

**CITY OF COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MINUTES
MARCH 13, 2012 – 2:00 P.M.
CITY HALL - 1737 MAIN STREET**



The Columbia City Council met for a Work Session on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m. The following members of Council were present: The Honorable Sam Davis, The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine and The Honorable Belinda F. Gergel. The following members of Council were absent: The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, The Honorable Leona K. Plough and The Honorable Brian DeQuincey Newman. 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. Pedestrian Connectivity Report – Mr. John Knott, Founding Chairman of the Urban Land Institute South Carolina

Mr. John Knott, Founding Chairman of the Urban Land Institute South Carolina stated that the mission of the Technical Assistance Panel was to provide the Congaree Coalition with recommendations for improving the connection between Main Street, the University of South Carolina campus, the Innovista, and the Vista to support the successful revitalization of downtown Columbia and make the corridors more accessible to pedestrian and bike traffic. The Panel conducted stakeholder interviews, panel deliberations, and public presentations. The Technical Assistance Panel prepared and released a report under the leadership of the Urban Land Institute. The panel made broad sets of recommendations related to connectivity strategies and design concepts.

The Technical Assistance Panel will include representatives from the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee in future discussions and consider innovative financing strategies being used by other communities to complete connectivity initiatives.

Mr. Fred Delk, Executive Director of the Columbia Development Corporation announced that the Congaree Coalition is applying for another Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Grant.

2. Hospitality Zoning Assessment – Mr. Scott Linaberry, Transformation Team Member

Mr. Scott Linaberry, Transformation Team Member said that the similarities between the Technical Assistance Panel Report and the Hospitality Zone Assessment are overwhelming. He presented the Hospitality Zone Assessment conducted by the City of Columbia and the Responsible Hospitality Institute. There were core leaders, a transformation team and six (6) round tables. He presented recommendations for improvements to the existing Hospitality Police Code Compliance Team. He said that the talent is phenomenal, but they need help. He proposed the composition of a Hospitality Zone Committee.

The recommendations of the Hospitality Zone Assessment will be presented to the Public Safety Committee for further discussion. Mr. Linaberry was asked to recommend an appropriate size for the committee and to specify the oversight of the committee.

3. Columbia Tree and Appearance Commission Update – Dr. Don McInnes, Chair of the Columbia Tree and Appearance Commission

Dr. Don McInnes, Chair of the Columbia Tree and Appearance Commission provided an overview of the Columbia Tree and Appearance Commission. He outlined the commission's many initiatives and accomplishments since its creation in 1993. A plan was produced in 1995, and since then, most of the initiatives have been implemented. He suggested that it is time to produce an updated plan. Additional information can be found at www.ctaonline.info.

- **Ms. Devine arrived at 3:10 p.m.**

Mr. Andy Whitfield, Chair of the Columbia Tree and Appearance Commission said that they want to help the city implement the plans presented by the Urban Land Institute and others. We are an underutilized commission. We want to be actively involved with decisions regarding trees and appearance. He suggested that a council liaison be appointed to work with the commission.

Members of the Columbia Tree and Appearance Commission were encouraged to interact with the members of City Council by attending Council meetings and voicing their ideas and concerns. They were also asked to participate in upcoming discussions regarding underground utilities.

- **Mayor Benjamin called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m.**

4. Five-Year Leisure Services Master Plan Project – Mr. David Brandes, P.E., Principal and Director for the Genesis Consulting Group

Mr. David Brandes, P.E., Principal and Director of Site Development Services for the Genesis Consulting Group introduced the 5-year Leisure Services Master Plan Project. He sought input from Council on policies, noting that everything that comes out means dollars. In the end we don't want policies that are unfunded or un-fundable. He said that space is very important. You don't see these constraints in Richland County, Lexington County or Fort Jackson, because they have more undeveloped land and they have more space. Most properties don't get 100% usage for recreation. We will look at national standards and tell you what's expected. We will craft the level of services that you want to provide as a city. Columbia doesn't meet normal national standards, because you overlap two counties; multiple cities in close proximity also provide recreation; and there are a lot of private organizations that also provide recreation. What recreation needs should the City of Columbia provide? We will conduct community meetings and seek input.

Councilor Davis said that we must be creative with the smaller space. Each park has its own personality.

Mayor Benjamin said that we want to do more to increase youth involvement in healthy activities. There should be a nexus to health, wellness and improving the quality of life.

