



CITY OF COLUMBIA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2011
6:00 P.M.
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1737 MAIN STREET

The Columbia City Council conducted a Regular Meeting and a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 21, 2011 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Mayor Pro-Tempore Belinda F. Gergel called the meeting to order at 6:08 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 Leona K. Plough and The Honorable Brian DeQuincey Newman. The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin was absent. Also present were Mr. Steven A. Gantt, City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Salley, City Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

Chaplain Clyde Waters, Columbia Police Department offered the Invocation.

APPEARANCE OF PUBLIC WITH COMMENTS RELATED TO THE AGENDA ITEMS

No one appeared at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Amended Minutes of March 1, 2011 – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of March 1, 2011, as amended.

2. Work Session Minutes of June 7, 2011 - *Approved*
3. Council Meeting Minutes of May 24, 2011 and June 7, 2011 - *Approved*

Upon a single motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Ms. Plough, Council voted unanimously to approve the Work Session Minutes of June 7, 2011 and the Council Meeting Minutes of May 24, 2011 and June 7, 2011, as presented.

PRESENTATIONS

4. Introduction of the June 2011 Employee of the Month – Mr. Randy Scott, Chief of the Columbia Police Department

Chief Randy Scott, Columbia Police Department introduced Captain Estelle Young as the City of Columbia June 2011 Employee of the Month.

Captain Estelle Young, Columbia Police Department thanked the Council for the love shown and the assistance given to her over the years. She thanked Ms. Utsey for advertising the Fan the Heat Program, Shop with a Cop and many other programs undertaken by the Police Department.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gergel presented Captain Young with a plaque and Mr. Steven A. Gantt, City Manager presented Captain Young with a token of appreciation for being selected as the City of Columbia June 2011 Employee of the Month.

5. Broad River Road Corridor and Community Study – Ms. Krista Hampton, Director of Planning/Development Services

Ms. Tiaa Rutherford, Neighborhood Planner / Richland County Community Development Department presented the Broad River Road Corridor and Community Study, which was initiated by Richland County and the Central Midlands Council of Governments. It includes a five-mile stretch of Broad River Road bounded by Harbison State Forest to the north, the Broad River to the east, the Saluda River to the south and I-26/126 to the west. The goals and objectives of this plan are to optimize transportation operations; improve the roadway; preserve the existing character of the area; introduce mixed-use development; increase homeownership; produce enhanced connectivity; pursue beautification efforts; promote and strengthen development patterns as well as the existing network of community based services and institutions; and to improve the business climate. We would like to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City, but one of the first steps is for you all to adopt and accept this master plan.

Councilor Devine requested a copy of the proposed MOU. We can adopt the plan tonight and you all could send us a copy to review.

Councilor Davis said that he attended a couple of the charrettes. The fact that the business group is looking at the role they can play in enhancing the corridor will help move this plan along.

Councilor Rickenmann said it would be more prudent if we had the MOU. I saw something about Tax Increment Financing in one of the slides; we need to understand our financial commitment in the long run.

Councilor Plaugh sought clarification of the boundaries of the plan as it relates to the river.

Ms. Tiaa Rutherford, Neighborhood Planner / Richland County Community Development Department said that the project starts at the Broad River Bridge and goes to Harbison State Forest. We will also tie into the plans that are in place for the improvements to the walkway at Riverbanks Zoo.

Councilor Newman explained that he and Councilman Davis met with Ms. Rutherford and members of Richland County Council several months ago to receive background information on this plan, being that the portion that is in the City is shared by us. We embrace the idea; the look of the plan is beautiful, but at that time the details weren't quite vetted in terms of finances and the City's role. I'm not sure that voting to endorse this plan will obligate us financially.

Councilor Devine reminded the Council that a deliverable from the Joint Economic and Community Development Committee Meeting held on June 1, 2011, was for our staff to work more closely together on several economic development and community development issues. We discussed the fact that there are things that we are already planning to do in the area that is in the City limits. I agree with Mr. Newman; I don't think endorsing the plan would obligate us to anything. I want to see what we will be specifically asked to participate in down the road. We would clearly endorse the concept and ask that our staff work together to see if there are things we can come together to do and plan in the same direction since this area encompasses both the City and the County.

Ms. Tiaa Rutherford, Neighborhood Planner / Richland County Community Development Department asked that City Council accept the concept of the plan and that the two governments work together to establish the MOU as to how we move forward with implementation. Adopting the plan does not tie you financially to the implementation; you are agreeing with the concept as presented and as a government, we are going to work together to see the plan to fruition.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Rickenmann and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to endorse the concept of the Broad River Road Corridor and Community Plan. The two governments will continue discussions and work together to develop a Memorandum of Understanding. Staff was directed to work together to move the plan forward.

