

**CITY OF COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MINUTES
APRIL 10, 2012 – 1:00 P.M.
CITY HALL - 1737 MAIN STREET**



The Columbia City Council met for a Work Session on Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 1:12 p.m. and the following members of Council were present: The Honorable Sam Davis, The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine, The Honorable Belinda F. Gergel, The Honorable Leona K. Plough and The Honorable Brian DeQuincey Newman. The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann was absent. Also present were Mr. Steven A. Gantt, City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Moore, City Clerk. This meeting was advertised in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION / ACTION

1. Water and Wastewater Rate Study – Mr. Daryll Parker, Utility Advisors Network, Inc.

Mr. Daryll Parker, Utility Advisors Network, Inc. presented the water and wastewater rate study to the members of Council. The last rate study was completed over 6 years ago. We are looking at five (5) scenarios for funding and rate options. Rate adjustments are required to meet utility operating and capital funding needs. Decisions on Tax Increment Financing Bonds will determine the magnitude of additional adjustments. Direction is needed from City Council for a preferred scenario in order to finalize the rate study. Council was asked to consider annual rate analysis updates in order to adapt assumptions as funding requirements become more certain.

Ms. Plough withdrew a motion to ask Mayor Benjamin to come back with what is needed for Bull Street and the infrastructure improvements along with funding alternatives.

There was a consensus of Council to consider all funding options in a creative and conservative manner.

**Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to allow Cameron Runyan, incoming Council member for the at large seat to participate in all Council Meetings, excluding voting, to participate in all Executive Sessions, to receive a full Council Agenda Packet for each meeting, to receive a City e-mail address, and to receive a parking decal for parking in the City Council reserved spaces at City Hall.

- **Council recessed at 2:30 p.m.**
- **Council reconvened at 2:32 p.m.**

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

2. Vista Greenway Project / South Carolina Department of Parks Recreation and Tourism Grant – Ms. Natalie Britt, Executive Director / Palmetto Conservation Foundation

Ms. Dana Higgins, City Engineer provided a Capital Improvement Project updated on the Vista Greenway Project. Phase one runs from Lady Street to Taylor Street. We have a contract with AOS Specialty Construction to install the 14' wide trail. We are applying for a grant from the South Carolina Department of Parks Recreation and Tourism and the application is due on April 17, 2012.

Ms. Natalie Britt, Executive Director / Palmetto Conservation Foundation explained that signage will be a key component for the Vista Greenway. We are applying for a \$20,000 Amenity Enhancement grant. We are working with the Vista Guild to secure a \$4,000 match. Funding will be available in October 2012. This grant will also cover the cost for the map design, benches, a kiosk and bike rack.

An update on phase two of The Vista Greenway Project will be presented to the Environment and Infrastructure Committee on Tuesday, April 24, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

- **Council opened the public comment period at 2:40 p.m.**

No one appeared in support of or in opposition to this matter.

- **Council closed the public comment period at 2:40 p.m.**

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION / ACTION

3. North Columbia Security – The Honorable Sam Davis

Mr. Tommy Burkett, Chairman of the North Columbia Business Association expressed concerns about pedestrians committing crime and vandalism in the North Main Street area. We need for the City to help the North Region Police Department. They don't have sufficient manpower to do what needs to be done. He suggested that Police Officers use bicycles for transportation. We have submitted a grant application in the amount of \$23,000 to install leased cameras at 23 locations.

- **Ms. Devine left the meeting at 2:45 p.m.**

Mr. John Copeland, North Columbia Business Association and Vice President of the Quaker Chemical Co., Inc. asked Council to look into acquiring and utilizing mobile security cameras in the North Main area. I am concerned about the shots that are fired daily on Elmore Street. An unmarked vehicle with cameras should be placed at Elmwood Avenue in the evenings to identify those committing crimes.

There was a consensus of Council to support the North Columbia Business Association's application for funding for security cameras in an expeditious manner. It is noted that reducing crime in this area may require more specialized efforts and discussions with the Police Chief. The members of the North Columbia Business Association were invited to attend the Public Safety Committee Meeting on April 17, 2012.

4. Columbia Empowerment Zone, Inc. – Ms. Teresa Wilson, Assistant City Manager

Ms. Teresa Wilson, Assistant City Manager explained that there is a formal request from the Columbia Empowerment Zone to become a component unit of the City of Columbia. CEZ, Inc. would be treated like the other Development Corporations; funded from the Water and Sewer Fund; and the Executive Director would be a City employee.