Councilor Devine recalled her experiences as a youth participating in programs at Polo Road. They provided a lot. We need to consider access to programs. We need to determine where there is a need. What is the demand on what we're providing?

Councilor Gergel said that we need to know who's doing what and the costs associated with programs. We need to address how seniors live and experience a healthy lifestyle in our city. How can we integrate arts into our public spaces? How does the summer heat impact the use of our recreational spaces?

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to go

into Executive Session at 3:40 p.m. for the discussion of **Items 5** through **7**.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

5. Receipt of legal advice which relates to matter covered by attorney-client privilege – *This item was discussed in Executive Session. No action was taken.*
 6. Discussion of negotiations incident to settlement of legal claims – *This item was discussed in Executive Session. No action was taken.*
 7. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangement – *This item was discussed in Executive Session. No action was taken.*
- **Council adjourned the Work Session at 4:05 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Moore
City Clerk



CITY OF COLUMBIA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2012
6:00 P.M.
CAPITAL SENIOR CENTER
1650 PARK CIRCLE

The Columbia City Council conducted a District III Evening Meeting on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at the Capital Senior Center located at 1650 Park Circle, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m. The following members of Council were present: The Honorable Sam Davis, The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine and The Honorable Belinda F. Gergel. The following members of Council were absent: The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, The Honorable Leona K. Plough and The Honorable Brian DeQuincey Newman. 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 Darrell Croft, Columbia Fire Department offered the Invocation.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Dr. Gergel, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda with the following amendments:

- Add **Item 27a**- Resolution No.: R-2012-025
- Add **Item 27b** - Resolution No.: R-2012-027
- Defer consideration of **Items 9** and **12**.

PUBLIC INPUT RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS

No one appeared at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of December 20, 22, & 29, 2011 – *Approved as presented.*

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Dr. Gergel, Council voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of December 20, 22 and 29, 2011.

PRESENTATIONS

**Mayor Benjamin and the members of Council proclaimed Tuesday, March 13, 2012 as Florence Levy Day in the City of Columbia. He also presented Mrs. Levy with a *Key to the City* in honor of her 105th Birthday. Mayor Benjamin thanked the Levy family for their contribution and presence in downtown Columbia for over a century.

**Mayor Benjamin recognized the 5th class of Mayor's Fellows.

2. Welcome Address – The Honorable Belinda F. Gergel, District III Representative

Councilor Gergel welcomed everyone to the District III Evening Meeting. She recognized neighborhood leaders that were in attendance. She also recognized Mary Kessler and the Board of Directors for the Capital Senior Center for their great work.

3. Capital Senior Center Update – Ms. Mary Kessler, Executive Director of the Capital Senior Center

Ms. Mary Kessler, Executive Director of the Capital Senior Center reported that the center's board of directors provides close oversight of the operations and budget. They insist that we operate efficiently and effectively to serve 850 members. On any given day, 200 or more people visit the center. For many, it is their primary place for social engagement. This keeps us vital healthy, active and independent. The center provides exercise opportunities 7-days per week, as well as, 70-hours of quality programmed activities throughout the week. We host over 80 special events per year. The funds allocated by the City of Columbia allow us to continue our mission to keep older adults physically fit, socially engaged, intellectually stimulated and independent.

4. Columbia Green Check Presentation to Council – Ms. Sara Hollar, Superintendent of Forestry and Beautification

Ms. Ann Holtschlag, President of Columbia Green presented City Council with a check in the amount of \$9,926 to the Forestry and Beautification Division for spring and fall seasonal plantings. She introduced Regina Monteith and Susan James who are members of the Board of Directors.

5. Firefighter Appreciation Month – Mr. Aubrey Jenkins, Chief of the Columbia Fire Department

Mr. Steven Buff, Columbia Firefighter announced that the 12th District of the International Fire Fighter Association was awarded a trophy as the highest raising organization for the Muscular Dystrophy Association within South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

Mayor Benjamin and the members of Council proclaimed March as Columbia Firefighter Appreciation Month.

6. Hunger Study – Ms. Sue Berkowitz, Director of SC Appleseed Legal Justice Center

Ms. Sue Berkowitz, Director of SC Appleseed Legal Justice Center reported that a Hunger Study was released by the Food Research and Action Center and co-released in South Carolina. The study found that 22% of South Carolinians are facing a food hardship. That's over 1 million people in our state. When the top 100 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) were surveyed, we learned that Columbia ranks #13 in the nation for food hardships. That means that over 170,000 people in the MSA are facing food hardship every 12 months. While hunger knows no discrimination, we know that our elderly and our children are hit the hardest. She recommended the implementation of summer and after school feed programs and securing senior feeding programs. She outlined the importance of funding public transportation and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). She urged the City to continue its Community Gardens.

