



CITY OF COLUMBIA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2011
6:00 P.M.
MARTIN LUTHER KING PARK
2300 GREENE STREET

The Columbia City Council conducted a District II Evening Meeting on Tuesday, October 11, 2011 at Martin Luther King Park located at 2300 Greene Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Stephen K. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. and the following members of City Council were present: The Honorable Sam Davis, The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine, The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, The Honorable Leona K. Plaugh and The Honorable Brian DeQuincey Newman. The Honorable Belinda F. Gergel joined the meeting at 6:13 p.m. 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.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda with the following revisions:

- Add Presentation of the Fire Prevention Week Proclamation
- Defer consideration of Items 31, 32 and 33

APPEARANCE OF PUBLIC WITH COMMENTS RELATED TO THE AGENDA

No one appeared at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of July 19, 2011; August 2, 16, 23 and 30, 2011; September 6, 20, and 27, 2011-
Approved as presented.

- **Dr. Gergel arrived at 6:13 p.m.**

Upon a single motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of July 19, 2011; August 2, 16, 23 and 30, 2011; and September 6, 20, and 27, 2011.

PRESENTATIONS

2. Welcome Address – The Honorable Brian DeQuincey Newman, District II Representative

Councilor Newman welcomed everyone to the District II Evening Meeting at Martin Luther King recreational facility, which has become a source of pride for our community. He recognized the neighborhood leaders throughout District II that were in attendance.

Mr. Durham Carter, President of the Martin Luther King Neighborhood welcomed everyone to one of the most prestigious historical areas in the City of Columbia.

Mr. Marvin Heller, President of the Lyon Street Neighborhood recognized the residents of the Lyon Street Community and urged everyone to make their needs known to Council so that they can lead the way we want them to.

Ms. Doris Hildebrand, President of the Historic Waverly Neighborhood thanked the Council for meeting at Martin Luther King Park. We are going to listen to what you have to say; we want you to listen to what we have to say.

3. **Fire Prevention Week

Mayor Benjamin and the members of Council proclaimed the week of October 9-15, 2011 as Fire Prevention Week in the City of Columbia. The theme “Its Fire Prevention Week, Protect your Family from Fire” effectively serves as a reminder to us of the simple actions we can take to keep our homes and families safe year-round.

NOTICE OF HEARING - BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OBJECTIONS

Ms. Erika D. Salley, City Clerk

The Office of the City Clerk received four (4) written objections to the renewal of the Business Improvement District. Letters were sent via certified, registered, return-receipt mail and US Mail to the four (4) individuals notifying them of the date, time and location of today’s objection hearing.

Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin

These hearings are in the nature of appeals by property owners from the Notice of Assessment for the City Center Business Improvement District (BID). These hearings are being held pursuant to §5-37-130, S.C. Code of Laws (1976). We will receive testimony and evidence today and City Council will then vote to confirm or modify the assessments as may be warranted by the evidence. Please confine your arguments to a maximum of five (5) minutes. You are encouraged to adopt by reference any materials you have previously submitted or any you wish to hand up today.

- **The Hearing began at 6:23 p.m.**

Mrs. Roselen Rivkin, 1623-25 Main Street

This is the wrong time for added improvements that I consider elections. This is not the right time. There are too many empty buildings. The city can conserve; maybe do without a few things. I just feel that this is not necessary at this time.

Mrs. Catherine Kelly, 1209 Blanding Street

I request that we need no more tax increases at this particular time. From the time Mr. Kennell started this, all of the information went out around me, but nothing came to me. I paid the taxes. These are ads for Macs on Main, Villa Tronco and others. I've been downtown for 22 years and never got an ad. I'm questioning why we are paying all these taxes when there's no benefit.

It is noted for the record that Louise Joye and Susana Pasicatan filed written objections, but did not appear.

Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin

Are any of the other two (2) people who expressed their will to testify today present?

No one appeared at this time.

Mr. Jeff Palen, Treasurer

At the request of Mr. Gaines, I did review the properties that were on the assessment roll. We did confirm that all of the assessments on the assessment roll are correct.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to reaffirm the assessment roll for the renewal of the Business Improvement District.

