



CITY OF COLUMBIA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2012
6:00 P.M.
EAU CLAIRE PRINT BUILDING
3907 ENSOR AVENUE

The Columbia City Council conducted a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, June 26, 2012 at the Eau Claire Print Building, 3907 Ensor Avenue, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. The following members of Council were present: The Honorable Sam Davis, The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine, The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, The Honorable Belinda F. Gergel, The Honorable Leona K. Plough and The Honorable Brian DeQuincey Newman. Also present were Mr. Steven A. Gantt, City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Moore, City Clerk. This meeting was advertised in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

Chaplain Billie Bright, Columbia Fire Department offered the Invocation.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to approve the adoption of the agenda with the following amendments:

- Defer consideration of **Items 4** and **7**.

Mayor Benjamin recognized Boy Scout Troop 521 and Save Our Kids.

Representative Chris Hart, House District 73 welcomed City Council to the District he represents and he thanked Councilman Davis for his service.

PUBLIC INPUT RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS

No one appeared at this time.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Christ Central Ministries Day Proclamation – The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine

Mayor Benjamin and the members of Council proclaimed June 26, 2012 as Christ Central Ministries Day in the City of Columbia.

2. Celebrate Freedom Presentation – Mr. Dan Hennigan, Ret. US Army/Executive Board Member of the Celebrate Freedom Foundation and Mr. John Lenti, CEO and Chairman of the Celebrate Freedom Foundation

Ms. Morgan Fields, Executive Director of the Celebrate Freedom Foundation thanked Mayor Benjamin and the members of Council for their support of the Foundation and the Celebrate Freedom Festival held in April.

Mr. Dan Hennigan, Ret. US Army/Executive Board Member of the Celebrate Freedom Foundation thanked the members of Council for the 911 contribution made last year. He said that the support received from First Responders during the Celebrate Freedom Festival was outstanding and they give 100% every day.

Mr. John M. Lenti, CEO and Chairman of the Celebrate Freedom Foundation joined them to present tokens of appreciation to Assistant City Police Chief Leslie Wiser, Major Randy Martin, Captain David Navarro and Officer Robert Hall. They also presented a gift to the Columbia Police Department.

- 2a. ****Moments of Reflection – District III Neighborhoods**

Ms. Jeanna Stephens, Rosewood Community Council thanked Dr. Gergel for her support of the Rosewood Community

Ms. Ryan Nevius, Hollywood Rosehill Neighborhood Association and others presented a letter on behalf of the current and former neighborhood presidents to Dr. Gergel.

Ms. Bessie Watson, Edisto Court Neighborhood Association presented Dr. Gergel with a token of appreciation for her service and a plaque from the Columbia Council of Neighborhoods.

PUBLIC HEARING

3. Ordinance No.: 2012-037 – Adopting the Rosewood Plan a Neighborhood and Corridor Plan – *Table of Contents – Approved on first reading.*

Mr. John Fellows, Planning Administrator for the Planning and Development Services Department provided an overview of the Rosewood Corridor and Neighborhood Plan. He explained that the plan was developed through a cooperative effort between the Rosewood Community Council, Edisto Court Community, Central Rosewood Neighborhood, South Kilbourne and the Rosewood Merchants Association. He said that the plan enables residents to work together to create a common vision. The boundaries are the northern edge of Rosewood Drive, the railroad and Gills Creek. He stated that the recommendations in the plan address parking, street scape, land use, zoning, and street alignments near the airport, pedestrian facilities, bike facilities and implementation. He asked City Council to adopt the plan.

Councilor Devine said that it is a very good plan.

Councilor Rickenmann expressed concerns about the reduction of the industrial area and retail. He also inquired about the creation of a historic district.

Councilor Plaugh inquired about the recommended changes in zoning.

Councilor Gergel said that this is not a binding ordinance doctrine that would give historic preservation or change zoning. She said that it is a road map to future discussion and engagement that will maximize this neighborhood and its service to the City.