7. Celebrate Freedom Foundation Update – Ms. Morgan Fields, Executive Director of the Celebrate Freedom Foundation

Ms. Morgan Fields, Executive Director of the Celebrate Freedom Foundation announced that the annual Celebrate Freedom Festival and Heroes of Freedom Reception will be held on April 20-21, 2012 in downtown Columbia. Our mission is to educate the public, promote patriotism and honor the military past, present and future.

8. Historic Columbia Foundation Update – Ms. Robin Waites, Executive Director of the Historic Columbia Foundation

Ms. Robin Waites, Executive Director of the Historic Columbia Foundation stated that the Foundation celebrated its 50th Anniversary in November 2011. In 1961, a small group of local residents came together to stop the demolition of the Ainsley Hall House, which is now known as the Robert Mills House. Since then, the Historic Columbia Foundation has grown to an organization that serves as the steward for 7 historic properties and 14 acres of grounds in the City Center; the primary advocate for historic preservation; and a repository for our community's history. She provided an overview of work being done at the 3 City owned properties.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a single motion made by Dr. Gergel and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve the **Consent Agenda Items 10, 11 and 13 through 17. Items 9 and 12** were withdrawn from the agenda.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS, AGREEMENTS and CHANGE ORDERS

9. Council is asked to approve an Addendum to Administrative Services Agreement for an Employee Health Clinic. Award to Blue Cross Blue Shield of South Carolina in the amount of \$27.00 per member, per month. This vendor is located in Columbia, South Carolina. *Funding Source: 6048933 Health Insurance Benefits – Consideration of this item was deferred.*
10. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Taser Weapons and Accessories, as requested by the Police Department. Award to Lawmen's, as a Sole Source in the amount of \$52,015.44. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: GL: 2659999-627100/US Justice Grant Control-Special Departmental Supplies and JL: 9211000104-627100/FY10 JAG Justice Asst Grant-Special Departmental Supplies - Approved*
11. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Fixtures and Lamps, as requested by Traffic Engineering. Award to Line Equipment Sales, the lowest bidder meeting specifications in the amount of \$55,426.00. This vendor is located in West Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: General Capital Projects/Special Departmental Supplies, 4039999/627100 - Approved*
12. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Two (2) Chevrolet Caprices, as requested by the Police Department. Award to Love Chevrolet Company, using the SC State Contract in the amount of \$72,527.64. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: 2122421-658500-Hospitality Dist. Team Police-Auto, Trucks Heavy Equipment Capital – This item was withdrawn from the agenda.*

13. Council is asked to approve Capital Improvement Projects WM4251 & SS7221; An Agreement for Structural Engineering Services, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to Chao & Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$75,000.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Water Improvements Fund, 5516210-WM4251 and Sewer Improvements Fund, 5516212-SS7221-636600 – The original budget amount for this project is \$75,000.00 - Approved*
14. Council is asked to approve Mentor Protégé Program and Local Business Preference Project WM4156; Water Main Replacement in Twin Lake Hills Subdivision, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to McClam and Associates, Inc., the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder in the amount of \$243,597.40. This vendor is located in Little Mountain, SC. *Funding Source: Water Main Special Contracts, 5516210-638300 – **Note:** Patriot Construction (Protégé) is implementing 93% of the project contract value. The original budgeted amount is \$493,945.00 - Approved*
15. Council is asked to approve Capital Improvement Project WM416703; An Agreement for Engineering Services Required for Inspection and Services in Connection with the Columbia Canal Embankment, Phase III, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to Chao & Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$235,000.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Water Improvements Fund, 5516210-WM416703-636600 – The original budgeted amount for this project is \$235,000.00 - Approved*
16. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of a Combination Vacuum Truck, as requested by the Fleet Services Division. Award to Columbia Truck Center, the lowest bidder in the amount of \$325,234.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Capital Replacement-Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment Capital; 6308972-658500 - Approved*
17. Council is asked to approve an Agreement for Design / Build Services for Maxcy Gregg Park Pool Replacement, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to M.B. Khan Construction Company in the amount of \$1,720,000.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: 4039999-658650-PK006403-658650 - Approved*

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

18. Ordinance No.: 2012-013 – Granting an encroachment to the Bonham Center for installation and maintenance of landscaping and irrigation within the right of way area of the 900 block of Richland Street and 1800 block of Lincoln Street adjacent to 914 Richland Street Richland County TMS #09081 – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Dr. Gergel, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2012-013 – Granting an encroachment to the Bonham Center for installation and maintenance of landscaping and irrigation within the right of way area of the 900 block of Richland Street and 1800 block of Lincoln Street adjacent to 914 Richland Street Richland County TMS #09081.