There was a consensus of Council to consider the request to accept the Columbia Empowerment Zone, Inc. as a component unit on April 18, 2012. Council would like to know the organization's plan; how can we share costs and program income; what would be the final disposition of assets if the CEZ, Inc. was dissolved; and how else can this be funded.

5. Chapin Waterline Expansion Project – Mr. Joey Jaco, Director of Utilities and Engineering

Mr. Joey Jaco, Director of Utilities and Engineering explained that the City is constructing a water main to serve the Town of Chapin from Broad River to the interstate at the Chapin exit. Our future plans are to continue this water main into Chapin and to build a new elevated tank in Chapin. The Town of Chapin built a water main on Highway 48 and it dead ends at McDonalds. It is my understanding that Chapin built this line with the intent of recouping their investment and then giving the City the option to take the water main. We will obtain this water main and in return, the Town of Chapin has asked us to do four things. They have designed a 12” water main to serve the new Town Hall. They asked us to build this water main at an estimated cost of \$150,000. We had already agreed to upsize that water main to 16” to accommodate our long-term plan to get to our elevated tank. They have a couple of sewer lift stations in Chapin. They asked that we install a 1” meter at the sewer lift station at the McDonalds on Chapin Road. They also requested that we install a water main up to the Chapin Wastewater Treatment Plant and install a 2” meter there. We estimate all of the costs at \$400,000, which is roughly the value of the water main we are requesting to obtain from them. We will pick up water customers. This service area also includes future development. Staff’s recommendation is to move forward with this expansion project.

Mr. Steven A. Gantt, City Manager added that Mayor Shealy of the Town of Chapin needs a letter from us committing to this in order to get a permit from Lexington County for a sprinkler system in the Town Hall.

There was a consensus of Council to endorse the Chapin waterline expansion project.

▪ **Ms. Devine returned at 4:20 p.m.**

6. Winter Shelter Request for Proposals – Mr. Steven A. Gantt, City Manager – *Discussion of this item was deferred.*

7. Lockhart Power Contract – Mr. Steven A. Gantt, City Manager – *Discussion of this item was deferred.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion made by Ms. Plough and seconded by Dr. Gergel, Council voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 4:20 p.m. for the discussion of items outlined below.

8. Receipt of legal advice which relates to a pending, threatened or potential claim – *This item was discussed in Executive Session. No action was taken.*

9. Employment of an Employee – *This item was discussed in Executive Session. No action was taken.*

▪ **Mr. Newman left the meeting at 5:30 p.m.**

▪ **Council adjourned the Work Session at 5:45 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Moore
City Clerk

**Amendment to the Agenda



CITY OF COLUMBIA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2012
6:00 P.M.
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1737 MAIN STREET

The Columbia City Council conducted a Regular Meeting and a Special Zoning Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. and the following members of Council were present: The Honorable Sam Davis, The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine, The Honorable Belinda F. Gergel, The Honorable Leona K. Plaugh and The Honorable Brian DeQuincey Newman. The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann was absent. Also present were Mr. Steven A. Gantt, City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Moore, City Clerk. This meeting was advertised in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

Chaplain Clyde Waters, 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:

- Items 10a, 12 and 26 were withdrawn from the agenda.

PUBLIC INPUT RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS

No one appeared at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of January 10 and 17; February 7 and 21; and March 13 and 27, 2012 – *Approved as presented.*

Upon a single motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Dr. Gergel, Council voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of January 10 and 17, 2012; February 7 and 21, 2012; and March 13 and 27, 2012.

PRESENTATIONS

2. Introduction of the March 2012 Employee of the Month – Mr. Fred Delk, Director of Columbia Development Corporation

Mr. Fred Delk, Director of Columbia Development Corporation introduced Ms. Ebony Kelly, Executive Assistant for the Columbia Development Corporation as the City of Columbia March 2012 Employee of the Month. He described Ms. Kelly as a joy to work with and a great employee of the City of Columbia. She served as chair of the Employee Special Activities Committee and as a hostess during the Mayor's Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Breakfast.

Mayor Benjamin and Mr. Steven A. Gantt, City Manager presented Ms. Ebony Kelly with a plaque and a token of appreciation for being selected as the City of Columbia March 2012 Employee of the Month.

3. Introduction of the April 2012 Employee of the Month – Mr. Edgar Heustess, Fleet Services Superintendent

Mr. Edgar Heustess, Fleet Services Superintendent introduced Mr. Roy Colter, Tire Technician for the Fleet Services Division as the City of Columbia April 2012 Employee of the Month. He described Mr. Colter as a very special employee that makes it a joy to come into work. Mr. Colter is inspirational to others and he receives accolades from other departments.