▪ **Council opened the Public Hearing at 6:44 p.m.**

Mr. Bob Amundson, Rosewood Community Resident said that he has advocated for the spine road and it will allow those businesses to continue and have incubation. He stated that they have fought residential development in that area. He said that Rosewood understands the importance of businesses and the leaders won't allow them to go away. He encouraged Council to adopt the plan. He thanked Mr. Rickenmann and Dr. Gergel for their service.

▪ **Council closed the Public Hearing at 6:48 p.m.**

Upon a motion made by Dr. Gergel and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2012-037 – Adopting the Rosewood Plan a Neighborhood and Corridor Plan.

PRESENTATIONS

Councilor Rickenmann offered heartfelt appreciation to his colleagues and the employees of the City of Columbia. He said that this would be a better place if everybody in the US would wait tables and serve in the public sector. He recognized his wife, two daughters and father-in-law. As his last act as a member of City Council and in honor of his wife, he proclaimed June 30, 2012 as Laura Herlong Rickenmann Day in the City of Columbia. He also presented a token of appreciation to Dr. Belinda F. Gergel stating that they've had a great relationship.

Councilor Gergel said that serving on this Council has been one of the great honors of her life and representing all of the residents of this City has been fabulous. She said that she has enjoyed working with the members of Council. She told the staff that she is leaving with great appreciation for the love they have for this City and for the hard work they put into it. In closing, she said that she is going to Charleston to be with her spouse and she is looking forward to renewing the relationship that has meant so much to them for thirty-four years.

OTHER MATTERS

- 4. Fiscal Year 2012/2013 Accommodations Tax Funding Recommendations – Ms. Wendi Nance, Chair of the Accommodations Tax Committee – *Consideration of this item was deferred until July 17, 2012.*

Fiscal Year 2012/2013 Hospitality Tax Funding Recommendations – Ms. Cynthia Hardy, Chair of the Hospitality Tax Advisory Committee – *Consideration of this item was deferred until July 17, 2012.*

- 5. Council is asked to approve an Application for Certificate of Convenience and Necessity, as requested by the Business License Division. This certificate is being awarded to Joseph McCabe doing business as VIP Solutions Limousine Service at 2922 Pruitt Drive, Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to approve an Application for Certificate of Convenience and Necessity, as requested by the Business License Division. This certificate is being awarded to Joseph McCabe doing business as VIP Solutions Limousine Service at 2922 Pruitt Drive, Columbia, SC.

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

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to approve Neighborhood Street Lighting Request for Bethune Court.

Neighborhoods Listed by Priority	Existing Lights	Requested Lights	Current Lease Cost / Annually	Increased Amount	Total Year to Date
Bethune Court	2	2	\$237.84	\$237.84	\$16,428.60

- 7. Request to Remove an Abandoned Gravesite – Mr. Steven A. Gantt, City Manager – *Consideration of this item was deferred.*

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a single motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Ms. Plough, Council voted unanimously to approve the **Consent Agenda Items 8.** through **24.**

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS, AGREEMENTS and CHANGE ORDERS

8. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of a Drive-Thru Pharmacy for the Metropolitan Medical Response System, as requested by the Homeland Security Division. Award to EMS Innovations, Inc., as a Sole Source in the amount of \$72,080.55. This vendor is located in Pasadena, MD. *Funding Source: GL: Homeland Security Grant Control-Special Department Supplies, 2549999-627100 and JL: 2010 MMRS Grant: Metro Med Resp-Special Department Supplies, 9906100110-627100 - Approved*
9. Council is asked to approve Capital Improvement Project SS7222; An Agreement for Miscellaneous Support Services, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to P & S Construction Company, Inc., in the amount of \$75,000.00. This vendor is located in Lexington, SC. *Funding Source: Sewer Improvements Fund, 5529999-SS7222-636600 – **Note:** The original budgeted amount is \$75,000.00 - Approved*
10. Council is asked to approve Local Business Preference Project WM4208; Columbia Canal Water Plant Spillway Bridge Repair, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to Trussell Bros. Construction, the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder in the amount of \$97,655.39. This vendor is located in Irmo, SC. *Funding Source: Maintenance Fund-Special Contracts; 5516210-638300 – **Note:** The original budgeted amount is \$125,295.16 - Approved*
11. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Wastewater Maintenance Repair Material for Fiscal Year 2012/2013, as requested by the Wastewater Maintenance Division. Award to the lowest bidder of each lot in the amount of \$133,179.73. *Funding Source: Utilities Wastewater Maintenance/Pipe, fittings, hydrants, etc.; 5516205-625700 - Approved*

