



CITY OF COLUMBIA
CITY COUNCIL
DISTRICT I EVENING MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2013 - 6:00 P.M.
EARLEWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER
1113 PARKSIDE DRIVE

The Columbia City Council conducted a District I Evening Meeting and a Zoning Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 9, 2013 at the Earlewood Community Center, 1113 Parkside Drive, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 8:22 p.m. and the following members of Council were present: The Honorable Sam Davis, The Honorable Brian DeQuincey Newman, The Honorable Cameron A. Runyan and The Honorable Moe Baddourah. The Honorable Leona K. Plough joined the meeting at 8:24 p.m. The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine was absent. Also present were Ms. Teresa B. Wilson, City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Moore, City Clerk. This meeting was advertised in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act. *Please note that the minutes are numbered to coincide with the order of the meeting and may not reflect the order of the agenda as advertised.*

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda with the following amendments:

- Add the Executive Session items from the Bull Street Public Hearing Agenda
- Remove **Items 30, 31 and 32** from the Zoning Public Hearing
- Defer consideration of **Item 40**

PRESENTATIONS

1. Welcome Address – The Honorable Sam Davis, District I Representative

Councilor Davis welcomed everyone to the District One Evening Meeting.

2. Greetings from the [North Columbia Business Association](#)

Ms. Sabrina Odom, Executive Director of the North Columbia Business Association said the organization is committed to working with North Columbia and the City of Columbia to create a more inviting, enjoyable and safe business community. She reported that over the past five years they created Coffee Talk; the Light up North Columbia Project; installed security cameras; formed partnerships with local institutions; and worked with the Office of Business Opportunities Façade Program. She said in the future, they would like to see more development in the North Columbia and Farrow Road areas & jobs; continue to build a relationship with the community and the Eau Claire Development Corporation; continue to grow the North Columbia Food Park as the new farmers market; continue to work on their image and brand; continue outreach projects; and continue to host the Cornbread Festival, which is scheduled for March 29, 2014 and Fish & Grits.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

Chaplain Billie Bright, Columbia Fire Department offered the Invocation.

ZONING PUBLIC HEARING

- **Council opened the Zoning Public Hearing at 8:33 p.m.**

MAP AMENDMENTS – FIRST READING

3. [1020 Second Avenue](#), TMS# 13512-03-01 and -04; request to rezone the property from M-1 (Light Industrial) to M-2 (Heavy Industrial). – *Approved on first reading.*

*No one appeared in support of or in opposition to **Item 3.***

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Runyan, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Map Amendment for 1020 Second Avenue, TMS# 13512-03-01 and -04; request to rezone the property from M-1 (Light Industrial) to M-2 (Heavy Industrial).

4. [1428 Heidt Street](#), TMS# 11411-01-11; request to rezone the property from RG-2, -DP (General Residential, Design Preservation Overlay District) to C-1, -DP (Office and Institutional, Design Preservation Overlay District). – *Denied*

Ms. Doris Hilderbrand appeared before Council in opposition to this request. She said the neighborhood has been fighting this for months and they don't need a law firm in their community. She said it is a very important historic area.

Rev. Ed McDowell spoke against the rezoning. He said they love the neighborhood, people are moving in, houses are being restored and they don't need this.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Runyan, Council voted unanimously to deny approval of the Map Amendment for 1428 Heidt Street, TMS# 11411-01-11; request to rezone the property from RG-2, -DP (General Residential, Design Preservation Overlay District) to C-1, -DP (Office and Institutional, Design Preservation Overlay District).

TEXT AMENDMENTS – FIRST READING

5. [Amend §17-691\(c\) to designate 930 Laurens Street](#), TMS# 11405-11-23 as a Group II Landmark.

[Ordinance No.: 2013-077](#) – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Land Development and Zoning, Article V, Historic Preservation and Architectural Review, Division 4, Landmarks, Sec. 17-691 Building and sites list, (c), to add 930 Laurens Street, Richland County TMS #11405-11-23 – *Approved on first reading.*

*No one appeared in support of or in opposition to **Item 5.***

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2013-077 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Land Development and Zoning, Article V, Historic Preservation and Architectural Review, Division 4, Landmarks, Sec. 17-691 Building and sites list, (c), to add 930 Laurens Street, Richland County TMS #11405-11-23.

6. [Amend §17-401 Definitions and §17-407 Signs on Public Property](#) to permit weekend directional signs.

[Ordinance No.: 2013-078](#) – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Land Development and Zoning, Article III, Division 12, Signs, Sec. 17-401 Definitions and Sec. 17-407 Signs on Public Property – *Approved on first reading.*

Mr. Morris Lyles, Central Carolina Realtors Association reported that they have worked together to draft something amenable to everyone. He said that Richland County and other municipalities have adopted something similar.