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION / ACTION

6. Hospitality Tax Application for the 9/11 Memorial

Mr. Steven A. Gantt, City Manager explained that this is a Hospitality Tax Application for the construction of a September 11th Memorial at the Convention Center. We had discussions about funding for this memorial that would require an agreement with Richland County and Lexington County for the funding to be made available. We've received indication that one of the counties isn't in agreement with using those funds for this purpose. We have a surplus in the Hospitality Tax Fund and we ask that we be allowed to use a portion of that surplus for this project.

Councilor Davis asked where the remainder of the funds would come from.

Mr. Steven A. Gantt, City Manager said that the projected cost is \$170,000; this request is for \$50,000; and we will ask the other two counties to assist in an equal manner.

Councilor Devine made a motion to approve the allocation of \$50,000 from the Hospitality Tax Fund, contingent upon the other governments participating.

Councilor Plough sought clarification of the funding source. Are we talking about the \$500,000 +/- in a Reserve Fund? Is there a timeframe in which we need to act on this?

Mr. Steven A. Gantt, City Manager said yes and there is also \$96,000 that came back to the City from grantees that did not use all of their allocations. It is time sensitive in regard to starting construction. They would like to have this completed by the end of August 2011.

Councilor Rickenmann asked that the Council defer the vote on this matter, because he would also like to defer consideration of **Item 7**, until they schedule a Work Session for further discussion. The committee has done a great job, but we need to spend time discussing these items as a group. I would also like to have the Mayor here for this discussion. Some groups who generate the tax have seen significant cuts and some groups have gotten some bumps.

Councilor Devine concurred with deferring **Item 7**, but she would like to move forward with **Item 6** since it is coming from this year's surplus.

Councilor Newman concurred with Ms. Devine, noting that it would be prudent to move forward with **Item 6** I have some concerns with our Hospitality Tax funding recommendations and it would be appropriate to have a Work Session for further discussion of the committee's recommendations.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted five (5) to one (1) to allocate up to \$50,000 from the Hospitality Tax Surplus Fund for the construction of a September 11th Memorial at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, contingent upon Richland County and Lexington County participating in funding the project. Voting aye were Mr. Davis, Ms. Devine, Dr. Gergel, Ms. Plough and Mr. Newman. Mr. Rickenmann voted nay.

7. Fiscal Year 2011/2012 Accommodations Tax and Hospitality Tax Funding Recommendations – Ms. Libby Gober, Assistant to Council

Councilor Devine said that every year we get lots of e-mails and calls from people who were cut and some people are not happy. Typically we understand that, but by looking at the allocations it seems like some got jumps and some got cuts and there was not a lot of explanation as to the rationale.

Ms. Libby Gober, Assistant to City Council explained that this pot has been the same for the committee for the past several years and the only way to consider any new applications was to cut some of the groups that have been heavily funded for several years.

Ms. Cynthia Hardy, Chair of the Hospitality Tax Advisory Committee agreed with Ms. Gober's explanation, adding that it is an 11-member committee; most of us are business individuals and we recognize the economic strains that a number of businesses and organizations in our area find themselves in. We had \$2.55 million and 73 applications to consider over four days and we kept a contingency of \$200,000. I agree with Councilors Devine and Rickenmann; it would be best to sit down with you all to go over the recommendations. The committee unanimously voted on the bottom line. I will avail myself to answer those questions at a time that you all deem appropriate.

There was a consensus of Council to ask the City Manager to schedule a Work Session for next week and Ms. Hardy was asked to be prepared to address the areas that have seen reductions or increases in Accommodations and Hospitality Tax funding.

8. Accidental Death Coverage Comparison

Mr. Steven A. Gantt, City Manager said that at the request of Council we have been looking at an Accidental Death Policy for our employees that may be injured or killed in the line of duty. We have two policies that we were asked to review in order to determine which was the most appropriate for City employees.

Ms. Hattie Halsey, Deputy Director of Human Resources said that they looked at the SC Police Officer Retirement System and Guardian's Accidental Death and Dismemberment Policy. A legal review and comparison was done with the sample contract from Guardian to the State's program. The comparison shows that all employees would be covered under Guardians policy versus the Police Officer Retirement System, which only covers Police and Fire personnel. She cited other differences in the two policies and recommended that the City of Columbia enter into a contract with Guardian Life Insurance Company for Employee Accidental Death and Dismemberment Coverage.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Rickenmann and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to authorize the City Manager to proceed with obtaining a contract from Guardian Life Insurance Company for consideration by City Council on July 19, 2011 after it has been reviewed by the City Attorney.