Lot 1	Manhole Materials; HD Supply	West Columbia, SC	\$24,265.00
Lot 2	Meter Boxes; HD Supply	West Columbia, SC	\$1,269.00
Lot 3	Repair Fittings; Mainline Supply	Columbia, SC	\$15,605.04
Lot 4	Sewer Pipe; HD Supply	West Columbia, SC	\$39,036.00
Lot 5	PVC Fittings; Tec Utilities	Greenville, SC	\$44,292.00
		Total	\$124,467.04
		Tax	\$8,712.69
		Grand Total	\$133,179.73

12. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of the Annual Chemical Bid for the Lake Murray and Columbia Canal Water Plant Fiscal Year 2012/2013, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to the lowest bidder of each lot in the amount of \$214,552.00. *Funding Source: Utilities Columbia Canal Wastewater Treatment Plant/Chemicals, 5516206-624800; \$113,882.50 and Utilities Lake Murray Water Plant/Chemicals, 5516207-624800; \$100,669.50 - Approved*

Lot 1	Sodium Hydroxide, Brenntag Southeast	Duncan, SC	\$39,652.00
Lot 2	Blended Phosphate, Brenntag Southeast	Duncan, SC	\$174,900.00
		Total	\$214,552.00

13. Council is asked to approve the Renewal of Insurance Policies for Commercial Property, Computer, Crime, Auto-Parks and Recreation Buses and Auto-Assistant City Manager Vehicles. Award to Willis of North Carolina in the amount of \$215,325.00. *Funding Source: Premiums and Polices, 6058935 - Approved*
14. Council is asked to approve Fiscal Year 2012/2013 Testing by Independent Laboratories for Environmental Monitoring Programs Required by the City's Code of Ordinances and State and Federal Regulations, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to the following Testing Services in the amount of \$165,734.00. *Funding Source: Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant (5516208638300); Columbia Canal Water Treatment Plant (5516206638300); Lake Murray Water Treatment Plant (5516207638300); and Engineering (5516221638300) - Approved*

Access Analytical, Inc. (Irmo, SC)

Septage Station Metals	\$ 4,368.00
Wastewater Surcharge Program	\$ 10,608.00
Metro Ash, Grit and Sludge Deposal Qualifications	\$ 2,475.00
Sub-Total	\$ 17,451.00

Data Resources, Inc. (Columbia, SC)

Metro Groundwater	\$ 1,926.00
Sub-Total	\$ 1,926.00

SEAUS, Inc. (Irmo, SC)

Metro Effluent Toxicity	\$ 14,400.00
Sub-Total	\$ 14,400.00

***Shealy Environmental Services, Inc. (Cayce, SC)**

Metro NPDES Parameters	\$ 62,200.00
Metro Stormwater	\$ 160.00
Industrial Pretreatment Program	\$ 10,931.00
Stormwater Illicit Discharge	\$ 16,140.00
Sub-Total	\$ 89,431.00