Mayor Benjamin and Mr. Steven A. Gantt, City Manager presented Mr. Roy Colter with a plaque and a token of appreciation for being selected as the City of Columbia April 2012 Employee of the Month.

****Mr. Steven A. Gantt**, City Manager introduced Mr. Shannon Bright as a new employee in the Fleet Services Division and Mr. Jeff Caton as the new Executive Director of the Parks and Recreation Department.

4. National Community Development Week – Ms. Deborah Livingston, Director of Community Development

Ms. Deborah Livingston, Director of Community Development recognized the staff of the Community Development Department and HUD representatives. She announced that the City of Columbia has met HUD's deadline for expending funding allocations. The department is also pleased to report that no findings were reported as a result of the site visit for the Homeless Prevention Rapid Re-housing Program. We were the first site in the country to have no findings. The Community Development Department was established 37 years ago, but we are recognizing 35 years of action. Our first major project was in Elmwood Park. She recognized members of the Elmwood Park Neighborhood Association. In closing, Ms. Livingston presented a video on the history of the Elmwood Park Neighborhood.

****Mayor Benjamin** introduced Councilman-Elect Cameron Runyan.

****Mayor Benjamin** recognized Miss Renae Gray, daughter of Ray Borders Gray. She is a senior at Heathwood Hall and was selected as the Golf Player of the Year by the South Carolina Independent School Association.

Mayor Benjamin and the members of Council proclaimed April 8-14, 2012 as National Community Development Week in the City of Columbia.

Mr. Larry Knightner, Region IV Field Office Director for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development said that it's through partnership; hard work and commitment on everyone's part that has made this success possible. Thank you very much for a job well done. Thank you very much for the proclamation and declaration of National Community Development Week. Oftentimes, the public doesn't realize that federal, state and city dollars are coming back to them in terms of the improvements that are being made.

Mayor Benjamin and the members of Council proclaimed Wednesday, April 11, 2012 as Elmwood Park “Founding Father” Reverend Heyward A. Hinton Day in the City of Columbia.

Mayor Benjamin and the members of Council proclaimed Thursday, April 12, 2012 as Elmwood Park “Founding Father” Elliott Houser Day in the City of Columbia.

Mayor Benjamin and the members of Council proclaimed Friday, April 13, 2012 as Elmwood Park “Founding Father” Thomas E. Mosley Day in the City of Columbia.

Plaques were presented to Councilwoman Leona K. Plough, Mr. Don Leister and Mr. Chip Land in recognition of their role in providing the Columbia Urban Lender Program in 1977. She said that they did a great job then and it is evident today.

Mr. Hawes Adams, Treasurer of the Elmwood Park Neighborhood Association thanked City Council, the Community Development Department and the Founding Fathers of the Elmwood Park Neighborhood Association. He congratulated the Community Development Department on 35 years of success. The Elmwood Park Neighborhood Association takes great pride in representing Elmwood Park as the premiere historic neighborhood in downtown Columbia. He invited everyone to attend the 30th Annual Elmwood Park Tour of Historic Homes and Gardens on April 21, 2012. They presented the members of Council with a token of appreciation.

**Councilor Davis introduced Mr. Michael Strand as the new Executive Director of the Eau Claire Development Corporation.

▪ **Ms. Devine left the meeting at 7:00 p.m.**

5. Waters Crest Presentation – Ms. Gloria Saeed, Executive Director of TN / Columbia Housing Development Corporation

Ms. Gloria Saeed, Executive Director of TN / Columbia Housing Development Corporation announced the opening of the Waters Crest Town Homes. In June 2009, the TN Development Corporation purchased five (5) structures in the Lincoln Park Community with funds from the Neighborhood Stabilization Program, HOME Funds from the City of Columbia Community Development Department and over \$10,000 from the TNDC. We will continue serving low to moderate income families. There are eight (8) units with energy efficient appliances and security systems. She invited the members of Council to join them at the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Thursday, April 12, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

SPECIAL ZONING PUBLIC HEARING

- **Council called the Special Zoning Public Hearing to order at 7:05 p.m.**

MAP AMENDMENT – FIRST READING

6. **North Side of 2515 Park Street**, TMS# 9012-01-13 (portion); request to rezone from RS-3 (Single-Family Residential) to RG-2 (General Residential). – *Approved on first reading.*

Council District: 1
Proposal: Rezone property from RS-3 to RG-2
Applicant: Wade Caughman, Agent
PC Recommendation: Approve, (6-0) 03/05/12
Staff Recommendation: Approve

Ms. Krista Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services explained that this is a request to rezone from RS-3 (Single-Family Residential) to RG-2 (General Residential). The next request, which is coupled with this, is for the triangular piece. The reason you have this odd split zoning is because it's in the right-of-way. Our zoning regulations dictate that zoning goes to the middle of the right-of-way. When this was turned into a private parcel, that zoning split down the middle of the parcel. The proposal is to convert this old bow-truss building into residential units. It is currently zoned single-family residential. It's not adjacent to single-family residential. The Elmwood Park Neighborhood Association has provided a letter of support for this project.