9. Council is asked to approve an allocation to Sister Care, Inc. in the amount of \$10,000 for fiscal year 2010/2011, as requested by City Administration. *Funding Source: Victim's Assistance Fund 2154601-680170 - Approved*

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to approve an allocation to Sister Care, Inc. in the amount of \$10,000 for fiscal year 2010/2011, as requested by City Administration.

10. Council is asked to approve the Destruction of 971 Narcotics to include Paraphernalia, as requested by the Police Department's Evidence and Property Unit. - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Rickenmann and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve the Destruction of 971 Narcotics to include Paraphernalia, as requested by the Police Department's Evidence and Property Unit.

11. Council is asked to approve the Disbursement of \$71,000.00 to Richland County for the Monticello Road Streetscape Project from Summit Avenue to Dixie Avenue, as requested by Richland County Administration. *Funding Source: Remaining Funds from the Main Street Phase II Project - Approved*

Mr. Steven A. Gantt, City Manager said that we received correspondence back from Richland County indicating that they would be willing to make up the difference of \$28,000 for the project. The County will be leasing ornamental lights for their portion of the project; I don't think we should lease lights from SCE&G in perpetuity, because it is expensive. We will be purchasing six lights for our block through the Public Works Department lighting funds. We will own and maintain the lights and that will save us money in the long-term.

Councilor Plough said that this is an example of how we can use the Community Development Block Grant Fund, which is what the County is using to fund their portion.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve the disbursement of \$71,000.00 to Richland County for the Monticello Road Streetscape Project from Summit Avenue to Dixie Avenue.

12. Neighborhood Street Lighting Request – Mr. Dave Brewer, Director of Traffic Engineering

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve a Neighborhood Street Lighting Request for one (1) additional light on Rigby Road for an increased amount of \$118.92.

13. Request for Special Exception to Establish a Liquor Store within a Commercial Planned Unit Development at 5424 Forest Drive Suite 108, TMS #16706-04-06 – (Council District 4)

Mr. Jonathan Chambers, Zoning Administrator said that this is located in the Wal-Mart Shopping Center near the Sam's Club. He explained that this is a rare instance where the Zoning Ordinance requires both the Planning Commission and City Council to review a Special Exception request within a Commercial Planned Unit Development. On May 2, 2011, the Planning Commission reviewed the request and approved it. The case is in front of you for review and approval, as well. With special exceptions, there are criteria that should be reviewed in regards to the impact on traffic circulation, vehicular and pedestrian safety, the aesthetic character of the environs and the orientation or spacing of improvements or buildings.

Councilor Plough asked if the property had been posted.

Mr. Jonathan Chambers, Zoning Administrator replied yes.

Councilor Davis asked if there had been any opposition to this from adjoining merchants.

Mr. Jonathan Chambers, Zoning Administrator replied no.

Mr. Edgardo Andino, Applicant explained that he is retired from the military and he just wanted to start his own business. I wasn't aware of this legislation, but I had all of my licenses and I am ready to open my store. I am in agreement with the legislation. I selected a shopping center, because I don't want to be behind or in front of anyone's house.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Rickenmann and seconded by Ms. Plaugh, Council voted unanimously to approve a Request for a Special Exception to Establish a Liquor Store within a Commercial Planned Unit Development at 5424 Forest Drive Suite 108, TMS #16706-04-06.

PUBLIC HEARING

14. Public notice is hereby given that the Columbia City Council will consider adoption of and hold a public hearing on a proposed ordinance change for issuance of permit card and permit fee for drivers of vehicles for hire to read as follows:

Sec. 24-74. Issuance of permit card and permit fee.

- (a) On issuance of any driver's permit required by this division by the chief of police or his designated assistant, he shall issue a card which shall bear on its face a photograph of the permittee, the number of his permit, the expiration date thereof, and such other information as the chief of police may direct.
- (b) A fee of \$10.00 will be charged for the issuance of each driver's permit.
- (c) A new application for a driver's permit will be required for the operator of any vehicle for hire when the operator of the vehicle for hire changes from one vehicle for hire company to another. A new application fee and permit fee will be required.

Ordinance No.: 2011-036 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinance of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 24, Vehicles for Hire, Article II, Taxicabs, Shuttles and Limousines Sec. 24-74 Issuance of permit card and permit fee

- **The public hearing was opened at 7:05 p.m.**

No one appeared in support of or in opposition to § 24-74. Issuance of permit card and permit fee.