Total **\$123,208.00**

15. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Aggregate Materials, as requested by the Street Division. Award to Vulcan Construction Materials, the lowest responsible and responsive bidder in the amount of \$332,395.50. This vendor is located in Atlanta, GA. *Funding Source: Streets Street & Sidewalk Rpr/Lawn and Grounds Supply; 1013201-627300 - Approved*
16. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Water Distribution Repair Material for Fiscal Year 2012/2013, as requested by the Water Distribution Division. Award to the lowest bidder of each lot in the amount of \$460,554.13. Funding Source: Utilities Water Dist & Maintenance/Pipe, fittings, hydrants, etc; 5516203-625700. – **Note:** *Lots 2, 4, 8, 10 and 14 are awarded based upon the Local Business Enterprise Preference Policy. - Approved*

Lots 1,3,7, 12, 15, 21	Ferguson Water Works, Elgin, SC	\$78,149.42
Lots 5,17,6	MSC Supply; Columbia, SC	\$38,183.42
Lots 13, 161 19, 20, 22	HD Supply; West Columbia, SC	\$45,303.18
Lots 11, 18	Hayes Pipe; Nashville, TN	\$22,124.48
Lots 2, 4, 8, 9, 10, 14	Independent Water Works; Lexington, SC	\$246,663.91
	Total	\$430,424.42
	Tax	\$30,129.71
	Grand Total	\$460,554.13

17. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Water Meters Annual Bid for Fiscal Year 2012/2013, as requested by the Water Distribution Division. Award to the lowest bidder of each lot in the amount of \$540,606.69. *Funding Source: Utilities Water Dist & Maintenance/Meter, Parts & Supplies; 5516203-625600 - Approved*

Lot 1	5/8" & 1" Meters Miller Supply	Laurinburg, NC	\$147,200.00
Lot 2	1 1/2" & 2" Meters HD Supply	Sumter, SC	\$70,708.50
Lot 3	Fire Service Meters MSC Waterworks	Columbia, SC	\$287,331.40
		Total	\$505,239.90
		Tax	\$35,366.79
		Grand Total	\$540,606.69

18. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Wastewater Treatment Plant Chemicals for Fiscal Year 2012/2013, as requested by the Wastewater Treatment Plant Division. Award to the lowest bidder of each lot in the amount of \$1,230,600.00. *Funding Source: Utilities Metro Wastewater Plant/Chemicals; 5516208-624800 - Approved*

Lot 1	Liquid Polymer; Polydyne, Inc.	Riceboro, GA	\$781,440.00
Lot 2	Sodium Hypochlorite; Univar, Inc.	Spartanburg, SC	\$209,160.00
Lot 3	Sodium Bisulfite; Southern Ionics, Inc	West Point, MS	\$240,000.00
		Total	\$1,230,600.00

19. Council is asked to approve the Purchase for Landfill Disposal Services of Screenings, Grit and Sludge for Fiscal Year 2012/2013, as requested by the Wastewater Treatment Plant Division. Award to Waste Management/Richland County Landfill, the lowest bidder in the amount of \$2,572,240.00. This vendor is located in Elgin, SC. *Funding Source: 5516208-638300 - Approved*
20. Council is asked to Extend the Contract for the following Chemicals for Fiscal Year 2012/2013, as requested by the Columbia Water Plants Division. Award to the lowest bidder and their price in the amount of \$2,683,934.00. *Funding Source: Utilities Columbia Canal Wastewater Treatment Plant/Chemicals, 5516206-624800; \$1,371,874.00 and Utilities Lake Murray Water Plant/Chemicals, 5516207-624800; \$1,312,060.00 - Approved*

Chemical	Vendor	Amount
Carbon	Standard Purification; Dunnellon, FL	\$425,750.00
Alum	General Chemical; Parsippany, NJ	\$623,560.00
Ammonia	Brenntag SE; Duncan, SC	\$165,600.00
Chlorine	Jones Chemical; Charlotte, NC	\$240,000.00
Fluoride	Key Chemical; Waxhaw, NC	\$220,800.00
Lime	Polytec; Mooresville, NC	\$313,470.00
Chlorite	Siemens Water Tech, Sarasota FL	\$641,754.00
Polymer	3F Chimica America; Charlotte, NC	\$53,000.00
	Total	\$2,683,934.00

