since he has talked with property owners contiguous to the proposed site. He said that he has experienced this personally and he is inclined to deny the request based upon the arguments made, the site itself and the design.

Upon motion by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Cromartie, Council voted unanimously to *deny* the Map Amendment / Rezoning of 3415 Bellingham Road, TMS#09108-04-06.

19. 406 Hillcrest Avenue, TMS#09206-05-02; rezone from RS-1 to PUD-R.

A motion by Mr. Davis to deny the Map Amendment / Rezoning of 406 Hillcrest Avenue, TMS#09206-05-02; rezone from RS-1 to PUD-R failed for the lack of a second.

Ms. Tina Stoia, Realtor / Residential Builder/ 3412 Bellingham Road, urged the Council to consider this request because it is a very large lot owned by herself and her brother. She said that the area is very run down. She said that she could revise this plan so that it doesn't appear as if a house is being placed in the backyard.

Councilor Davis stated that he lives in North Columbia and urged Ms. Stoia to refrain from referring to the community as run down. He resents her constant demeaning of the area. He said that it is curious that she wants to profit from the area, but she demeans it. He said that we all are contributing to the process of revitalizing the area.

The Public Hearing was conducted. First reading consideration of the matter was deferred.

20. 1817 and 1817 ½ York Drive, TMS# 11513-06-31; rezone from RS-2 to PUD-R.

Upon motion by Ms. Sinclair, seconded by Mr. Cromartie, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Map Amendment / Rezoning of 1817 and 1817 ½ York Drive, TMS# 11513-06-31; rezone from RS-2 to PUD-R.

21. 2000 Block of Harden Street (Celia Saxon Commercial Parcel), TMS#11505-15-01(p); rezone from PUD-R to amended PUD-R.

Mr. Bobby Brown, Celia Saxon Resident Executive Council President, said that the community is excited about this and will continue to work with the Columbia Housing Authority to resolve any concerns.

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Ms. Sinclair, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Map Amendment / Rezoning of the 2000 Block of Harden Street (Celia Saxon Commercial Parcel), TMS#11505-15-01(p); rezone from PUD-R to amended PUD-R, provided lighting is shielded away from residential and directed downward.

- **Council closed the Zoning Public Hearing at 11:28 a.m.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Upon motion by Mr. Rickenmann, seconded by Ms. Sinclair, Council voted unanimously to approve on a single motion the **Consent Agenda Items 22.** through **24.** and **26.** through **28.** as presented. The consideration of **Item 25.** as deferred.

**CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND AGREEMENTS**

22. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Software and Maintenance, as requested by the GIS Department. Award to Environmental Systems Research Institution (ESRI), as a sole source, in the amount of \$28,849.43. This firm is located in Redlands, CA. *Funding Source: See below*

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Amount</u>
GL-5511121-638200	GIS	\$10,967.37
GL-5511706-638200	Engineering General Services	\$6,042.00
GL-5534201-638200	Storm Water Operations	\$1,802.00
GL-5511701-638200	Engineering Administration	\$1,590.00
GL-1011601-638200	Planning	\$1,425.92
GL-9048511-638200	South Columbia Development Corporation	\$530.00
GL-1011124-638200	Public Works Administration	\$3,604.00
GL-4141221-638200	Hotel Construction Management	\$318.00
GL-1012303-638200	Fire Suppression	\$318.00
GL-1012405-638200	Police Support Services	\$2,252.14

**ORDINANCES – SECOND READING**

23. 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 *First reading approval was given on January 10, 2007. – Approved on second reading with the following amended conditions: (1) Tables will be no more than 28” 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 tables and chairs on Gervais Street; (4) Up to eight (8) tables and fourteen (14) chairs along Lincoln Street, but they can not interfere with the existing street tree(s); and (5) The liability insurance must be maintained.*

24. 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 *First reading approval was given on January 10, 2007. – Approved on second reading.*
25. 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) *First reading approval was given on January 10, 2007.*

Second reading consideration of this matter was deferred.

26. 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 *First reading approval was given on January 10, 2007. – Approved on second reading.*
27. Ordinance No.: 2007-001 – Annexing 835 Kennerly Road, Richland County TMS# 05101-01-04 *First reading approval was given on January 10, 2007. – Approved on second reading.*
28. Ordinance No.: 2007-002 – Annexing 11 Redbay Court (Woodcreek Farms, Lot 14, Tract D14, Phase III), Richland County TMS# 28812-02-14 *First reading approval was given on January 10, 2007. – Approved on second reading.*

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

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Ms. Sinclair, Council voted unanimously to approve **Items 29.** through **31.** on a single motion.