No one appeared in support of or in opposition to this matter.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Ms. Plough, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the *Map Amendment* for the North Side of 2515 Park Street, TMS# 9012-01-13 (portion); request to rezone from RS-3 (Single-Family Residential) to RG-2 (General Residential).

7. **2515 Park Street**, TMS# 09109-16-08; request to rezone property from RS-3 (Single-Family Residential) to RG-2 (General Residential). – *Approved on first reading.*

Council District: 1
Proposal: Rezone property from RS-3 to RG-2
Applicant: Wade Caughman, Agent
PC Recommendation: Approve, (6-0) 03/05/12
Staff Recommendation: Approve

Ms. Krista Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services explained that this is a request to rezone the property from RS-3 (Single-Family Residential) to RG-2 (General Residential).

No one appeared in support of or in opposition to this matter.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Ms. Plough, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the *Map Amendment* for 2515 Park Street, TMS# 09109-16-08; request to rezone property from RS-3 (Single-Family Residential) to RG-2 (General Residential).

TEXT AMENDMENTS – FIRST READING

8. **Amend §17-258 Table of Uses** and create new section to modify district permissions for elementary and secondary schools.

Proposal: **Amend §17-258 Table of Uses** and create new section to modify district permissions for elementary and secondary schools.

Applicant: The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann

PC Recommendation: Approve (7-0) 03/05/12

Staff Recommendation: Approve

Ordinance No.: 2012-021 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Land Development and Zoning, Article III, Zoning, Division 8, District Descriptions; Use and Dimensional Regulations, Sec. 17-258 Table of permitted uses, Division I, Services, SIC 82 Educational services, 821 Elementary and secondary schools, and to add Sec. 17-296 Elementary and secondary schools – *Approved on first reading.*

Ms. Krista Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services explained that this text amendment creates a new section on the table of permitted uses for elementary and secondary schools. In most of our zoning districts where elementary and secondary schools are permitted, they are permitted as of right. In the MX-1 District, it was listed as a special exception. The criteria for special exceptions generally include ensuring that traffic, vehicular and pedestrian safety is taken into account in addition to noise, fumes and aesthetics. The Board of Zoning Appeals recently denied a special exception request to establish an elementary charter school. Councilman Rickenmann proposed that we create a conditional use, which is one that you can have as long as you meet certain conditions in the ordinance. This would permit the use in the MX-1 District as long as a traffic impact study was conducted, approved by our Traffic Engineer and any proposed mitigation actions would have to take place.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Plough and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2012-021 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Land Development and Zoning, Article III, Zoning, Division 8, District Descriptions; Use and Dimensional Regulations, Sec. 17-258 Table of permitted uses, Division I, Services, SIC 82 Educational services, 821 Elementary and secondary schools, and to add Sec. 17-296 Elementary and secondary schools.

- **Council adjourned the Special Zoning Public Hearing at 7:12 p.m.**

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION / ACTION

9. Council is asked to approve a Cash Match in the amount of \$47,269.00 for the 2007 Continuum of Care Funding Cycle, as requested by the Community Development Department – *Funding Source: Homeless Budget* **Note:** *On June 13, 2007, City Council voted to support the Columbia Housing Authority’s Grant Application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Continuum of Care Funding Cycle. A letter of support was provided authorizing a cash match for the grant application. On February 29, 2012, the Columbia Housing Authority wrote a letter requesting that the funds be remitted. – Consideration of this item was deferred until April 18, 2012.*

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a single motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to approve the **Consent Agenda Items 10, 11 and 13 through 23. Items 10a and 12** were withdrawn.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS, AGREEMENTS and CHANGE ORDERS

10. Council is asked to approve a Maintenance Renewal for GIS Software, as requested by the Information Technology Department. Award to Environmental Systems Research Institute in the amount of \$62,042.85. This vendor is located in Redlands, CA. *This will be charged to the following departments: - Approved*