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

21. Ordinance No.: 2012-038 – Granting an encroachment to Trinity Episcopal Cathedral Parish for installation and maintenance of a drainage system under the driveway and sidewalk area within the right of way area of the 1100 block of Marion Street adjacent to 1100 Sumter Street, Richland County TMS #11401-12-01 – *First reading approval was given on June 5, 2012. – Approved on second reading.*
22. Ordinance No.: 2012-043 – Granting a Franchise to Anthony Garvin d/b/a Taniya’s Fire Grill for operation of a stationary sidewalk vending cart in the mid-block pad near 1701 Main Street – *First reading approval was given on June 5, 2012. – Approved on second reading.*
23. Ordinance No.: 2012-047 – Granting a Franchise to Keyser Concession, LLC for operation of a stationary sidewalk vending cart on the northwest corner of Main Street and Washington Street – *First reading approval was given on June 5, 2012. – Approved on second reading.*
24. Ordinance No.: 2012-048 – Granting a Franchise to Robert A. Helvey d/b/a Nakama Noodle Bar d/b/a NNB for operation of a stationary sidewalk vending cart on the northeast corner of Main Street and Lady Street – *First reading approval was given on June 5, 2012. – Approved on second reading.*

ORDINANCES - SECOND READING

25. Ordinance No.: 2012-045 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 23, Utilities and Engineering, Article VII, Storm water Management, Sec. 23-205 Storm water service charge rates (b) – *First reading approval was given on June 5, 2012. – Approved on second reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Rickenmann and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2012-045 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 23, Utilities and Engineering, Article VII, Storm water Management, Sec. 23-205 Storm water service charge rates (b).

26. Ordinance No.: 2012-050 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 23, Utilities and Engineering, Article V, Water and Sewer Rates, Sec. 23-143 Water service rate, Sec. 23-146. Fire Hydrant, fire protection and sprinkler system charges and Sec. 23-149 Sewer services rates, (a) Generally and (b) Consumers using water cooling towers for air conditioning – *First reading approval was given on June 5, 2012. – Approved on second reading by a vote of six (6) to one (1).*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted six (6) to one (1) to give second reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2012-050 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 23, Utilities and Engineering, Article V, Water and Sewer Rates, Sec. 23-143 Water service rate, Sec. 23-146. Fire Hydrant, fire protection and sprinkler system charges and Sec. 23-149 Sewer services rates, (a) Generally and (b) Consumers using water cooling towers for air conditioning. Voting aye were Mr. Newman, Ms. Plaugh, Dr. Gergel, Ms. Devine, Mr. Davis and Mayor Benjamin. Mr. Rickenmann voted nay.

27. Ordinance No.: 2012-051 – To Raise Revenue and Adopt the Budget for The City of Columbia, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2013 – *First reading approval was given on June 5, 2012. - Approved on second reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Dr. Gergel, Council voted unanimously to give second reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2012-051 – To Raise Revenue and Adopt the Budget for The City of Columbia, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2013.

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

28. Ordinance No.: 2012-025 – Granting an encroachment to Paul Famolari and Catherine Keyser for installation and maintenance of handicap ramp within the right of way area adjacent to 2812 Bratton Street, Richland County TMS #11414-22-04 – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Rickenmann and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2012-025 – Granting an encroachment to Paul Famolari and Catherine Keyser for installation and maintenance of handicap ramp within the right of way area adjacent to 2812 Bratton Street, Richland County TMS #11414-22-04. Mr. Davis was not present for the vote.