- **The public hearing was closed at 7:07 p.m.**

No action was taken. An ordinance is being drafted for consideration of a Taxi Cab rate increase; it will be vetted by the Economic and Community Development Committee; and a Public Hearing will be scheduled.

RESOLUTION

15. Resolution No.: R-2011-037 – Authorizing a Public Hearing for the Improvement Plan for the City Center Improvement District

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2011-037 – Authorizing a Public Hearing for the Improvement Plan for the City Center Improvement District.

**Councilor Devine requested that City staff work with Mr. Kennell of the City Center Partnership and Mr. Delk of the Columbia Development Corporation to become a member of Main Street South Carolina in an effort to promote the great things we are doing on Main Street.

CONSENT AGENDA

16. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of an Annual Corporate Gym Membership, as requested by the Police Department. Award to Gold's Gym, as a Sole Source in the amount of \$15,584.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Police Office of the Chief – Membership and Dues; 1012401-631400 – Approved*

Councilor Devine stated that the rationale for selecting Gold's Gym, is because there are several locations and there is flexibility for Officers to workout. Concerns have been raised by citizens, because we do have a City gym and the Drew Wellness Center. Why are we paying money to send our Officers somewhere else? She asked Chief Scott to elaborate on this decision.

Chief Randy Scott, Columbia Police Department said that it has been one of his goals and his responsibility to ensure that Officers are not only trained as far as the law, but are also physically fit. This is not a benefit for the Officers; it's a requirement. The City of Columbia has a wonderful facility, but Officers can't work out while they are working. Officers live throughout Columbia and this gives them the wherewithal to become fit. The other key component is that physical fitness is not a requirement for other employees to keep their jobs; become promoted; or to get hired. This program will cost an average of \$44 per Officer for the entire year to workout at over 650 locations worldwide.

Councilor Devine suggested that the City Manager determine the efficiency of maintaining the City gym or whether to consolidate it with the Charles R. Drew Wellness Center.

Councilor Rickenmann said that he can't support this. We've been told that the Officers need a place to work out that's not public and we have that; we have the Drew Wellness Center; we're having shortfalls; we're trying to keep things moving up; and it sends a bad message all the way around when we're not promoting it to our own employees.

Councilor Davis asked if there was something that could be done at the City Gym to allow the Officers the solitude that they prefer.

Chief Randy Scott, Columbia Police Department said that the City Gym is located in the heart of Columbia, which is great when an Officer can workout at lunchtime.

Councilor Plough said that it is balancing the physical fitness and the need to work with your Officers to enhance and improve that, but at the same time we must provide incentives for our Officers to live within the City limits. It sends the wrong message for us to provide amenities for them to support the idea that they live outside the City. I commend you for what you are doing, but I would love to know where our facilities fall short to see what we can do to provide those amenities. She asked for clarification on the operational hours of our facilities.

Mr. S. Allison Baker, Senior Assistant City Manager said that the Wellness Center opens at 5:30 a.m. until 9:00 p.m.; it closes at 8:00 p.m. on Saturdays; and 6:00 p.m. on Sundays. We did install a hand scan system specifically for Officers to enter the facilities 24/7, if approved.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted four (4) to two (2) to approve the Purchase of an Annual Corporate Gym Membership, as requested by the Police Department. Award to Gold's Gym, as a Sole Source in the amount of \$15,584.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. Voting aye were Mr. Davis, Ms. Devine, Dr. Gergel and Mr. Newman. Voting nay were Mr. Rickenmann and Ms. Plough.

Councilor Plough inquired about **Item 28**, which includes \$7,500 for landscaping. Do you view that as essential? I question the landscaping piece, given the amount of work that is going to be taking place at the Plant. We have almost doubled the work through change orders.

Mr. Joey Jaco, Director of Utilities and Engineering explained that landscaping improvements is a part of the project at the Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant. There are some bare spots where we want to plant grass, shrubbery and trees. It's for erosion purposes as well, but we are trying to enhance the site.

Councilor Davis suggested that the consideration of **Item 28**. be deferred, because he would like to visit the Plant.

Councilor Plough stated that she would be fine with approving the item if they pulled the landscaping out. An investment of \$7,500 in landscaping at a time when we are increasing water and sewer rates doesn't work for me.

Councilor Rickenmann agreed with deferring the landscaping until we finish the rest of the work that's going on out there.

Mr. Steven A. Gantt, City Manager explained that the original amount of **Item 30**. was reported at \$85,025.39, but the correct amount is \$103,745.39.