Department	Account	Amount
GIS	5511121-638200	\$38,937.61
Police	1012402-627510	\$3,513.70
Public Works	1011124-638200	\$5,430.26
Traffic Engineering	1013203-638200	\$1,277.71
Development Services	1014101-627510	\$2,661.89
Legal	1011501-638200	\$319.43
Utilities and Engineering	5511706-627510	\$4,312.27
Utilities and Engineering Admin	5511701-627510	\$2,981.32
Utilities and Engineering Storm Water	5534202-627510	\$2,608.66
	Total	\$62,042.85

- 10a. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Materials to Complete the Update of Obsolete Network Equipment at 1401 Main Street and Washington Square, as requested by the Information Technology Department. Award to Alphanumeric, using the SC State Contract in the amount of \$99,512.90. This vendor is located in Raleigh, NC. *Funding Source: Technology Replacement/Computer/Elec Equip-Capital; 6218954-658600 – This item was withdrawn from the agenda.*
11. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of One (1) Bucket Truck, as requested by the Fleet Services Division. Award to Altec Industries, Inc., in the amount of \$103,694.00. This vendor is located in Birmingham, AL. *Funding Source: Capital Replacement/Auto Trucks, Heavy Equip-Capital 6308972-658500 - Approved*
12. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Compost Grinding, as requested by the Solid Works Division. Award to Carolina Landscape Supplies, Inc., the lowest bidder meeting specifications in the amount of \$138,837.75. *Funding Source: Solid Waste Compost-Special Projects, 1014406-638500 – This item was withdrawn from the agenda.*

13. Council is asked to approve Capital Improvement Project WM3068, Change Order #1; Water Main Improvement off Trenholm Road, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to Trussell Bros. Construction Co., in the amount of \$197,824.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Water Improvements Fund – **Note:** This change order was initiated by the city. The water main design location was relocated to reduce the chance of damaging trees. - Approved*

14. Council is asked to approve Capital Improvement WM4259; Professional Services Agreement for Automated Meter Reading Pilot Program, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to HD Supply in the amount of \$313,242.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: 5516210-WM4259-63660 – **Note:** SL-Serco (St. Anthony, MN) will provide project management services at 5% of the total contract. Neptune Technology Group, Inc (Tallasse, AL) will provide manufacturing needs at 37.8% of the total contract. Advanced Utility Services (Little Rock, AR) will provide installation services at 13.6% of the total contact. The original budget amount was \$625,000.00. - Approved*

15. Council is asked to approve Capital Improvement Project WM4127; An Agreement for Engineering Services to Perform Process Optimization Evaluations for the Canal and Lake Murray Water Treatment Plants, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to Black & Veatch Corporation in the amount of \$715,000.00. This vendor is located in Greenville, SC. *Funding Source: Water Improvements Fund, 5529999-WM4127-658660 – Note: Howard Engineering (Marietta, SC) will provide electrical and instrumentation system preliminary design assistant at .7% of the total contract. S2 Engineering & Consulting (Irmo, SC) will provide Permitting, Operational & Safety Evaluation for 2.1% of the total contract. K&P Engineering, LLP (Lexington, SC) will provide Structural Preliminary Design Services at .7% of the total contract. Derceto, Inc. (San Francisco) will provide Optimization Softwater, Feasibility & Assessment Services for 1.85% of the total contract. HACH Company (Emerald Isle, NC) will provide Water Information Management System, Software Supplier and Integrator Services for 7.7% of the total contract. Avery Fox (Columbia, SC) will provide Bench and Pilot Scale Testing Services for .98% of the total contract. The engineering budget estimate for total items included in the scope of work is \$700,000.00. - Approved*

ANNEXATIONS WITH MAP AMENDMENTS – SECOND READING

16. **1831 Hazelwood Road**, TMS# 19205-02-02; annex and zone the property RS-1. The property is zoned RS-LD in Richland County – *First reading approval was given on March 27, 2012. – Approved on second reading.*
 Council District: 4
 Proposal: Annex and zone property RS-1. Primary Area
 Applicant: Caro Nell Kaufmann
 PC Recommendation: Approve RS-1 zoning, (6-0) 02/06/12
 Staff Recommendation: Approve

 Ordinance No.: 2012-017 – Annexing 1831 Hazelwood Road, Richland County TMS #19205-02-02 – *First reading approval was given on March 27, 2012. – Approved on second reading.*