- **The hearing was closed at 6:29 p.m.**

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION / ACTION

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

Neighborhoods Listed by Priority	Existing Lights	Requested Lights	Current Lease Cost / Annually	Increased Amount
1405 Cherokee Street	4	1	\$475.68	\$118.92
Earlewood	55	18	\$6,540.60	\$2,140.56

Upon a single motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve the Neighborhood Street Lighting requests for 1405 Cherokee Street and the Earlewood community.

5. Council is asked to approve the transfer of the Trolleys to the City of Columbia from the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority. This transfer has been authorized by the Federal Transit Administration. - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve the Transfer of the Trolleys to the City of Columbia from the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority, at no cost. This transfer has been authorized by the Federal Transit Administration.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a single motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve the **Consent Agenda Items 6 through 26**.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS, AGREEMENTS and CHANGE ORDERS

6. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of a Pool Heater for Drew Wellness Center, as requested by the Parks and Recreation Department. Award to Atlantic Pools and Water, the lowest bidder meeting specifications in the amount of \$19,148.38. This vendor is located in Lugoff, SC. *Funding Source: Drew Wellness Center-Building Maintenance and Repair; 1015115-638100 - Approved*
7. Council is asked to approve Amendment Number 6 for an Adjusted Basic Services Fee for the City Center Development Parking Garage Project, as requested by the Parking Services Division. Award to LS3P Associates in the amount of \$40,000.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: 2005 Parking Facilities Revenue Bond Issue; PG001103/PG001104 – **Note:** This amendment is to the original agreement for additional design services related to the partial demolition and rehabilitation of 1620-24 Main Street for the parking garage at Sumter and Taylor Streets. - Approved*
8. Council is asked to approve Capital Improvement Project #CM1028; Construction of Sidewalk at Maxcy Gregg Park, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to AOS Specialty, the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder in the amount of \$69,500.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Maxcy Gregg Park Improvements Fund and SCDOT; PK007205-658660 - Approved*
9. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of a Lowboy Tractor, as requested by the Water Distribution Division. Award to Columbia Truck Center, the lowest bidder meeting specifications in the amount of \$122,747.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Utilities Water Distribution/Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment-Capital, 5516203-658500 - Approved*
10. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of a Tandem Dump Truck, as requested by the Water Distribution Division. Award to Columbia Truck Center, the lowest bidder meeting specifications in the amount of \$133,112.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Utilities Water Distribution/Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment-Capital, 5516203-658500 - Approved*

11. Council is asked to approve a Professional Services Contract for Fiscal Year 2011/2012 Housing First Program, as requested by the Community Development Department. Award to University of South Carolina in the amount not to exceed the annual maximum sum of \$250,000.00. *Funding Source: 1018410 638302 - Approved*
12. Council is asked to approve Capital Improvement Project #SS7190; Agreement for Manhole Inspections within Crane Creek, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to W.K. Dickson & Company, Inc., in the amount of \$340,000.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Sewer Improvements Funs, 5516212-SS7190-636600 – This is a Mentor Protégé Program Project and Palmetto Consulting Engineering Group of Columbia, SC will provide manhole inspection assistance at 5% of the total contract. - Approved*
13. Council is asked to approve Capital Improvement Project #SS7191; Agreement for Manhole Assessment within Gills Creek Inceptor and Interceptor above the Broad River Pump Station, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to URS / BP Barber, in the amount of \$369,200.00. This vendor is located in San Francisco, CA. *Funding Source: 5516212-SS7191-658660 – This is a Mentor Protégé Program Project and DESA, Inc of Columbia, SC will provide manhole assessment and construction cost estimating services at 20% of the total contract. - Approved*
14. Council is asked to approve Capital Improvement Project #SS7189; Agreement for Sewer Inventory and Flow Monitoring Study, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to Brown & Caldwell in the amount of \$967,300.00. This vendor is located in Walnut Creek, CA. *Funding Source: Sewer Improvements Fund, 5516212-SS7189-658660 - Approved*
15. Council is asked to approve a Memorandum of Agreement between the City of West Columbia, City of Cayce, Town of Springdale, Richland County and the City of Columbia in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 for Services Provided in Coordination with the Environmental Protection Agency Brownsfields Coalition Grant. - *Approved*

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

16. Ordinance No.: 2011-075 – Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Agreement of Sale between the City of Columbia and Bright-Meyers, LLC of the sale of 5.97 + acres (Capital City Stadium), Richland County TMS #11204-02-02 – *First reading approval was giving on September 20, 2011. – Approved on second reading.*