29. Council is asked to approve an Agreement for Engineering Services to Perform a Capacity Management, Operations and Maintenance (CMOM) Self-Assessment for the Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sewage Collection System; CIP Project SS7014, as requested by Engineering Operations. Award to CH2MHILL in an amount not to exceed \$147,025.00. This firm is headquartered in Raleigh, NC. *Funding Source: Fiscal year 2006/2007 Capital Improvements Program Budget - Approved*
30. Council is asked to approve the Construction of Restrooms and a Press Box at Valencia Park, as requested by the Department of Parks and Recreation. Award to Mark White Builders, as the lowest bidder, in the amount of \$176,355.00. This firm is located in the City of Columbia. *Funding Source: PK008101-659300 - Approved*
31. Council is asked to approve Change Order #1 for CIP SD8288; Read Street Extension, as requested by Engineering Administration. Award to Taylor Brothers Construction Company in the amount of \$186,823.18. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Storm Water Fund - Approved*

### **RESOLUTIONS**

- A. Resolution No.: R-2007-001 – Authorizing acceptance of properties on Busby Street known as Richland County TMS # 11607-08-07, 11607-08-08, 11607-08-09, 11611-02-05, 11611-06-01 and 11611-06-02 from Eau Claire Development Corporation - *Approved*

Upon motion by Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2007-001 – Authorizing acceptance of properties on Busby Street known as Richland County TMS # 11607-08-07, 11607-08-08, 11607-08-09, 11611-02-05, 11611-06-01 and 11611-06-02 from Eau Claire Development Corporation.

### **CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION / ACTION**

- B. Request to Close Brayton's Alley – Dr. Stuart Hamilton, Chief Executive Officer for Cooperative Health Centers, Inc.

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Ms. Sinclair, Council voted unanimously to direct the appropriate staff to review the concerns related to this request before this matter is presented for further considered.

- C. Collaborative Project to Align Economic Development Initiatives with Neighborhood Initiatives – Ms. Maire Dugan, Consultant - *Discussion of this item was deferred.*
- C1. \*\*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 – Mr. Jim Meggs, City Attorney

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to direct the City Manager to form a small committee to review the Ordinance and present recommendations to City Council for consideration. The committee should consist of the Chief of Police, a Representative from the Homeland Security Office and a representative from the City Manager's Office. Staff was further directed to consult with the taxi companies on the proposed recommendations.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

- D. Richland County Transportation Study Committee

Upon motion by Mayor Coble, seconded by Mr. Finlay, Council voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Doug Bridges (Mayor Coble), Ms. Valerie Marcil (Anne Sinclair), Ms. Susan Wilson (Tameika Devine), Mr. Chris Scott (Daniel Rickenmann), Mr. Wade Mullins (Kirkman Finlay III) and Mr. Charles Brooks (E.W. Cromartie, II) to the Richland County Transportation Study Committee. Councilor Sam Davis is to submit his appointee to the City Clerk.

- E. Criminal Domestic Violence Taskforce

Upon motion by Mayor Coble, seconded by Mr. Finlay, Council voted unanimously to form the Criminal Domestic Violence Taskforce with Ms. Nancy Barton serving as Chair and Councilor Devine as co-Chair. Staff is to seek recommendations from Ms. Barton to determine what agencies should be represented on the committee. Each City Council member is to make one appointment. This committee should also have an advisory group. The City Clerk was directed to advertise the vacancies for the Criminal Domestic Violence Taskforce.

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

Ms. Marjorie Maybin, 2809 Columbia Avenue, said that she and neighbors had some work done on their houses and the contractors left with the money. She was told that it was a civil suit and that she would have to go to court to have the matter resolved. She said that the City should have taken notice after the first five (5) instances. She said that a lot of people don't understand the permitting process. She suggested that there be on-going training in place to teach homeowners what to look for. She said that they are out \$48,000.00 and that this is being done all over the City without any efforts to stop it. She stated that the City mistakenly priced her deck at \$35,000 instead of \$3,500 and would not admit to making the error.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon motion by Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Sinclair, Council voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 11:52 a.m. for the discussion of **Items F.** through **H.** as amended.

- F. Discussion of negotiations incident to the proposed sale of property  
*Items were discussed in Executive Session. No action was taken.*
- G. Discussion of Employment of Employee  
*Items were discussed in Executive Session. No action was taken.*
- H. **\*\*Receipt of legal advice, which relates to a matter covered by attorney-client privilege**  
*Items were discussed in Executive Session. No action was taken.*
- **Mr. Finlay, Mr. Rickenmann and Mr. Cromartie left the meeting at 1:05 p.m.**
- **Council adjourned the meeting at 1:39 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Salley  
City Clerk