



The Columbia City Council conducted a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 1, 2011 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. and the following members of Council were present: The Honorable Sam Davis, The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine, The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, The Honorable Belinda F. Gergel, The Honorable Leona K. Plough and The Honorable Brian DeQuincey Newman. Also present were Mr. Steven A. Gantt, City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Salley, City Clerk.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **INVOCATION**

Chaplain Michael Letts, Columbia Police Department offered the Invocation.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Minutes of February 15, 2011 - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Rickenmann and seconded by Ms. Plough, Council voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of February 15, 2011, as revised.

### **PRESENTATION**

2. International Women's Day and Zonta Rose Day Proclamation – Ms. Judy Barnes, President and Ms. Ellie Dagle, Membership Chair for the Zonta Club of Columbia

Ms. Ellie Dagle, Membership Chair for the Zonta Club of Columbia announced that Zonta International has existed for 91 years and is celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of International Women's Day. The Zonta Club of Columbia works to enhance women's assets throughout the City of Columbia. The members of the Zonta Club presented yellow roses to the members of City Council as a token of friendship.

The Honorable Dr. Belinda F. Gergel and the members of City Council proclaimed Tuesday, March 8, 2011 as International Women's Day and Zonta Rose Day in the City of Columbia.

**\*\*Mayor Benjamin recognized Richland One School Board Commissioner Barbara Scott.**

**\*\*Mayor Benjamin recognized the members of Boy Scout Troop 10 from Eastminster Presbyterian Church and all other Scouts that were in attendance.**

3. Martin Luther King Jr. 2011 Dream Keeper Award Recognition – Mr. Durham E. Carter, President of the Martin Luther King Neighborhood Association

Mr. Durham E. Carter, Chair of the Martin Luther King Planning Committee recognized the sponsors and winners of the 2011 Dream Keeper Award along with the winners of the Honor the Dream Food Drive.

The winners were: Morgan Ashley Polans, a junior at Hammond School, \$1,000 scholarship sponsored by Nat Spells of Construction Dynamics; John David Black, a junior at Richland Northeast, \$500 scholarship sponsored by Dan Dennis of the Dennis Corporation; George Whitehead, a senior at Lower Richland High School, \$250 scholarship sponsored by Ernest Cromartie of the Cromartie Law Firm. Girl Scout Troop #2303 and Richard Andrew Black of Dent Middle School each received a \$100 scholarship sponsored by Troubleshooter A/C and Refrigeration.

The annual Honor the Dream Food Drive resulted in more than 8,000 pounds of food being collected for the Harvest Hope Food Pantry. The first place winner was Richland One Middle College; second place winner was Burton Elementary School; and the third place winner was Meadowfield Elementary School.

4. Fire Fighters' Appreciation Month Proclamation– The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin

The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin and the members of Council proclaimed March 2011 as Fire Fighters' Appreciation Month in recognition of the Columbia Professional Fire Fighters Association and IAFF Local #793 for their efforts to support the Muscular Dystrophy Association through the Annual Fill the Boot Drive.

5. Stop Teen Violence March – Ms. Cassidy Jacobs, Founder of From Heaven to Earth

Ms. Cassidy Jacobs, Founder of From Heaven to Earth, a non-profit organization announced the Stop Teen Violence March on Sunday, March 27, 2011 at 2:30 p.m. from Zion Baptist Church to Finlay Park. This march is in collaboration with the City's Parks and Recreation Department Youth Violence Prevention Week. My passion comes from the hurt I experience when my peers are injured or lose their lives due to violence. I am part of the Eau Claire Community, but this a community-wide and statewide initiative. Why aren't we given a chance to show the world that we can use conflict resolution to save ourselves? She requested assistance with traffic control, advertisement of the event and participation.

Mayor Benjamin thanked Miss Jacobs for her leadership and urged the City Manager to support Miss Jacobs' efforts by connecting her with the Parks and Recreation Department in an effort to make the Stop Teen Violence March a great success.