MAP AMENDMENTS – SECOND READING

17. **710 and 724 Cross Hill Road**, TMS# 13811-09-07 (portion), -08; request to rezone from RS-1 (Single-family Residential) to C-3 (General Commercial). – *First reading approval was given on September 20, 2011– Approved on second reading.*
18. **916 Daly Street**, TMS# 13804-02-12; request to rezone from C-1 (Office and Institutional) to C-3 (General Commercial). – *First reading approval was given on September 20, 2011– Approved on second reading.*

19. **4605 Monticello Drive**, TMS# 09212-08-03, 04, 05; request to rezone from PUD-C (Commercial Planned Unit Development) to C-1 (Office and Institutional) and RS-3 (Single-Family Residential) – *First reading approval was given on September 20, 2011– Approved on second reading.*

20. **Rosewood Community**, TMS# 11211-01-01, 02, 11211-02-02 thru 12, 11211-03-01 thru 05, 11211-04-01 thru 17, 11211-05-01 thru 09, 11211-06-01 thru 14, 11212-03-02 thru 05, 11212-04-01 thru 03, 11212-05-01, 02, 06, 07, 11212-08-01 thru 12, 18, 11212-09-01 thru 16, 11212-10-01 thru 11, 11212-11-01 thru 08, 11212-12-01 thru 11, 11212-13-01 thru 05, 11212-14-01 thru 06, 11212-15-01 thru 04, 05 (p), 06 thru 14, 11212-16-01 thru 03, 10 thru 14, 11212-17-01, 02, 08 thru 13, 15, 11212-18-01 thru 04, 06 thru 08, 11212-19-05 thru 07, 11215-01-01 thru 16, 11215-02-01 thru 22, 11215-03-01 thru 06, 11215-04-01 thru 24, 11215-05-01 thru 06, 11215-06-01 thru 14, 27 thru 41, 11215-09-01 thru 20, 32 thru 34, 36 thru 42, 11216-01-01 thru 07, 11216-02-01 thru 18, 11216-03-01 thru 11, 13 thru 16, 11216-04-01 thru 18, 11216-05-01 thru 24, 11216-06-01 thru 05, 07 thru 12, 11216-07-01 thru 10, 11216-08-01 thru 10, 11216-09-01 thru 19, 11216-10-01 thru 12, 11216-11-01 thru 12, 11216-12-01 thru 09, 11216-13-01 thru 05, 07 thru 15, 11216-14-01 thru 16, 11216-15-01, 02, 04 thru 11, 13 thru 15, 11216-16-01 thru 14, 11216-17-02, 04 thru 11, 13 thru 21, 11216-18-01 thru 09, 11 thru 15, 11216-19-01 thru 08, 11216-20-01 thru 08, 11216-21-01 thru 13, 11216-22-01 thru 12, 11216-23-01 thru 07, 09 thru 30, 11216-24-01 thru 17, 11309-11-06 thru 16, 11309-12-01 thru 07, 11309-13-04 thru 16, 11309-14-05 thru 11, 13, 16, 17, 11309-15-06 thru 09, 11309-16-03, 04, 11313-05-02, 11313-06-10 thru 12, 14, 15, 17 thru 21, 23, 25, 26, 11313-07-01 thru 05, 07 thru 16, 18, 20, 11313-08-01 thru 16, 11313-09-01 thru 07, 09 thru 15, 11313-10-01 thru 24, 11313-11-01 thru 27, 11313-12-01 thru 25, 11313-13-01 thru 16, 18, 11313-14-01 thru 13, 15 thru 19, 11313-15-01 thru 13, 15, 16, 11313-16-01 thru 06, 08, 10, 11, 11313-17-06 thru 15, 11313-18-05 thru 15, 11313-19-07 thru 16, 11313-20-08 thru 20, 13701-02-01 thru 07, 10, 13702-01-02 thru 29, 13702-02-01 thru 11, 13702-03-01 thru 26, 13702-04-01 thru 21, 13702-05-01 thru 06, 13702-06-01 thru 06, 13702-07-01 thru 16, 13702-08-01 thru 21, 13703-01-03, 04, 06 thru 09, 13703-02-01 thru 15, 13703-03-01 thru 09, 13703-04-01, 02, 09, 13704-01-01 thru 10, 15, 13704-02-01 thru 28, 13704-03-01 thru 15, 13704-04-01, 03 thru 14, 16 thru 18, 13704-05-01 thru 15, 13704-06-01 thru 08, 13704-07-01, 02, 13704-08-01 thru 10, 13704-09-01 thru 11, 13704-10-01 thru 10, 13704-11-01 thru 38, 13704-12-01 thru 28, 13704-13-01 thru 28, 13704-14-01, 13704-15-01 thru 15, 13704-16-01 thru 09, 11 thru 14, 13705-01-01 thru 10, 13705-02-01 thru 06, 13705-03-01 thru 19, 13705-04-01 thru 18, 13705-05-01 thru 07, 13705-06-01, 09 thru 14, 13705-14-01, 02, 16, 13705-15-01 thru 03, 08, 10 thru 15, 13706-01-01, 13706-02-03 thru 09, 13706-03-01 thru 08, 10 thru 13, 13706-04-01 thru 09, 11, 13706-05-01 thru 14, 13706-06-01 thru 15, 13706-07-01 thru 09, 13706-08-01 thru 07, 13706-09-01 thru 03, 06 thru 10, 13706-11-01 thru 08, 13706-12-01 thru 18, 13706-13-01 thru 09, 16 thru 21, 13706-14-01 thru 16, 13706-15-01 thru 09, 13706-16-01 thru 05, 13706-17-01 thru 21, 13706-18-01 thru 07, 13706-19-01 thru 22, 13707-01-01 thru 06, 13707-02-01 thru 27, 13707-03-01 thru 15, 13707-04-01, 13707-05-01 thru 19, 13707-06-02 thru 05, 07 thru 18, 13707-07-02 thru 08, 13707-08-01 thru 08, 13707-09-01 thru 08, 13707-10-01 thru 21, 13707-11-01 thru 05, 07 thru 09, 11 thru 13, 13707-12-02 thru 05, 07 thru 11, 13 thru 17, 13707-13-01 thru 13, 15, 13707-14-01 thru 12, 13707-15-01 thru 05, 07 thru 16, 13707-16-01 thru 07, 09, 11 thru 16, 13707-17-02, 03, 05, 07 thru 19, 13707-18-02 thru 08, 10 thru 12, 13707-19-01 thru 12, 15, 13707-20-02 thru 06, 13707-23-01 thru 09,