29. Ordinance No.: 2012-044 – Granting an encroachment to Villa Tronco for placement and maintenance of two (2) tables and eight (8) chairs for use by its patrons for outdoor dining during normal business hours; one (1) planter and an awning within the sidewalk right of way adjacent to the front entrance of 1213 Blanding Street and 1215 Blanding Street; and an awning within the sidewalk right of way area adjacent to the service entrance on the side of 1215 Blanding Street – *Approved on first reading.*

Mayor Benjamin noted that Villa Tronco is currently utilizing a City Façade Loan; it's looking good; and it will be a great place for outdoor dining.

Upon a motion made by Dr. Gergel and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2012-044 – Granting an encroachment to Villa Tronco for placement and maintenance of two (2) tables and eight (8) chairs for use by its patrons for outdoor dining during normal business hours; one (1) planter and an awning within the sidewalk right of way adjacent to the front entrance of 1213 Blanding Street and 1215 Blanding Street; and an awning within the sidewalk right of way area adjacent to the service entrance on the side of 1215 Blanding Street. Mr. Davis was not present for the vote.

30. Ordinance No.: 2012-053 – Granting an encroachment to the State of South Carolina Budget and Control Board for installation and maintenance of landscaping, an irrigation system and underground utilities within the right of way adjacent to 1026 Sumter Street – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Dr. Gergel, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2012-053 – Granting an encroachment to the State of South Carolina Budget and Control Board for installation and maintenance of landscaping, an irrigation system and underground utilities within the right of way adjacent to 1026 Sumter Street. Mr. Davis was not present for the vote.

31. Ordinance No.: 2012-056 – Amending the effective date of Ordinance No. 2012-030 Annexing 149 Old Camp Road, Richland County TMS 28906-09-01 – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Rickenmann and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2012-056 – Amending the effective date of Ordinance No. 2012-030 Annexing 149 Old Camp Road, Richland County TMS 28906-09-01. Mr. Davis was not present for the vote.

- 31a. **Ordinance No.: 2012-057 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 11, Licenses, Permits, Business Regulations to add Article XII, Buskers – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Dr. Gergel and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2012-057 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 11, Licenses, Permits, Business Regulations to add Article XII, Buskers.

32. Ordinance No.: 2012-058 – Establishing a Moratorium on the issuance of New Taxicab Licenses to Operate and Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity – *Approved on first reading by a vote of six (6) to one (1).*

Councilor Plaugh suggested that Council conduct a Public Hearing on the issue. She expressed concerns about how the demand for taxicabs would be studied.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted six (6) to one (1) to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2012-058 – Establishing a Moratorium on the issuance of New Taxicab Licenses to Operate and Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity. Voting aye were Mr. Newman, Dr. Gergel, Mr. Rickenmann, Ms. Devine, Mr. Davis and Mayor Benjamin. Ms. Plaugh voted nay.

33. Ordinance No.: 2012-060 – An Ordinance to approve the Refunding of the \$36,570,000 Columbia Public Facilities Corporation Certificates of Participation Evidencing Undivided Interests in Base Fee Payments under an Installment Sale Agreement (Tourism Development Fee Pledge), Series 2003, and to approve the Form and Terms of, and Authorize the Execution of, Supplements or Amendments to the Installment Sale Agreement between the City of Columbia, South Carolina, and Columbia Public Facilities Corporation, the Trust Agreement between Columbia Public Facilities Corporation and U.S. Bank National Association, as successor Trustee, and other agreements as necessary or desirable; and other matters related thereto – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Dr. Gergel, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2012-060 – An Ordinance to approve the Refunding of the \$36,570,000 Columbia Public Facilities Corporation Certificates of Participation Evidencing Undivided Interests in Base Fee Payments under an Installment Sale Agreement (Tourism Development Fee Pledge), Series 2003, and to approve the Form and Terms of, and Authorize the Execution of, Supplements or Amendments to the Installment Sale Agreement between the City of Columbia, South Carolina, and Columbia Public Facilities Corporation, the Trust Agreement between Columbia Public Facilities Corporation and U.S. Bank National Association, as successor Trustee, and other agreements as necessary or desirable; and other matters related thereto.