17. **2426 McKinley Street**, TMS# 11504-30-49; annex and zone the property C-3. The property is zoned GC in Richland County. – *First reading approval was given on March 27, 2012. – Approved on second reading.*
Council District: 2
Proposal: Annex and zone property C-3. Donut Hole Area
Applicant: Loretta D. Nolan
PC Recommendation: Approve C-3 zoning, (6-0) 02/06/12
Staff Recommendation: Approve

Ordinance No.: 2012-016 – Annexing 2426 McKinley Street, Richland County TMS #11504-30-49– *First reading approval was given on March 27, 2012. – Approved on second reading.*

18. **23.17 acres, W/S Woodcreek Farms Road**, TMS# 25800-03-28 (portion); annex and zone the property PUD-R. The property is zoned PDD in Richland County. – *First reading approval was given on March 27, 2012. – Approved on second reading.*
Council District: 4
Proposal: Annex and zone property PUD-R. Primary Area
Applicant: Woodcreek Development Partnership
PC Recommendation: Approve PUD-R zoning, (6-0) 01/09/12
Staff Recommendation: Approve

Ordinance No.: 2012-015 – Annexing 23.17 acres, West Side of Woodcreek Farms Road, known as Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, and 36, Common Area #1, Park Area, Brushfield Park Drive 50' R/W, Alley 1, Alley 2, Alley 3 and Alley 4, Woodcreek Farms Section A-11, The Park, Phase 1, Richland County TMS #25800-03-28 (portion) – *First reading approval was given on March 27, 2012. – Approved on second reading.*

19. **223 Club Ridge Road** , TMS#28906-08-01 and 28900-01-32; annex and zone the property PUD-R. The property is zoned PDD in Richland County. – *First reading approval was given on March 27, 2012. – Approved on second reading.*
Council District: 4
Proposal: Annex and zone property PUD-R. Donut Hole Area
Applicant: Ronald L. and Catherine O. Dance
PC Recommendation: Approve PUD-R zoning, (6-0) 02/06/12
Staff Recommendation: Approve

Ordinance No.: 2012-006 – Annexing 223 Club Ridge Road, Richland County TMS #28906-08-01 and 28900-01-32– *First reading approval was given on March 27, 2012. – Approved on second reading.*

CASES WITH MAP AND TEXT AMENDMENTS – SECOND READING

20. A. **(Map Amendment) 1631 Main Street**, TMS# 09014-10-09; request to rezone to add –DP overlay to C-5 zoning classification to designate structure as a Group III Landmark. – *First reading approval was given on March 27, 2012. – Approved on second reading.*
- Council District: 2
Proposal: Rezone to add –DP overlay to designate as a Group III Landmark.
Applicant: Krista M. Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services
PC Recommendation: Approve, (6-0) 02/06/12
DDRC Recommendation: Approve, (8-0) 01/12/12
Staff Recommendation: Approve
- B. **(Text Amendment) Amend §17-691(d) Landmarks Buildings and Sites List**, to add **1631 Main Street**, TMS# 09014-10-09 as a Group III Landmark.
- Proposal: Amend §17-691(d) Landmarks Buildings and Sites List, to add 1631 Main Street, TMS# 09014-10-09 as a Group III Landmark
Applicant: Krista M. Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services
PC Recommendation: Approve, (6-0) 02/06/12
DDRC Recommendation: Approve, (8-0) 01/12/12
Staff Recommendation: Approve

Ordinance No.: 2012-023 – 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 Buildings and sites list, (d) to add 1631 Main Street, TMS# R09014-10-09– *First reading approval was given on March 27, 2012. – Approved on second reading.*

TEXT AMENDMENTS – SECOND READING

21. **Amend §17-699 (g)(2) Special Property Tax Assessments for Rehabilitated Historic Properties** to bring ordinance into conformance with SC statute. – *First reading approval was given on March 27, 2012. – Approved on second reading.*
- Proposal: **Amend §17-699 (g) (2) Special Property Tax Assessments for Rehabilitated Historic Properties** to bring ordinance into conformance with SC statute to permit transfer of assessment when property is sold.
Applicant: Krista M. Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services
PC Recommendation: Approve (6-0) 01/09/12
Staff Recommendation: Approve

Ordinance No.: 2012-010 – 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 5, Special Property Tax Assessments for Rehabilitated Historic Properties, Sec. 17-699 Process (g) Decertification – *First reading approval was given on March 27, 2012. – Approved on second reading.*

22. **Amend §17-55 Definitions** to clarify definitions for **restaurant and drinking place.** – *First reading approval was given on March 27, 2012. – Approved on second reading.*

Proposal: **Amend §17-55 Definitions** to clarify definitions for restaurant and drinking place to specify procedures for determining principle use of facility.