13707-24-07 thru 10, 20, 13708-04-02 thru 04, 13708-07-10, 18, 13708-08-03, 05, 10, 11, 15, 17 thru 21, 13708-09-01, 15, 18, 23, 13708-10-01 thru 08, 13708-11-01 thru 08, 13708-12-01 thru 07, 13708-13-01 thru 07, 10 thru 16, 13708-14-01 thru 06, 13708-15-01 thru 06, 13708-16-01 thru 15, 13708-17-01 thru 12, 13708-18-01 thru 09, 12, 14, 13708-19-01 thru 12, 13708-20-01 thru 09, 13708-21-01 thru 09, 13708-22-01 thru 06, 13711-01-01 thru 12, 13711-03-01 thru 05, 07 thru 12, 13712-01-11 thru 22, 26, 35, 13784-01-01, 03 thru 08, 13784-02-01 thru 08, 13801-01-12 thru 28, 13801-02-01, 04, 06 thru 08, 10, 13801-03-01 thru 28, 13801-04-01 thru 18, 13801-05-02 thru 11, 13801-06-01 thru 09, 11 thru 16, 13801-07-01 thru 17, 13801-08-01, 02, 04 thru 09, 11 thru 16, 13801-09-01 thru 06, 08 thru 13, 13801-10-01 thru 13, 13801-11-01 thru 12, 13801-12-01 thru 14, 13801-13-01, 13801-14-01 thru 14, 13801-15-01 thru 06, 08 thru 16, 13801-16-01 thru 15, 13801-17-01 thru 10, 13801-18-01 thru 26, 13801-19-01 thru 09, 13801-20-01 thru 09, 13801-21-01 thru 19, 13805-01-06 thru 10, 13805-02-05, 07 thru 09, 13805-03-38, 13805-07-18, 13805-08-01, 13805-09-01 thru 12, -19 13805-10-01 thru 10, 13805-11-01 thru 06, 13805-12-01 thru 08, 13805-13-01 thru 15, 13805-14-01 thru 12, 13805-15-01 thru 08, 13805-16-01 thru 10; rezone to extend -CC overlay (Community Character – Interim) to all zoning classifications. – *First reading approval was given on September 20, 2011– Approved on second reading.*