RESOLUTIONS

34. Resolution No.: 2012-056 – Authorizing the City Manager to execute of a contract between the City of Columbia and Companion Third Party Administrators, LLC for administration of the City’s self-insured Tort Program - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Rickenmann and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: 2012-056 – Authorizing the City Manager to execute of a contract between the City of Columbia and Companion Third Party Administrators, LLC for administration of the City’s self-insured Tort Program.

35. Resolution No.: 2012-057 – Authorizing the City Manager to execute of a contract between the City of Columbia and Companion Third Party Administrators for administration of the City’s self-insured Worker’s Compensation Program - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Rickenmann and seconded by Dr. Gergel, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: 2012-057 – Authorizing the City Manager to execute of a contract between the City of Columbia and Companion Third Party Administrators for administration of the City’s self-insured Worker’s Compensation Program. Mr. Davis was not present for the vote.

36. Resolution No.: R-2012-058 – Amending Sidewalk Vending Locations and Authorized Merchandise - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Rickenmann and seconded by Dr. Gergel, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2012-058 – Amending Sidewalk Vending Locations and Authorized Merchandise. Mr. Davis was not present for the vote.

37. Resolution No.: R-2012-059 – Opposing Further Cuts to Discretionary Spending, of the Troops at Fort Jackson, Shaw Air Force Base and McEntire Joint National Guard Base or that further Impact Core Local Government Programs (“Sequestration”) - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Ms. Plough and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2012-059 – Opposing Further Cuts to Discretionary Spending, of the Troops at Fort Jackson, Shaw Air Force Base and McEntire Joint National Guard Base or that further Impact Core Local Government Programs (“Sequestration”).

38. Resolution No.: R-2012-060 – Authorizing the City Manager and Chief of Police to execute a Mutual Aid Agreement and Narcotics Enforcement Agreement between the City of Columbia and City of Columbia Police Department and the City of Camden and City of Camden Police Department - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Rickenmann and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2012-060 – Authorizing the City Manager and Chief of Police to execute a Mutual Aid Agreement and Narcotics Enforcement Agreement between the City of Columbia and City of Columbia Police Department and the City of Camden and City of Camden Police Department.

39. Resolution No.: 2012-061 – Authorizing consumption of beer and wine at the Palmetto Tasty Tomato Festival - *Approved*
40. Resolution No.: R-2012-062 – Authorizing consumption of beer and wine at Viva la Vista 2012 - *Approved*

Upon a single motion made by Dr. Gergel and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: 2012-061 – Authorizing consumption of beer and wine at the Palmetto Tasty Tomato Festival **and** Resolution No.: R-2012-062 – Authorizing consumption of beer and wine at Viva la Vista 2012.

41. Resolution No.: R-2012-066 – Authorizing the City Manager to accept a proposal to Purchase the Columbia Public Facilities Corporation Refunding Certificates of Participation Evidencing Undivided Interests in Base Fee Payments under an Installment Sale Agreement (Tourism Development Fee Pledge), Series 2012; and other matters relating thereto - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Rickenmann and seconded by Dr. Gergel, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2012-066 – Authorizing the City Manager to accept a proposal to Purchase the Columbia Public Facilities Corporation Refunding Certificates of Participation Evidencing Undivided Interests in Base Fee Payments under an Installment Sale Agreement (Tourism Development Fee Pledge), Series 2012; and other matters relating thereto.

APPOINTEMENTS

42. Citizen Advisory Committee

Upon a motion made by Mr. Rickenmann and seconded by Dr. Gergel, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Ms. Ursula Pallares to the Citizens Advisory Committee for a four (4) year term.

43. Richland County Board of Assessment Appeals

Upon a motion made by Dr. Gergel and seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to approve the reappointment of Mr. Stephen Porter to serve a final three (3) year term on the Richland County Board of Assessment Appeals.