Applicant: Krista M. Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services

PC Recommendation: Approve (6-0) 01/09/12

Staff Recommendation: Approve

Ordinance No.: 2012-020 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Land Development and Zoning, Article III, Zoning, Division 1 Generally, Sec. 17-55 Definitions to add Banquet hall, and amend Drinking place and Restaurant, and Division 8, District Descriptions; Use and Dimensional Regulations, Sec. 17-258 Table of permitted uses, Division G, Retail Trade, SIC 58 Eating and drinking places and Division H, Finance, Insurance and Real Estate to add SIC 6512 Banquet Hall – *First reading approval was given on March 27, 2012. – Approved on second reading.*

23. **Amend §17—55 Definitions and §17-258 Table of Permitted Uses** to establish use category for **Banquet Hall.** – *First reading approval was given on March 27, 2012. – Approved on second reading.*

Proposal: Amend §17—55 Definitions and §17-258 Table of Permitted Uses to establish use category for Banquet Hall.

Applicant: Krista M. Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services

PC Recommendation: Approve (6-0) 02/06/12

Staff Recommendation: Approve

Ordinance No.: 2012-020 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Land Development and Zoning, Article III, Zoning, Division 1 Generally, Sec. 17-55 Definitions to add Banquet hall, and amend Drinking place and Restaurant, and Division 8, District Descriptions; Use and Dimensional Regulations, Sec. 17-258 Table of permitted uses, Division G, Retail Trade, SIC 58 Eating and drinking places and Division H, Finance, Insurance and Real Estate to add SIC 6512 Banquet Hall – *First reading approval was given on March 27, 2012. – Approved on second reading.*

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

24. Ordinance No.: 2011-015 – Granting an encroachment to City Center Partnership, Inc. for Sidewalk Entertainers – *Approved on first reading.*

Mr. Kenneth E. Gaines, Esq., City Attorney explained that this request came to the Legal Department from the City Center Partnership. We started looking at a buskers ordinance and it occurred to me that they wanted to do this in a very limited area; they wanted to have control over the type of entertainment; and they wanted it at certain locations. This is much like the hot dog vendors and people putting out planters, except it is creating mini venues for entertainment for the businesses within the Business Improvement District. This ordinance gives the city control to repeal the ordinance if it doesn't work. The entertainers will be insured under the City Center Partnership's insurance policy. The entertainers must obtain a permit at the cost of \$15. They will also operate under the City Center Partnerships business license.

Mr. Matt Kennell, Executive Director of the City Center Partnership explained that their marketing committee wanted to do something new. We are asking to use the city's sidewalks at specific locations to have these concerts and help animate downtown. Big events are great for the community, but we want people to see things going on weekly.

Ms. Natalie Brown, Director of Alternacirque said that she moved here after Hurricane Katrina. Mostly, I deal with street performance on a professional level. We are paid performers, because buskers are illegal in Columbia. This is a constricting way to get started, because we have no autonomy as street performers. We would like to push for not having to go through a gate keeper, but to have a general busking ordinance approved to open this up. We understand there have to be reasonable restrictions in terms of curfew, noise, permitting and allowable acts.

Mayor Benjamin referred the matter of busking (street performances) to the Arts and Historic Preservation Committee.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval of Ordinance No.: 2011-015 – Granting an encroachment to City Center Partnership, Inc. for Sidewalk Entertainers.

25. Ordinance No.: 2012-027 – Authorizing the execution and delivery of an Amendment No.1 to the Installment Sale Agreement dated March 1, 2003 relating to the Financing and Construction of Public Infrastructure Connecting the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center with Adjacent Facilities; and other matters relating thereto – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2012-027 – Authorizing the execution and delivery of an Amendment No.1 to the Installment Sale Agreement dated March 1, 2003 relating to the Financing and Construction of Public Infrastructure Connecting the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center with Adjacent Facilities; and other matters relating thereto.

RESOLUTIONS

26. Resolution No.: R-2012-028 – Authorizing City Attorney’s Office to institute a civil action in the Richland County Court of Common Pleas against Open Living Community, LLC, seeking termination of the lease agreement between the City of Columbia and Open Living Community, LLC for the lease of 5406 Farrow Road, (9.90 acres), Richland County TMS No. R11612-04-01 – **Note:** *Consideration of this item was deferred on March 27, 2012. - This item was withdrawn from the agenda.*
27. Resolution No.: R-2012-033 – Authorizing consumption of beer and wine at Frame of Mind’s First Thursdays on Main in the 1500 block of Main Street between Hampton Street and Taylor Street and the 1600 block of Main Street between Taylor and Blanding Street and Boyd Plaza – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Ms. Plough, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2012-033 – Authorizing consumption of beer and wine at Frame of Mind’s First Thursdays on Main in the 1500 block of Main Street between Hampton Street and Taylor Street and the 1600 block of Main Street between Taylor and Blanding Street and Boyd Plaza.