ANNEXATIONS WITH MAP AMENDMENTS – SECOND READING

21. **1226 Glenhaven Drive**, TMS# 13710-04-22; request recommendation to annex and zone the property RS-2 (Single-Family Residential). The property is zoned RS-MD (Single-Family Residential) in Richland County. – *First reading approval was given on September 20, 2011. – Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2011-061 – Annexing 1226 Glenhaven Drive, Richland County TMS #13710-04-22 – *First reading approval was given on September 20, 2011. – Approved on second reading.*

22. **4 Buckthorn Court, 5 Buckthorn Court, 200 Buckthorn Circle, 201 Buckthorn Circle, 202 Buckthorn Circle, 206 Buckthorn Circle, 210 Buckthorn Circle, 116 Coopers Nursery Road, 120 Coopers Nursery Road**, TMS# 28906-01-08, 28906-01-06, 28906-01-04, 28906-02-01, 28906-01-03, 28906-01-05, 28902-01-31, 28905-02-11, and 28905-02-10; request recommendation to annex and zone the property PUD-R (Residential Planned Unit Development). The property is zoned PDD (Planned Development) in Richland County. – *First reading approval was given on September 20, 2011– Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2011-060 – Annexing 4 Buckthorn Court, 5 Buckthorn Court, 200 Buckthorn Circle, 201 Buckthorn Circle, 202 Buckthorn Circle, 206 Buckthorn Circle, 210 Buckthorn Circle, 116 Coopers Nursery Road, and 120 Coopers Nursery Road, Richland County TMS #28906-01-08, 28906-01-06, 28306-01-04, 28906-02-01, 28906-01-03, 28906-01-05, 28902-01-31, 28905-02-11 and 28905-02-10 – *First reading approval was given on September 20, 2011– Approved on second reading.*

CASES WITH MAP AND TEXT AMENDMENTS - SECOND READING

23. **A. (Map Amendment) 906-910 Washington Street TMS# 9013-12-03; Rezone to add –DP overlay to structure to W. Gervais Street Historic Commercial District.** – *First reading approval was given on September 20, 2011. – Approved on second reading.*

B. (Text Amendment) Amend Section 17-681(c) (6) Protection Area to add the area generally bound by Huger Street on the west, Gadsden Street on the east, Lady Street on the north and Gervais Street on the south and further identified on TMS# 08912-04-01, 08912-04-06, 08912-04-07; 08912-05-01 through 06, 08912-05-09, 08912-05-11; 08912-06-01 through 04, 08912-06-06A, 08912-06-06B, 08912-06-07 through 13; 08912-07-01, 08912-07-10 through 12; 08912-08-02(p), 08912-08-03, 08912-08-04, 08912-08-05; 08912-10-01 through 03, 08912-10- 04(p), 08912-10-13 through 15, 08912-10-18 through 21; 08916-11-02(p), 08916-11-09(p); 09009-08-01(p), 09009-08-08 through 10; 09009-09-02, 09009-09-05(p), 09009-09-07 through 23; 09090-01-01 through 07; 09090-02-01 through 07; 09090-03-01 through 07 and **create Section 17-681(d) (1)Historic Commercial District** the area of the city generally bound by Gadsden Street on the west, Lady Street on the north, Park Street on the east and Gervais Street on the south and further identified on TMS# 08912-07-02 through 04, 06 through 09, 13, 14; 08916-01-01 through 04, 06 through 10, 13 through 15, 19; 08916-02-01, 02, 04 through 09, 13; 08916-03-01 through 04(p); 08916-11-02(p), 04A(p), 07, 09(p), 10(p); 09013-09-17 through 19; 09013-11-01, 04 through 17, 20; 09013-12-03(p), 11 through 17, 20; 09013-13-09(p), 12, 13, 17; 09089-01-01; 09089-02-01; 09089-03-01; 09089-04-01.