19. Ordinance No.: 2012-018 – To Grant to South Carolina Telecommunications Group Holdings LLC, d/b/a Sprint Communications, its Successors and Assigns the Right, Power and Authority to Construct, Install, Maintain and Operate In, Over, Upon and Under the Streets and Public Places of the City of Columbia, its Lines, Poles, Wires, Cables and other Telecommunications Facilities to Render Telecommunications Service to its Customers in the Limits of the City of Columbia for such period as provided Herein; and to Provide for the Payment of Compensation for the Use of the Streets and Public Places – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2012-018 – To Grant to South Carolina Telecommunications Group Holdings LLC, d/b/a Sprint Communications, its Successors and Assigns the Right, Power and Authority to Construct, Install, Maintain and Operate In, Over, Upon and Under the Streets and Public Places of the City of Columbia, its Lines, Poles, Wires, Cables and other Telecommunications Facilities to Render Telecommunications Service to its Customers in the Limits of the City of Columbia for such period as provided Herein; and to Provide for the Payment of Compensation for the Use of the Streets and Public Places.

20. Ordinance No.: 2012-019 – Authorizing the transfer of 2111 Georgia Elam Lane, Richland County TMS #11506-10-73 to Ronald Hayes and Evelyn Hayes – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2012-019 – Authorizing the transfer of 2111 Georgia Elam Lane, Richland County TMS #11506-10-73 to Ronald Hayes and Evelyn Hayes.

RESOLUTIONS

21. Resolution No.: 2012-017 – Release and Abandonment of a Portion of the City’s existing Water Main Easement along Richland County TMS#20313-15-02 (Portion); 102 Elders Pond Circle (Lot 102; Elders Pond, Phase 3); CF#262-23A - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: 2012-017 – Release and Abandonment of a Portion of the City’s existing Water Main Easement along Richland County TMS#20313-15-02 (Portion); 102 Elders Pond Circle (Lot 102; Elders Pond, Phase 3); CF#262-23A.

22. Resolution No.: 2012-018 – Authorizing acceptance of donated properties known as 4301 Euclid Avenue, Richland County TMS #09207-04-08, 4303 Euclid Avenue, Richland County TMS #09207-04-07 and Block “L” on Brooks Avenue, Richland County TMS #09207-0409 from Dunah G. Medlin n/k/a Dunah Gandy - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: 2012-018 – Authorizing acceptance of donated properties known as 4301 Euclid Avenue, Richland County TMS #09207-04-08, 4303 Euclid Avenue, Richland County TMS #09207-04-07 and Block “L” on Brooks Avenue, Richland County TMS #09207-0409 from Dunah G. Medlin n/k/a Dunah Gandy.

Upon a single motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Dr. Gergel, Council voted unanimously to approve **Items 23** through **26**.

***Amendment to the Agenda*

23. Resolution No.: R-2012-019 – Authorizing consumption of beer and wine within Boyd Plaza adjacent to the Columbia Museum of Art for Arts and Draughts - *Approved*
24. Resolution No.: R-2012-020 – Authorizing consumption of beer and wine within Boyd Plaza adjacent to the Columbia Museum of Art for Craft Bar Happy Hour Weekend - *Approved*
25. Resolution No.: R-2012-021 – Authorizing consumption of alcoholic beverages, beer and wine within Finlay Park for the Bark to the Park Walk and Festival - *Approved*
26. Resolution No.: R-2012-022 – Authorizing consumption of beer and wine at the River Rocks at the Columbia Canal Park - *Approved*
27. Resolution No.: 2012-024 – Affirming the vote of City Council revoking the business license of Cola Entertainment Group LLC d/b/a Metro Live - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Dr. Gergel and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: 2012-024 – Affirming the vote of City Council revoking the business license of Cola Entertainment Group LLC d/b/a Metro Live.