6. Together We Can Read 2011 - The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine and Ms. Ashley V. Rumph-Geddis, Author of *Tori Explores South Carolina*

The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine announced the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Together We Can Read Event on Thursday, March 17, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. Over 2,000 third graders in Richland School District One will be read to by members of Council and many other community leaders. The Author will also conduct a school-wide assembly at Hyatt Park Elementary School where she previously taught kindergartners that are now third graders. Every student will receive an autographed book and every school will receive a book and a Tori doll. A press conference will be held on March 16, 2011 at City Hall. She announced a campaign to raise funds in support of summer literacy for Richland School District One. There is also an initiative to have books donated to all City parks for students to have access to books during the summer.

Ms. Ashley V. Rumph-Geddis, Author of *Tori Explores South Carolina* said that she is excited, because she is a former student and teacher of Richland School District One. This is Tori's third learning adventure and in this book she expresses how exciting it is to live in and explore attractions throughout South Carolina. She gave each member of Council their very own Tori doll.

7. Let's Move! Columbia – Ms. Teresa Wilson, Director of Governmental Affairs

Ms. Teresa Wilson, Director of Governmental Affairs presented Let's Move! Columbia as a comprehensive initiative consisting of the following four (4) pillars: helping parents make healthy family choices; improving the health of schools; increasing physical activity opportunities; and making healthy food affordable and accessible. She sought Council's endorsement and input on the concept of the Let's Move! Columbia Initiative being led by First Lady Michelle Obama.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to endorse moving forward as a Let's Move! City.

8. Community Gardens – Mr. S. Allison Baker, Senior Assistant City Manager

Mr. S. Allison Baker, Senior Assistant City Manager presented the Community Gardens concept. He sought Council's endorsement of a broad based community garden program. A community garden is a single piece of land that is cultivated collectively by a group of people to nurture fresh produce. They are publicly functioning and typically owned in trust by local governments or not-for-profit organizations. There are many benefits to community gardens to include saving money; creating opportunities to connect; and increasing fruit and vegetable consumption.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Dr. Gergel, Council voted unanimously to endorse the guidelines and procedures as outlined for Community Gardens.

**CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION / ACTION**

9. Relocation of Bus Stop Shelter – Mr. David Knoche, Director of General Services

Mr. Steven A. Gantt, City Manager reported that the bus stop covers at the corner of Taylor Street will need to be removed due to the construction of the garage. One shelter will be removed and stored and the other shelter will be relocated to Sumter Street on city property.

10. Proposed Schedule for Tasks and Deliverables for the Small / Minority / Women Business Enterprise Policy Development

Councilor Plaugh expressed concerns about whether or not the City of Columbia has done its due diligence to limit the expenses associated with the completion of the proposed tasks and deliverables. The overall contract is for \$150,000 and we have paid approximately \$38,000 for the first phase.

Councilor Devine stated that the contract provides for a not to exceed budget of \$150,000. This is a two year proposal and we budgeted \$100,000 for each year. We agreed that we would pay him hourly until he was under contract. We need to clarify that.

Councilor Rickenmann suggested that the agreement be approved in an amount not to exceed \$202,000 for the two year contract. My understanding is that the \$38,000 is included.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve a Letter Agreement for the City of Columbia to retain the law firm of Tydings & Rosenberg, LLP (in association with South Carolina local counsel Helen Grant, Esq. and Jonathan Charleston, Esq. of the Charleston Group) to provide legal consultation services in connection with the development of lawful and effective programs to promote the fair and equal participation of minority and women-owned businesses in City contracts in an amount not to exceed \$202,500.00 to include the \$38,000.00 already paid and the schedule for tasks and deliverables for the Small / Minority / Women Business Enterprise Policy Development.

11. \*\*Staff Updates on the Hospitality Taskforce Recommendations

- Council is asked to approve a Request for Proposals for a Comprehensive Study and Recommendations for the City's Entertainment Districts, as requested by The Honorable Belinda F. Gergel.