C. (Text Amendment) Amend Section 17-681(d) to add 906-910 Washington Street to the W. Gervais Street Historic Commercial District

Ordinance No.: 2011-070 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Land Development and Zoning, Article V, Historic Preservation and Architectural Review, Division 3, Landmarks and Design Protection District, Sec 17-681 Districts identified (c) Protection area district to add (6) and add (d) (1) Historic commercial district – *First reading approval was given on September 20, 2011. – Approved on second reading.*

24. **A. (Map Amendment) 1556 Main Street, TMS# 09014-09-01; Rezone to add –DP overlay to designate structure as a Group II Landmark.** – *First reading approval was given on September 20, 2011. – Approved on second reading.*

B. (Text Amendment) Amend Section 17-691(c) to add 1556 Main Street as a Group II Landmark

Ordinance 2011-073 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Land Development and Zoning, Article V, Historic Preservation and Architectural Review, Division 4, Landmarks, Sec. 17-691 Building and sites list, (c) to add 1556 Main Street, TMS #09014-09-01 – *First reading approval was given on September 20, 2011– Approved on second reading.*

TEXT AMENDMENTS – SECOND READING

25. **Amend §17-345 – Reduction of Parking for Certain Uses** to permit Board of Zoning Appeals to reduce required parking for industrial uses below 50% by special exception.

Ordinance No.: 2011-071 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning & Land Development and Zoning, Article III, Zoning & Division 10, Off-Street Parking and Loading Facilities, Sec. 17-345 Reduction of parking requirements for certain uses (d) – *First reading approval was given on September 20, 2011– Approved on second reading.*

26. **Amend §17-132 – Amendments Initiation** to permit the Director of Planning and Development Services to initiate amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.

Ordinance No.: 2011-072 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Development and Zoning, Article III, Zoning, Division 4, Amendments, Sec. 17-132 Initiation – *First reading approval was given on September 20, 2011– Approved on second reading.*

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

27. Ordinance No.: 2011-045 – Amending Ordinance 83-99 to grant additional encroachments to Parkside Center, LLC for installation and maintenance of columns/pilasters, glass and steel cantilevered canopy, underground parking garage, and nine (9) tables and thirty-six (36) chairs for outdoor dining within the 1100 block of Lady Street adjacent to 1301 Main Street– *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Ms. Plough and seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2011-045 – Amending Ordinance 83-99 to grant additional encroachments to Parkside Center, LLC for installation and maintenance of columns/pilasters, glass and steel cantilevered canopy, underground parking garage, and nine (9) tables and thirty-six (36) chairs for outdoor dining within the 1100 block of Lady Street adjacent to 1301 Main Street.

PRESENTATION

28. The Governor’s Carolighting Proclamation – The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin

Mayor Benjamin and the members of Council proclaimed the Governor’s Carolighting as “A *Timeless Tradition that began in 1954, whereby volunteers and community support are vital to its future*”. They urged all citizens to embrace the longstanding tradition to kickoff the Holiday Season by volunteering and attending the ceremony on Sunday, November 26, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. on the north side of the State House.

RESOLUTIONS

29. Resolution No.: R-2011-064 – Authorizing consumption of beer and wine within Boyd Plaza adjacent to the Columbia Museum of Art for Blue Cross Blue Shield: A Family Affair - *Approved*
30. Resolution No.: R-2011-069 – Authorizing consumption of alcoholic beverages, beer and wine within Finlay Park for the Carolina Green Fair Columbia - *Approved*

Upon a single motion made by Mr. Rickenmann and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve **Item 29**. Resolution No.: R-2011-064 – Authorizing consumption of beer and wine within Boyd Plaza adjacent to the Columbia Museum of Art for Blue Cross Blue Shield: A Family Affair and **Item 30**. Resolution No.: R-2011-069 – Authorizing consumption of alcoholic beverages, beer and wine within Finlay Park for the Carolina Green Fair Columbia

31. Resolution No.: R-2011-066 – Establishing the Drew Wellness Center Business and Financial Operations Committee – *Consideration of this item was deferred.*
32. Resolution No.: R-2011-067 – Approving the honorary naming of the 100 block of South Marion Street between Whaley Street and Heyward Street "Mark Berson Way" – *Consideration of this item was deferred.*

APPOINTMENTS

33. Columbia Housing Authority Board – *Consideration of this item was deferred.*
34. Greater Columbia Community Relations Council

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Mr. Keith McIver to the Greater Columbia Community Relations Council as nominated by Mr. Davis.