Mr. Joey Jaco, Director of Utilities and Engineering explained that we are purchasing bypass pumps and the project is being closed out.

Upon a single motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to approve the **Consent Agenda Items 17**. through **40**, with the caveat that **Item 28** be approved with the exception of \$7,500.00 for landscaping, reducing the amount to \$68,741.81.

Councilor Plough inquired about the improvements at Maxcy Gregg Park.

Mr. Dana Higgins, City Engineer explained that they hired Grimball Cotterill & Associates to draft the construction plans; we are enhancing the sidewalks; and we are installing street lighting.

Councilor Gergel added that they are also addressing very serious water issues at Maxcy Gregg Park.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS, AGREEMENTS and CHANGE ORDERS

17. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Adobe Connect Platinum Support Subscription, as requested by the Emergency Operations Center Division. Award to SHI International, using the SC State Contract in the amount of \$11,655.95. This vendor is located in Piscataway, NJ. *Funding Source: Homeland Security Grant Control/Maintenance and Service Contract - Approved*
18. Council is asked to approve the Renewal of the Mimosa Nearpoint Maintenance, as requested by Information Technology Department. Award to Syscom Technologies in the amount of \$13,100.00. This vendor is located in Marietta, GA. *Funding Source: Information Technology Maintenance and Service Contract*
Note: *The Mimosa Nearpoint is a email backup solution which provides the necessary policy controls, backup, lookup, filtering and archiving of electronic communications for the city.- Approved*
19. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of a Flow Meter with Start up and Installation, as requested by the Columbia Canal Water Plant Division. Award to Superior Maintenance and Piping, the lowest bidder in the amount of \$14,924.85. This vendor is located in Aiken, SC. *Funding Source: Utilities Columbia Canal WTP/Equipment Repair/ Service Supply, 5516206-631800 – Note: The flow meter measures the density and volume of the carbon slurry being fed into the treatment stream. - Approved*
20. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Seven (7) Stryker Stair-Pro 6252, as requested by the Emergency Operations Division. Award to Stryker, as a Sole Source in the amount of \$18,407.42. This vendor is located in Mount Pleasant, SC. *Funding Source: GL: Homeland Security Grant Control – Special Department Supplies/JL: MMRS Homeland Sec 2007-Special Departmental Supplies; GL 2549999-627100 / JL 9601000201-627100 –Note: This equipment is designed to assist the rescuer by reducing back strain while lifting the injured. - Approved*
21. Council is asked to approve the Purchase and Installation of the Pass Management Park Patron Registration System in Fourteen (14) City Parks, as requested by the Parks and Recreation Department. Award to Vermont Systems, as a Sole Source in the amount of \$21,920.02. This vendor is located in Essex Junction, Vermont. *Funding Source: General Ledger/Parks and Recreation Admin/Professional Services; 1015101-636600 - Approved*
22. Council is asked to approve the Renewal of Hardware Maintenance for Business License and Municipal Court Software, as requested by the Information Technology Department. Award to Unisys in the amount of \$23,834.25. This vendor is located in Farmington, NY. *Funding Source: Information Technology Maintenance and Service Contract, 1011120-638200 - Approved*

23. ****Council is asked to approve a Collaborative Project between Columbia Water Works, Clemson University and the Water Research Foundation for Nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA) Testing, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. The proposed collaboration fees are \$30,000.00 per utility over two years. *Funding Source: Water Plants Operating Budget; 5516206-638300 at 50% and 5516207-638300 at 50% – Note: The information derived from this study would give city staff tools it needs to make better treatment process upgrade decisions concerning NDMA regulations in the future. - Approved***
24. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Two Hundred 96-Gallon Roll Carts, as requested by the Solid Waste Division. Award to Toter Inc., the lowest bidder meeting specifications in the amount of \$31,565.00. This vendor is located in Statesville, NC. *Funding Source: GL Grants Control – Roll Carts and Recycle Bins/ 2529999-627600; JL: Glass Recycling Containers and PR-Roll Carts and Recycling Bins/ 9413000010-627600 - Approved*
25. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of a Symmetra PX Uninterruptible Power Supply to augment the existing Uninterruptible Power Supply deployed in the Data Centers at 1401 Main Street and 1136 Washington Street, as requested by the Information Technology Department. Award to American Power Conversion (APC) Sales and Service, using the SC State Contract in the amount of \$39,172.71. This vendor is located in West Kingston, RI. *Funding Source: Information Technology Computer/Electrical Equipment > \$5,000 Cpt - Approved*
26. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Glass Recycling Containers, as requested by the Solid Waste Division. Award to Lowe’s Home Center Inc., the lowest bidder meeting specifications in the amount of \$45,566.91. This vendor is located in Wilkesboro, NC. *Funding Source: GL: Grants Control – Roll Carts and Recycle Bins / 2529999-627600; JL: Glass Recycling Containers and PR-Roll Carts and Recycling Bins / 9413000010-627600 - Approved*