A motion made by Ms. Plaugh and seconded by Dr. Gergel to authorize the City Manager to issue a Request for Proposals for a Comprehensive Study and Recommendations for the City's Entertainment Districts after a suitable funding source is identified, was withdrawn.

- **Mr. Davis left the meeting.**

Upon a motion made by Mr. Rickenmann and seconded by Mayor Benjamin, Council voted unanimously to allocate \$30,000 from the Hospitality Tax Fund to the City Center Partnership for the Downtown Clean and Safety Team Program.

- \*\*Survey of Bar Closing Impact on Police Costs – Mr. Bradley Anderson, Special Projects Administrator

Mr. Bradley Anderson, Special Projects Administrator reported that seven (7) jurisdictions were asked about the impact on their police department budgets as a result of ordinances that require bars to close or to stop serving alcohol in the early morning hours. Of the responses received, with one exception in which there was no change in costs, the jurisdictions reported that the ordinances have helped to reduce costs either through requiring less staff after the bars close or through a reduction in calls for service that has freed officers for other needs.

- \*\*Public Relations Campaign – Ms. Leshia Utsey, Director of Public Relations

Ms. Leshia Utsey, Director of Public Relations presented a multi-faceted Parental Awareness Campaign entitled "Do you know where your kids are?" This campaign urges parents to be concerned about the whereabouts of their kids at all times of the day and night. Many law enforcement agencies, media outlets and organizations have agreed to partner with the Public Relations Department to get this message out.

12. Council is asked to approve a Request from Mast General Store to Contribute Funds for Streetscaping Improvements from Main Street to Taylor Street, as requested by Utilities and Engineering in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00. *Funding Source: 413 Streetscaping Fund / CP003402 Main Street Beautification Phase II - **Note:** As part of the improvements constructed by Mast General Store, a new streetscaped section is proposed from Main Street to Taylor Street in a western direction. These improvements are estimated at \$62,000.00 or more.*

Councilor Rickenmann asked Mr. Lee Mashburn if the project can be done for \$50,000.00.

Mr. Lee Mashburn, Mashburn Construction said yes.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Rickenmann and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to approve a Request from Mast General Store to Contribute Funds for Streetscaping Improvements from Main Street to Taylor Street, as requested by Utilities and Engineering in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00. Mashburn Construction will complete the project. *Funding Source: 413 Streetscaping Fund / CP003402 Main Street Beautification Phase II.*

Mr. Alvin C. Miller spoke in opposition to the preferential funding treatment given to Mast General Store, Inc. He asked why sidewalks haven't been installed between Senate Street at Park Street and Pendleton Street up to Assembly Street. He said that the old prison needed to be demolished.

Upon a single motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to approve **Items 13.** and **14.**

13. Neighborhood Street Lighting Request – Mr. Dave Brewer, Director of Traffic Engineering - *Approved*

Neighborhoods Listed by Priority	Existing Lights	Requested Lights	Current Lease Cost / Annually	Increased Amount
Seminary Ridge	71	7	\$8,443.32	\$832.44

14. Neighborhood Street Lighting Request – Mr. Dave Brewer, Director of Traffic Engineering - *Approved*

Neighborhoods Listed by Priority	Existing Lights	Requested Lights	Current Lease Cost / Annually	Increased Amount
Burton Heights	0	7	\$0.00	\$1,985.88

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Upon a single motion made by Ms. Plough and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve the **Consent Agenda Items 15., 15a., 16., 18., 20., 21., 23.** and **25.** through **30.** **Items 17., 19., 22.** and **24.** were withdrawn from the agenda.