44. Columbia Tree and Appearance Commission

Upon a motion made by Dr. Gergel and seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Mr. Charles Howell as the Landscape Architect/Horticulturist/Arborist representative and Ms. Susan Creed and Ms. Mary Greene as At-Large representatives for a three (3) year term to the Columbia Tree and Appearance Commission.

44a. **Municipal Court Judges – The Honorable Brian DeQuincey Newman

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Dr. Gergel, Council voted unanimously to approve the reappointment of Mr. J Steedley Bogan, Mr. Carlton B. Bagby, Mr. James S. Guignard and Mr. William C. Smith for a two (2) year term and Mr. Carl L. Solomon for a three (3) year term as Municipal Court Judges.

45. Council Committee Appointments

Upon a single motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve the following Council Committee appointments for two (2) years:

Administrative Policy Committee

Ms. Leona K. Plaugh, Chair
Ms. Tamiaka Isaac Devine
Mr. Moe Baddourah

Arts & Historic Preservation Committee

Mr. Cameron Runyan, Chair
Mr. Sam Davis
Mr. Brian Newman

Economic and Community Development Committee

Mr. Sam Davis, Chair

Ms. Leona K. Plough

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There was a consensus of Council to conduct a meeting in August. Staff was asked to line up the strategic plan with each committee's charge to determine if anything isn't covered under the existing committee format.

OTHER MATTERS

Councilor Plough asked the City Manager to present the Water and Sewer, annual Capital Improvement Program and the Storm Water Operating and Capital Improvement Program budgets for Council's approval at the next meeting.

Councilor Rickenmann asked that Council and staff reconsider the funding request from the Epworth Children's Home.

APPEARANCE OF THE PUBLIC

Mr. Sean Siberio, Social Worker with Lexington County Mental Health and Transitions appeared before the members of Council to suggest that there be a system for tracking people at the Winter Shelter. He said that it is a terrible idea to cap the number of nights an individual can stay in the shelter. He asked what is being done to track individuals and how to prevent being dumped on from rural towns. He also asked what is being done to reach out to and communicate with the homeless.

Ms. Deborah Mitchell appeared before the members of Council to express concerns about crimes in her community and the number of rental properties that aren't being taken care of. She reported shootings and loud music. She asked what can be done.

Ms. Ellen Thompson appeared before the members of Council to express concerns about nuisances in the same community. She said that it is ridiculous and the City needs to look at their neighborhood. She stated that she calls the Police Department at least 12 times per month.

Councilor Davis said that there are issues with an absentee landlord that has refused to cooperate.

Mr. Keith Seymour said that he was pleased to see that Celebrate Freedom was on the agenda along with Christ Central Ministries, because they do so much to help improve this City. He expressed concerns about taxis hindering the bus system. He said that people can't afford taxis; they need the bus system.

Mr. Bobby O'Kelly, Homeless Helping Homeless requested a plaque for the Adopt-a-Block program at Blanding and Main Streets and Assembly and Taylor Streets. He requested permission to host a campaign for naming the tunnel. He proposed the installation of a zip line over the tunnel. He urged the City of Columbia to use the homeless in a positive way.

Mayor Benjamin asked Mr. O'Kelly to take a leadership role in developing a creative campaign to name the tunnel and he agreed that we could all work on this together. He announced that the ribbon cutting at the tunnel will be held on Friday, June 29, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. near the Lincoln Street entrance.

Ms. Jacquelyn Portee, Homeless Helping Homeless said that they are a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization that began in 2010 at a rally in Finlay Park. She said that they are about bringing positive change among the homeless community. She thanked Council for the support given at Transitions. She said that some of them just want a hand up and are not clutching on a hand out.

Mr. Denys Proteau encouraged Council to post the busker ordinance on line.

A motion made by Dr. Gergel and seconded by Ms. Devine to adjourn, was withdrawn.

**Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to go into Executive Session for the discussion of the employment of an employee at 7:50 p.m.

- **Council adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by:

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City Clerk