Item #	Product Code	Product Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Extended
1	0657503	Refuse/Garbage Collection BOD-16 Gallon Containers	210	\$25.93	\$5,445.30
2	0657504	Refuse/Garbage Collections BOD-23 Gallon Containers	210	\$34.42	\$7,228.20
3	0657505	Refuse/Garbage Collection BOD-Green Lids	140	\$24.53	\$3,434.20
4	0657506	Refuse/Garbage Collection BOD-Blue Lids	140	\$24.53	\$3,434.20
5	0657507	Refuse/Garbage Collection BOD-Brown	140	\$24.53	\$3,434.20
6	0657508	Refuse/Garbage Collection BOD-Trolley's	420	\$46.69	\$19,609.80
			Sale Tax		\$2,981.01
			Total		\$45,566.91

27. Council is asked to approve Change Order #1; Capital Improvement Project WM346102; 12” Ductile Iron Pipe (DIP) along Phillips Street from Cook Street to Miller Avenue and along Miller Avenue from Phillips Street to Marsteller Street, as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to Carolina Tap & Bore of West, Columbia, SC in the amount of \$57,976.00. *Funding Source: Water Improvement Fund WM346102-658650 – Note: This change order is necessary to compensate the contractor for an additional 437 linear feet of 12”*

DIP needed to complete the water system loop and to avoid being in the CSX right-of-way.- Approved

28. Council is asked to approve Change Order #2 Project #SS711701; Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant New 12' Asphalt Roads, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to McClam and Associates in the amount of \$76,241.81. This vendor is located in Little Mountain, SC. *Funding Source: Sewer Improvement Fund – **Note:** This change order is necessary to compensate the contractor for the installation of concrete roadway in lieu of asphalt roadway as included in the original bid and for additional landscaping. – Approved with the exception of \$7,500 for landscaping, which reduces the amount to \$68,741.81.*
29. Council is asked to approve Capital Improvement Project #SS7159 (10); Purchase of Five (5) Dewatering Boxes, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to Metro Machine Works Inc., the lowest bidder in the amount of \$76,772.50. This vendor is located in West Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Fund, 5516212-658300 – **Note:** The purpose of this treatment is to remove coarse material from the wastewater stream as it enters the plant. - Approved*
30. Council is asked to approve Capital Improvement Project #SS7099 (19) *Revised*; Increase in Project Amount for Emergency Valve Repair and Weir Installation, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to McClam and Associates in the amount of \$103,745.39. This vendor is located in Little Mountain, SC. *Funding Source: Sanitary Sewer Capital Improvement Fund, 5529999-SS709919-851200 **Note:** Valves needed to be repaired in order to use the Standby Pumps to divert the flow to the Equalization Basin. - Approved*
31. Council is asked to approve Capital Improvement Project #SS714201; Relocation of Sanitary Sewer Outfall at 510 Koon Store Road, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to Trussell Bros. Construction, the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder in the amount of \$90,074.44. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Fund CIP Special Contracts; 5516212-638300 – This is a Mentor Protégé Program Project with Corley Construction of Irmo, SC serving as the Protégé. - Approved*
32. Council is asked to approve the Renewal of the License and Agreement for Pictometry Licensed Server, Images and Software, as requested by the Information Technology Department. Award to Pictometry, as a Sole Source in the amount of \$133,457.72. This vendor is located in Rochester, NY. *Funding Source: Geographic Information System Maintenance and Service Contract, 5511121-638200 – **Note:** This is the 3rd year of a 5-year contract renewal. - Approved*
33. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of a Replacement Cooling Tower at 1136 Washington Street, as requested by the Support Services Division. Award to Superior Maintenance and Piping, Inc., the next lowest bidder meeting specifications in the amount of \$159,929.69. This vendor is located in Warrenton, SC. *Funding Source: GL: 5529999-851500 and JL: WM421601-851500 - Approved*