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

15. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of One (1) Ford F-150 Truck with Flex Fuel and Tow Package, as requested by the Animal Control Division. Award to VIC Bailey Ford, Inc., using the SC State Contract in the amount of \$16,443.00. This vendor is located in Spartanburg, SC. *Funding Source: Animal Shelter/Animal Control-Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment >\$5,000; 1012103-658500 - Approved*
- 15a. **\*\***Council is asked to approve the Purchase of One (1) Chevrolet Impala, as requested by the Fleet Services Division. Award to Herndon Chevrolet, using State Contract Pricing in the amount of \$17,527.00. This vendor is located in Lexington, SC. *Funding Source: 70% Engineering Water Sys Impro-Auto, Trucks, Hvy Equip > \$5,000, 5516220-658500 and 30% Engineering Wastewater Sys Impro- Auto, Trucks, Hvy Equip > \$5,000, 5516221-658500 - Approved*
16. Council is asked to approve Project #SS7058, Change Order #2; Disinfection Improvement at the Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to M.B Kahn Construction Co. Inc., in the amount of \$20,696.38. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Owner's Contingency Allowance in original Contract – **Note:** This change order was requested by the City to compensate the contractor to perform additional work to relocate utilities and the new tank farm due to unforeseen field conditions. - Approved*

17. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Eighteen (18) each of the HeartStart FRx Defibrillator and Accessories, as requested by Emergency Operations. Award to One Beat CPR, the lowest bidder meeting specifications in the amount of \$22,168.26. This vendor is located in Fort Lauderdale, FL. *Funding Source: GL: Homeland Security Grant Control – Special Departmental Supplies/ JL: MMRS 2008 Grant – Homeland Security-Special Departmental Supplies; GL 2549999-627100/JL 9601000208-62710 – This item was withdrawn from the agenda.*
18. Council is asked to approve Project #SS7056(22); Emergency Repair of number four (4) Model GA Cog Rake Bar Screens at the Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to WSG & Solutions in the amount of \$23,365.52. This vendor is located in Montgomery, PA. *Funding Source: Sanitary Sewer CIP Fund, 5529999-SS705622-851200 – **Note:** This device is used to remove debris and trash as it enters the plant. The total invoice amount is \$24,630.00, but there is a balance of \$1,264.48 on the current purchase order; therefore, \$23,365.52 is needed to cover the total amount. - Approved*
19. Council is asked to approve an Amendment to the Professional Services Contract originally dated in July, 1999 for the Edisto Court Light Industrial Park for Sustainable Energy (ECLIPSE) Planning for a Residential Redevelopment and Industrial Park Plan. Award to the Columbia Development Corporation (CDC) in the amount of \$30,000.00. *Funding Source: Community Development Block Grant Fund – This item was withdrawn from the agenda.*
20. Council is asked to approve a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Subrecipient Agreement for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 for Home Repair, as requested by the Community Development Department. Award to Home Works of America, Inc. in the amount of \$30,000.00. This vendor is located in Irmo, SC. *Funding Source: FY2010-2011 CDBG; JL9100300310 - Approved*
21. Council is asked to approve the Scope of Work for GASB 45 Valuation and Cost Scenarios Evaluation. Award to Towers Watson in the amount of \$52,500 for the year one (1) deliverables and \$3,500 for each additional cost scenarios requested. This vendor is located in Charlotte, NC. *Funding Source: 6048933 - Approved*
22. Council is asked to approve Project #SS7174 & SD8355; An Agreement to prepare a prospectus that will outline specific areas the City plans to generate stream and wetland restoration, enhancement and preservation credits, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to Environmental Permitting Consultants, Inc., in the amount of \$31,460.00. This vendor is located in Greenville, SC. *Funding Source: Sanitary Sewer Improvement Fund SS7174 & Storm Drain Fund SD8355 – This item was withdrawn from the agenda.*
23. Council is asked to approve Project #SS6785; Change Order #1, Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Annual Contract, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to Improved Technologies Group, LLC in the amount of \$32,600.00. This vendor is located in Knoxville, TN. *Funding Source: Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Fund – **Note:** This change order was requested by the City to compensate the contractor to perform additional work on new manholes on the existing sanitary sewer mains. - Approved*