28. Resolution No.: R-2012-034 – Authorizing Acceptance and Dedication of Street Known as Parkridge Drive (Relocated) to the City of Columbia; Richland County TMS # 05001-02-01 and 05002-01-05 (Portion); CF #205-15E – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Dr. Gergel, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2012-034 – Authorizing Acceptance and Dedication of Street Known as Parkridge Drive (Relocated) to the City of Columbia; Richland County TMS # 05001-02-01 and 05002-01-05 (Portion); CF #205-15E.

29. Resolution No.: R-2012-037 – Amending Resolution R-20 12-021 Authorizing consumption of alcoholic beverages, beer and wine within Finlay Park for the Bark to the Park Walk and Festival – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Dr. Gergel, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2012-037 – Amending Resolution R-20 12-021 Authorizing consumption of alcoholic beverages, beer and wine within Finlay Park for the Bark to the Park Walk and Festival

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION/ACTION

- 29a. ****South Carolina High School League Funding Request**

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to allocate Hospitality Tax Funding in the amount of \$35,000 for three (3) years to the South Carolina High School League to host State Football Championship Finals at the University of South Carolina and Benedict College stadiums. If funding is needed prior to July 1, 2012, the first allocation will be disbursed from the Hospitality Tax Surplus Fund. If not, all allocations will be disbursed from the Hospitality Tax Fund.

APPOINTMENTS

30. Columbia Housing Authority

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Ms. Alexzena Furgess (seat 1) for a one year term and Ms. Jennifer Wile Rubin (Seat 3) for a three year term and the reappointment of Mr. Bobby Gist (seat 2) for a final two year term on the Columbia Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. Appointments to the two remaining vacancies for seats 4 and 5 were deferred until April 18, 2012.

31. Planning Commission

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Dr. Gergel, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Ms. Moryah Jackson and Ms. Paige Tyler to the Planning Commission for three (3) year terms.

Ms. Plough withdrew the motion to appoint Mr. Frank Cason.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Missy Caughman, Budget Director explained that the Finance Audit and Budget Committee will meet on April 24th at 12:00 p.m. The full Council will meet on April 24th at 2:00 p.m. for a Work Session. Council will continue budget discussions on May 15th in the afternoon and the evening. The Budget Public Hearing is scheduled for June 5th along with first reading consideration. Public input sessions will be held on April 24th and May 15th.

Mayor Benjamin noted that two (2) Planning Commission seats will become vacant next year. It will be an opportunity to recommend new individuals for service.

Dr. Gergel announced that the next Arts and Historic Preservation Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 17, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. The committee will discuss Hospitality Tax Funding with Ms. Libby Gober, City Council Assistant and Mr. Bill Ellis, Finance Director. Dr. Gergel recalled that two years ago, Council had a considerable amount of discussion about whether or not we wanted to put out to our citizens the opportunity to tell us about the form of government that they would prefer. We need to discuss whether or not we want to put this question on the November ballot as a referendum. Should this be referred to the Administrative Policy Committee?

There was a consensus of Council to schedule the discussion of this matter at a work session with the full Council. Mr. Gaines, City Attorney was asked to provide timelines for the Justice Department, trigger dates for consideration, State statute and guidelines.

Councilor Plough requested that the consolidation of government with Richland County and other municipalities be discussed in order to consider how we might approach that.

Mayor Benjamin said that these are two huge issues that should be discussed separately. He said that discussions about the consolidation of government need to be held in concert with our colleagues from Richland County and other municipalities. There are a number of issues with intergovernmental relations going on and we need to take them one bite at a time.

Councilor Plaugh also asked that City Council members schedule quarterly meetings with members of the Congressional Delegation, Representatives at the State House and Richland County Council on a quarterly basis.

APPEARANCE OF THE PUBLIC

Dr. Richard Dozier, Chair of the Eau Claire Development Corporation Board of Directors appeared before the members of Council to express concerns about code enforcement and police surveillance in North Columbia. We work hard to improve the quality of life for residents in North Columbia. He asked City Council to help them improve those particular areas. He complimented the members of Council on their constant support for the bus system and keeping it in that area.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Dr. Gergel, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Moore
City Clerk