34. Council is asked to approve the Renewal of Insurance Policies for Commercial Property, Computer, Crime, Auto, Parks & Recreation Buses and General Liability in the Major Parks. Award to Willis of North Carolina in the amount of \$202,283.90. This vendor is located in Charlotte, NC. *Funding Source: Premiums and Policies Account 6058935 - Approved*
35. Council is asked to approve Fiscal Year 2011/2012 Testing by Independent Laboratories for Environmental Monitoring Programs Required by the City's Code of Ordinances and State and Federal Regulations, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to the following Testing Services in the amount of \$165,734.00. *Funding Source: Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant (5516208638300); Columbia Canal Water Treatment Plant (5516206638300); Lake Murray Water Treatment Plant (5516207638300); Operations (5516218638300 and 5516219638300) - Approved*

Shealy Environmental Services, Inc (Cayce, SC)

Metro NPDES Parameters	\$62,200.00
Metro Groundwater	\$3,234.00
Metro Stormwater	\$70.00
Metro Effluent Toxicity	<u>\$27,000.00</u>
Sub-Total	\$92,504.00

Access Analytical, Inc.(Irmo, SC)

Septage Station Metals	\$4,420.00
Wastewater Surcharge Program	\$4,284.00
Industrial Pretreatment Program	\$8,331.00
Metro Ash, Grit and Sludge Disposal Qualifications	\$2,375.00
Stormwater Illicit Discharge	<u>\$11,700.00</u>
Sub-Total	\$31,110.00

MWH Laboratories (Pasadena, California)

Trihalomethanes & Haloacetic Acids	\$20,160.00
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Agua Pennsylvania (Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania)

Methylisoborneol / Geosmin	\$14,580.00
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Scientific Methods (Granger, Indiana)

Cryptosporidium / Giardia	\$7,380.00
Total	\$165,734.00

36. Council is asked to approve Capital Improvement Project #CM1021; Maxcy Gregg Park Site Development Improvements, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to AOS Specialty Contractors, the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder in the amount of \$310,693.70. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Parks and Receptions Department Project; PK007201-658660 – This is a Subcontractor Outreach Program and Local Business Preference Project - Approved*
ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

37. Ordinance No.: 2011-029 – To Raise and Adopt the Budget for the City of Columbia, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2012 – *First reading approval was given on June 7, 2011. – Approved on second reading.*

38. Ordinance No.: 2011-027 – 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. 23-143 Water service rates and Sec. 23-149 Sewer service rates, (a) Generally and (b) Consumers using water cooling towers for air conditioning – *First reading approval was given on June 7, 2011. – Approved on second reading.*
39. Ordinance No.: 2011-040 – Authorizing the transfer of a 0.003 acre (144 square feet) portion of the northern right of way area of the 700 block of Whaley Street adjacent to 701 Whaley Street, Richland County TMS #08913-17-07 to 701 Whaley Owner, LLC – *First reading approval was given on June 7, 2011. – Approved on second reading.*
40. Ordinance No.: 2011-043 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinance of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 2, Administration, Article V, Procurement to add Sec. 2-208 Source selection method for procurements related to construction and Sec. 2-209 Design-build project delivery method authorized – *First reading approval was given on June 7, 2011.- Approved on second reading.*

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

41. Ordinance No.: 2011-019 – Granting an encroachment to Drip for placement and maintenance of two (2) tables and four (4) chairs within the sidewalk right of way adjacent to 729 Saluda Avenue for use by its patrons for outdoor dining during normal business hours – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2011-019 – Granting an encroachment to Drip for placement and maintenance of two (2) tables and four (4) chairs within the sidewalk right of way adjacent to 729 Saluda Avenue for use by its patrons for outdoor dining during normal business hours.

42. Ordinance No.: 2011-046 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 12, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article II, Stopping, Standing and Parking, Division 1, Generally, Sec. 12-42 Storage of commercial vehicles – *Approved on first reading.*

Councilor Plough explained that we've had instances where recreational vehicles are being parked on residential streets for long periods of times. We are hoping that this language will prevent passive use of a recreation vehicle and require them to move from the public street.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Plough and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2011-046 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 12, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article II, Stopping, Standing and Parking, Division 1, Generally, Sec. 12-42 Storage of commercial vehicles.

RESOLUTIONS

43. Resolution No.: R-2011-042 – Authorizing the City Manager to execute an amended Agreement between the City of Columbia and the Midlands Housing Alliance, Inc. for 2025 Main Street – *Consideration of this item was deferred.*
44. Resolution No.: R-2011-043 – Affirming the vote of City Council denying the business license appeal of the Hardee Law Firm - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2011-043 – Affirming the vote of City Council denying the business license appeal of the Hardee Law Firm.

45. Resolution No.: R-2011-044 – Authorizing approval of Municipal Court Judge Carl L. Solomon’s Salary - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2011-044 – Authorizing approval of Municipal Court Judge Carl L. Solomon’s Salary.