24. Council is asked to approve Project #SS7143, Change Order #1; Easement Clearing, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to McClam and Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$41,318.60. This vendor is located in Little Mountain, SC. *Funding Source: Owner's Contingency Allowance in original contract – **Note:** This change order was requested by the City to compensate the contractor to perform additional work for easement clearing and moving of areas identified with beaver activity. - This item was withdrawn from the agenda.*
25. Council is asked to approve Project #SS701703, Change Order #1; Beaver Control and Debris Removal, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to McClam and Associates in the amount of \$64,015.82. This vendor is located in Little Mountain, SC. *Funding Source: Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Fund – **Note:** This change order was requested by the City to compensate the contractor for performing additional work for trapping and maintenance of areas identified with beaver activity. - Approved*
26. Council is asked to approve Project #WM3461-02; 12" Water Main along Phillips Street and Miller Avenue, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to Carolina Tap & Bore, Inc., the lowest bidder in the amount of \$126,487.00. This vendor is located in West Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Water Improvement, WM346102-658650 - This is a Mentor Protégé Program Project; Northeast Backflow of Lugoff, SC is the Protégé; and their contract amount is \$60,000.00. - Approved*
27. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Compost and Grinding for Lots one (1) through four (4), as requested by the Solid Waste Division. Award to Henson's Inc., the lowest bidder in the amount of \$145,439.75. This vendor is located in Tryon, NC. *Funding Source: Solid Waste Compost-Special Projects; 1014406-638500 - Approved*
28. Council is asked to approve an Agreement for Consulting Services associated with the Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to AECOM Technical Services, Inc., in the amount of \$254,968.00. This vendor is located in Nashville, TN. *Funding Source: Sanitary Sewer Improvement Fund; SS7137- – **Note:** AECOM will provide training and assistance to personnel through the use of operator pump maintenance classes and a plant operation & maintenance manual. - Approved*
29. Council is asked to approve Project #SS7146(9); Emergency Rental Services for two (2) Centrifuge Belt Filters for the Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to Bio-Nomic Services, Inc., in the amount of \$600,000.00. This vendor is located in Charlotte, NC. *Funding Source: Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Fund, 5516212-636400 – **Note:** The centrifuge belt filters are used to dewater anaerobic sludge prior to incineration and its critical for maintaining the proper solids inventory throughout the plant. - Approved*

#### ORDINANCE – SECOND READING

30. Ordinance 2010-159 - Repealing Ordinance 2008-087 Granting an encroachment to the Preston Green Homeowner's Association, LLC for installation and maintenance of front walks within the rights of way areas of Preston Green Drive, Preston Green Court, Addleston Court, Charnock Way, Brooksby Court, Castile Cary Court and Chesman Court; Authorizing Acceptance and Dedication of Streets, excluding front walks and walkways, known as Preston Green Drive, Preston Green Court, Addleston Court, Charnock Way, Brooksby Court, Castile Cary Court and Chesman Court, located in Preston Green Subdivision to the City of Columbia; RC TMS# 16311-03-02 (p); CF# 271-04; Granting an encroachment to the Preston Green Homeowners' Association, LLC for installation and maintenance of front walks within the right of way areas of Preston Green Drive, Preston Green Court, Addleston Court, Charnock Way, Brooksby

Court, Castile Cary Court and Chesman Court – *First reading approval was given on February 15, 2011. - Approved on second reading.*

### **ORDINANCE – FIRST READING**

31. Ordinance 2010-158 – 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 add Sec. 12-19 E-mailing or text messaging on mobile device while operating a motor vehicle – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance 2010-158 – 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 add Sec. 12-19 E-mailing or text messaging on mobile device while operating a motor vehicle.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

Upon a single motion made by Ms. Plough and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to approve **Items 32.** through **34.**

32. Resolution No.: R-2011-022 – Authorizing consumption of beer and wine at the Crawfish Festival - *Approved*
33. Resolution No.: R-2011-023 – Permitting the Fire Department to collect money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association - *Approved*
34. Resolution No.: R-2011-024 – Amending Resolution R-2011-005 Authorizing consumption of beer and wine at the Urban Tour and Awareness Campaign of Main Street - *Approved*

### **CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

35. Council is asked to provide committee reports and/or present motions to refer specific matters to a particular Council Committee at this time.