- 27a. **Resolution No.: R-2012-025 – Rescinding the Authority of the City Manager to sign the Agreement to Purchase and Sell Surplus Water between the City of Columbia and Town of Winnsboro authorized by Resolution No. R-2011-056 and Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Agreement to Purchase and Sell Surplus Water between the City of Columbia and the Town of Winnsboro for Bulk Water Service to the Town of Winnsboro - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Dr. Gergel, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2012-025 – Rescinding the Authority of the City Manager to sign the Agreement to Purchase and Sell Surplus Water between the City of Columbia and Town of Winnsboro authorized by Resolution No. R-2011-056 and Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Agreement to Purchase and Sell Surplus Water between the City of Columbia and the Town of Winnsboro for Bulk Water Service to the Town of Winnsboro.

- 27b. **Resolution No.: R-2012-027 – Amending Resolution R-2012-013 Permitting the Fire Department to collect money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (*The dates changed from March 21-23 to March 28-30*) - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2012-027 – Amending Resolution R-2012-013 Permitting the Fire Department to collect money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

APPOINTMENTS

28. Climate Protection Action Committee

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Mr. Matt Johnson to the Climate Protection Action Committee, as nominated by Mr. Davis.

29. Columbia Tree and Appearance Commission – *Consideration of this item was deferred.*
30. Design Development Review Commission

Upon a motion made by Dr. Gergel and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve the reappointment of Mr. Dale Marshall, Ms. Doris Hildebrand and Ms. Beronica Whisnant to the Design Development Review Commission for a final three-year term ending March 17, 2015.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

31. Arts and Historic Preservation Committee

Councilor Gergel reported that the committee last met on February 14, 2012 and they will continue to look at ways to streamline the approval of hospitality tax funding requests. She recalled that Council considered what can be done to improve the overall marketing of arts in our community. There has been discussion about an Arts Coordinator and even Mr. Rickenmann agreed that that was not the way to go. We suggested that we enable One Columbia to continue to market overall arts events. At our last meeting, we asked the Mayor to find out the amount of funding needed.

Upon a motion made by Dr. Gergel and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to allocate \$167,000 from the unallocated fiscal year 2011/2012 Hospitality Tax Surplus Fund to One Columbia for the marketing of overall arts events.

32. Economic and Community Development Committee

Councilor Davis reported that the committee met on February 28, 2012 and Mr. Milton Pope, County Administrator and Mr. Nelson Lindsay, Richland County Executive Director of Economic Development discussed the highlights of the 2009 Richland County Economic Development Strategic Plan. Richland County decided to focus on manufacturing, distribution facilities, call centers, and regional headquarters because of higher wages and benefits offered. The consensus of the Economic and Community Development Committee is to: open the lines of communication with Richland County; share monetary resources on projects; and travel to Rock Hill to review their Economic Development Self-Assessment Plan and we've invited County Council to join us. We will determine if the City of Columbia would benefit from utilizing the economic development self-assessment tool to assess our region.

33. Environment and Infrastructure Committee

Councilor Devine reported that the committee met on February 28, 2012. Mr. Jaco provided an update on the pilot program for automated meter reading. A contractor has been selected for this service. We will determine if remote meter reading is a system we can employ long-term. We had a briefing from IBM on Smarter Water Opportunities. We asked staff to meet with IBM on their recommendations and present final recommendations to the committee at the next meeting. We had a very exciting briefing about a pilot program to address flooding issues using green means such as landscaping, curbs and gutter. We have flooding in many residential areas. The proposal cost less than traditional methods that are used to reduce flooding. We will be briefed at a later date on the City's water audit.

Upon a motion made by Dr. Gergel and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to authorize staff to proceed with a pilot program for proposed green infrastructure improvements to reduce flooding in the Shandon-Rosewood Watershed and to conduct an assessment on how green infrastructure can be used to reduce flooding in other areas.

**Upon a single motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Dr. Gergel, Council voted unanimously to refer the review of the state water rate to the Environment and Infrastructure Committee and the review of the Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center contract to the Public Safety Committee.

**Upon a motion made by Dr. Gergel and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to refer the Hospitality Zone Study to the Public Safety Committee to consider the composition of a committee.

**Upon a single motion made by Dr. Gergel and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to authorize the engagement of PlaceMakers or a similar firm to brief the members of Council on the use of smart codes and form based codes and to authorize the City Manager to retain assistance with drafting the Bull Street Development Agreement.

**Councilor Davis requested an exception that would allow Lake Murray Country to apply for Hospitality Tax funding. Council requested economic impact data for past events. Staff was asked to consider other funding sources.

APPEARANCE OF THE PUBLIC

No one appeared at this time.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Moore
City Clerk