APPOINTMENTS

46. Business Friendly Taskforce – *Consideration of this item was deferred.*
47. Citizens Advisory Committee - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Ms. Plough and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Mr. Bob Amundson to the Citizens Advisory Committee as a District III representative.

48. Establishing the Terms for Recently Appointed Municipal Court Judges

Councilor Newman said that given the recent appointment of our Municipal Court Judges: Carl Solomon, Christie Grafton-Goldberg, Sallie Speth and Michelle Johnson, we are required to set the term limits for their judgeships.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to establish the following terms for recently appointed Municipal Court Judges:

Regular Judges	Appointed	Term Begins	Term Expires	Length of Term
Carl L. Solomon	6/7/2011	07/01/2011	06/30/2012	1 year
<i>*Judge Solomon was appointed to fill the unexpired term of the Honorable DeAndrea Benjamin.</i>				
Substitute Judges				
Kristy Grafton Goldberg	6/7/2011	07/01/2011	06/30/2013	2 years
Michelle Hurley Johnson	6/7/2011	07/01/2011	06/30/2013	2 years
Sally Wiggins Speth	6/7/2011	07/01/2011	06/30/2013	2 years

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

49. Youth Curfew Ordinance

Upon a motion made by Dr. Gergel and seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to refer the Youth Curfew Ordinance to the Public Safety Committee.

APPEARANCE OF PUBLIC HAVING BUSINESS WITH CITY COUNCIL

No one appeared at this time

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION / ACITON

50. **City of Columbia Communications with the Department of Housing and Urban Development

Mr. Steven A. Gantt, City Manager reported that all Council members have been provided with correspondence that we've had over the past months with HUD. The Mayor and Senior Assistant City Manager Baker had a meeting in Washington, D.C. last week concerning the issue of timeliness. There is a test that HUD runs on May 2nd of each year and there has to be a certain percentage of the federal allocation drawn down and we did not meet that percentage. During the meeting, they outlined what we're doing to meet that ratio by June 30, 2011. They discussed some of the reasons why we were short on getting the drawdown and it was also recognized that there were issues with HUD in regard to reporting. The general consensus was that it was a very positive meeting and we are moving forward to get that particular issue resolved. As you all are aware, Ms. Deborah Livingston is the new Interim Director of the Community Development Department. She has been active with HUD issues for quite a number of years and has been very successful at operating two Development Corporations for the City of Columbia. She has hit the ground running while taking into account all of the communications we've had with HUD; we have a game plan in place as to how we're going to respond and correct those items; and I hope to provide an update at your July meeting.

51. **Commercial Revolving Loan Fund

Mr. Steven A. Gantt, City Manager reported that the Commercial Revolving Loan Program is collected through the Department of Commerce. We have identified that in our reporting of loan proceeds, both principal and interest payments are not put into their automated system in a timely fashion. I do want to make sure that everybody understands those payments come to a third party, which is a local bank that collects the payments for us. It is not an issue with funding; it is strictly a reporting issue. Our Chief Financial Officer, Bill Ellis has been in contact with the folks in Atlanta by telephone and written correspondence. They are putting a game plan together and my hope is that this issue will be resolved within 30-days, as well. Both the Department of Commerce and HUD have brought issues of timeliness to our attention and we're making strides to take care of that in a very timely fashion. Ms. Livingston is putting good directions together for the staff and holding them accountable for what needs to be done. I would strongly suggest to you that within the next 60-days the correspondence from HUD to our Community Development Office will wane, dramatically.

Councilor Plough said that she still believes this department to be in disarray. Within a short period of time, we received a letter from the EDA; one from HUD dealing with timeliness and Block Grant; we're under the gun to get our HOME dollars out by the end of this month; and we didn't have adequate information from Community Development when this Council was asked to look at making a pending commitment to a development project with HOME dollars. I for one am not interested in altering what we have already committed to the community in the approval of our HOME funds for this year and I think it puts this Council in a very awkward situation when we think we have resources and those resources are really non-existent, unless we are going to wipe away what we have already programmed for that year. I feel it's important that we share all of these things; it's important that we come together as a Council and staff to work hard to get things back in line and I think the City Manager and the Assistant City Manager are providing that leadership for us. She described the previous leadership of the Community Development Department as a square peg in a round hole. Meanwhile, we have affected our reputation in terms of federal resources; we use to be a community that would be able to get money from other communities that failed at their expenditure rates. I look forward to us one day being back in those good graces where we can maximize that.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Rickenmann and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to reconvene the Executive Session at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Salley
City Clerk