Councilor Rickenmann announced that budget discussions will resume during the next Finance, Audit and Budget Committee Meeting on Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.

Councilor Gergel announced the next Arts and Historic Preservation Committee Meeting on Wednesday, March 2, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.

Councilor Newman reported that the Public Safety Committee met on Thursday, February 24, 2011. He reported that Council agreed to advertise vacancies for one (1) regular position and substitute positions for the Municipal Court Judgeship. He asked that the announcement be coordinated through the Public Relations Department. The Public Safety Committee will oversee the interview and screening process.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to authorize the Public Safety Committee to research three (3) diversion programs related to homeless, youth and general offenders.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Plough and seconded by Dr. Gergel, Council voted unanimously to refer the Gills Creek Mitigation Banking issue to the Environment and Infrastructure Committee.

Upon a motion made by Dr. Gergel and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to refer a request to have the city look at issues relating to the maintenance of city streets within the Wheeler Hill Neighborhood to the Environment and Infrastructure Committee. The Committee was asked to also review policies related to maintaining all city streets.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to refer the review of wastewater spills to the Environment and Infrastructure Committee for the purpose of identifying measures that will avoid any spills in the future. Councilor Devine, as Chair of the Committee, requested a full report on recent spills.

**APPOINTMENTS**

36. Bull Street Advisory Committee

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Mr. Johnnie Ray Noble to the Bull Street Advisory Committee as a representative of the Edgewood Community.

37. Central Midlands Council of Governments

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve **the reappointment of Mr. John Hardee and** the appointment of The Honorable Brian DeQuincey Newman to the Central Midlands Council of Governments as a City Council appointee. All other appointments were deferred to March 29, 2011.

38. Charles R. Drew Wellness Center Scholarship and Advisory Committee

Upon a motion made by Dr. Gergel and seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Mr. Jeff Selig to the Charles R. Drew Wellness Center Scholarship and Advisory Committee. It is noted that Ms. Tiffany Sullivan was selected as the Palmetto Health appointee.

Reappointments		New Appointments	
Elise Martin	Mayor Benjamin	Tracey Goodwin	Mayor Benjamin
Yvette Wider	Mr. Davis	Todd Wrenn	Mayor Benjamin
Bertram Bailey	Ms. Devine	Dean Slade	Ms. Plaugh
Bobby Brown	Mr. Rickenmann	Jeff Selig	Dr. Gergel
Mary Skinner- Jones	Mr. Newman		

39. Columbia Tree and Appearance Commission

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Mr. William Brennan, Ms. Heidi Johnson, Ms. Mattie Barcon Haynes and Mr. Andrew Whitfield to the Columbia Tree and Appearance Commission.

40. Property Maintenance Board of Appeals

Upon a motion made by Mr. Rickenmann and seconded by Dr. Gergel, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Ms. Kathryn Fenner, Ms. Margaret Massey and Mr. Jeff Caswell to the Property Maintenance Board of Appeals.

41. \*\*Columbia Housing Authority Board of Commissioners

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted five (5) to one (1) approve the appointment of Mr. George Green to the Columbia Housing Authority Board of Commissioners as the CHA Resident Representative. Voting aye were Ms. Devine, Dr. Gergel, Ms. Plough, Mr. Newman and Mayor Benjamin. Mr. Rickenmann voted nay.

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

Mr. William Glover expressed concerns about his name being overlooked when he signs in to speak. He spoke about racism from all races.

Mr. Bill Manley spoke about the increased Franchise Fee. He asked Council to rescind the ordinance passed on February 15, 2011.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Dr. Gergel, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Salley  
City Clerk