35. Historic Columbia Foundation Board

Upon a motion made by Dr. Gergel and seconded by Ms. Plough, Council voted unanimously to approve the reappointment of Ms. Eleanor Pope and Mr. Frank Houston for a second and final term to the Historic Columbia Foundation Board of Directors.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

36. Administrative Policy Committee

Councilor Plough reported that the Administrative Policy Committee is still working on an ethics policy and we look forward to bringing those recommendations to Council. The committee recommends that City Council no longer appoint staff to boards, commissions and other organizations. We should appoint citizens or whomever appropriate. We further recommend that City Council only appoint city residents to boards, commissions and other organizations. We support continuing the existing policy. There was a consensus of the committee to seek guidance

from the City Attorney on the adoption of a residency requirement. The majority of the committee members support this recommendation. We also recommend that City Council increase the City Manager's threshold from \$10,000 up to \$49,999; all purchases of \$50,000 and above must be approved by City Council; increase the Senior Assistant City Manger and Assistant City Managers' threshold from \$5,000 up to 25,000; increase the Department Head threshold from \$1,000 up to \$5,000; and the requirement for quotes will remain at \$1,000 and above.

The committee was asked to clarify staff service on boards, commissions and other organizations. These recommendations were taken under advisement for consideration at a later date and no action was taken.

**Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted six (6) to one (1) to refer discussions of the Columbia Renaissance Redevelopment Plan and the Innovista Redevelopment Plan to the Economic and Community Development Committee. The Committee is asked to consider why we passed the plans; what we passed; and where Richland County and Richland School District One's support is at this point? Voting aye were Mr. Davis, Ms. Devine, Mr. Rickenmann, Dr. Gergel, Mr. Newman and Mayor Benjamin. Ms. Plough voted nay.

- **Mayor Benjamin left the meeting at 7:10 p.m. and Mayor Pro-Tempore Plough is now presiding.**

37. Economic and Community Development Committee

Councilor Davis reported that the Economic and Community Development Committee received a recommendation from Ms. Deborah Livingston, Director of Community Development to not allow homes purchased with HUD funds to be rented out. The committee recommends the extension of the Façade Loan Program to the North Main corridor. The Community Development Department reported on the reduction in federal funding and the need to advertise this information to the public. There are also recommendations on the taxi cabs that are reflected in Ordinance No.: 2011-036.

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

38. 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 – ***Note:*** *A Public Hearing was held on June 21, 2011 and no action was taken. – Approved on first reading, subject to the rate increase being included prior to second reading.*

Mr. Howard Winslow, Independent Taxi Driver stated that they are independent drivers without pensions and health insurance. I am an ambassador of the City. I have been driving cabs since the 1970's. Most of the changes are good; however, I would remind you that we have a dangerous job and we haven't had a rate increase since 2005. Make it possible for us to make a living wage.

Mr. David Greenwell, Independent Taxi Driver stated that the only objection to the new proposal is the change to the three-year renewal. We are required to visit a doctor, acquire a SLED background check, pay a permit fee and assume other costs; it's not an inexpensive deal to get into. Thank you for taking up the rate increase; that's very much needed.

Mr. Temple Ligon, The Columbia Star asked Council to check its inflation schedule. The cab drivers are missing out on half of inflation.

Mr. John McDaniel stated that he had to make 6 trips to the Police Department to have his permit renewed. The process isn't streamlined. If you are qualified to have a driver's license, then you are qualified to be a cab driver. Permits should be granted permanently.

Councilor Rickenmann suggested that the permit application be placed online in an effort to streamline the process.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to 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, subject to the rate increase being added prior to second reading consideration.

APPEARANCE OF PUBLIC HAVING BUSINESS WITH CITY COUNCIL

Ms. Katheryn Bellfield, Booker Washington Heights Neighborhood said that she asked the Mayor to arrange a meeting for her Council representative to tour the neighborhood. Do I need to call WIS News? We are in trouble. We are 15 minutes from downtown and you would not believe the things that are happening.

Councilor Newman said that the tour is being coordinated with the Community Liaisons.

Upon a motion made by Dr. Gergel and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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City Clerk