Councilor Plaugh inquired about the penalty provision in the ordinance.

Ms. Krista Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services explained that it is a general penalty section of the code that allows us to pursue a summons for any violation.

Mr. Kenneth E. Gaines, Esq., City Attorney explained that the general penalty is \$500 and/or 30 days in jail; Municipal Court sets the bond amount.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2013-078 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Land Development and Zoning, Article III, Division 12, Signs, Sec. 17-401 Definitions and Sec. 17-407 Signs on Public Property.

MAP AMENDMENTS AND TEXT AMENDMENTS – FIRST READING

7. **A. Map Amendment**

2150 Harden Street (TMS# R11501-01-01(portion)); Request to rezone property from PUD-LS to PUD-LS, -DP to designate the Ensor Building as a Group II Landmark. – *Consideration of this item was withdrawn from the Zoning Public Hearing.*

B. Text Amendment

Amend §17-691 (c) to designate the Ensor Building located at **2150 Harden Street** (TMS# R11501-01-01(portion)) as a Group II Landmark – *Consideration of this item was withdrawn from the Zoning Public Hearing.*

Ordinance No.: 2013-081 – 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, (c) to add 2150 Harden Street, Ensor Building, TMS# 11501-01-01(portion) – *Consideration of this item was withdrawn from the Zoning Public Hearing.*

8. **A. Map Amendment**

2150 Harden Street (TMS# R11501-01-01(portion)); Request to rezone property from PUD-LS to PUD-LS, -DP to designate the Bakery Building as a Group II Landmark. – *Consideration of this item was withdrawn from the Zoning Public Hearing.*

B. Text Amendment

Amend §17-691 (c) to designate the Bakery Building located at **2150 Harden Street** (TMS# R11501-01-01(portion)) as a Group II Landmark – *Consideration of this item was withdrawn from the Zoning Public Hearing.*

Ordinance No.: 2013-080 – 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, (c) to add 2150 Harden Street, Bakery Building, TMS# 11501-01-01 (portion) – *Consideration of this item was withdrawn from the Zoning Public Hearing.*

9. **A. Map Amendment**

2150 Harden Street (TMS# R11501-01-01(portion)); Request to rezone property from PUD-LS to PUD-LS, -DP to designate the Laundry Building as a Group II Landmark. – *Consideration of this item was withdrawn from the Zoning Public Hearing.*

B. Text Amendment

Amend §17-691 (c) to designate the **Laundry Building** located at **2150 Harden Street** (TMS# R11501-01-01(portion)) as a Group II Landmark. – *Consideration of this item was withdrawn from the Zoning Public Hearing.*

[Ordinance No.: 2013-082](#) – 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, (c) to add 2150 Harden Street, Laundry Building, TMS# 11501-01-01(portion) – *Consideration of this item was withdrawn from the Zoning Public Hearing.*

- **Council closed the Zoning Public Hearing at 8:43 p.m.**

PUBLIC INPUT RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS

No one appeared at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a single motion made by Ms. Plaugh and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to approve the Meeting Minutes for March 26, 2013 and April 9, 16 and 18, 2013.

10. Meeting Minutes of March 26, 2013 – *Approved as presented.*
11. Meeting Minutes of April 9, April 16 and April 18, 2013 – *Approved as presented.*

PUBLIC INPUT

12. [Fiscal Year 2013 / 2014 South Carolina Parks, Recreation and Tourism Recreational Trails Grant Program](#)

No one appeared in support of or in opposition to the Fiscal Year 2013 / 2014 South Carolina Parks, Recreation and Tourism Recreational Trails Grant Program. This item was presented for public input and no action was taken.

OTHER MATTERS

13. [Neighborhood Traffic Control Request](#) - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Runyan, Council voted unanimously to approve the installation of Multi-Way Stop Controls at Park Street / Beaufort Street and Florence Street / Clark Street in the Earlewood Neighborhood.

14. Council is asked to endorse the [Fiscal Year 2013/2014 Justice Assistance Grant Program Application](#) in the amount of \$89,626.00. The Columbia Police Department seeks to support the new South Carolina Collision Accident and Ticket Tracking System through the purchase of applicable software and equipment. - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Ms. Plough and seconded by Mr. Runyan, Council voted unanimously to endorse the Fiscal Year 2013/2014 Justice Assistance Grant Program Application in the amount of \$89,626.00. The Columbia Police Department seeks to support the new South Carolina Collision Accident and Ticket Tracking System through the purchase of applicable software and equipment.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a single motion made by Mr. Runyan and seconded by Ms. Plough, Council voted unanimously to approve the **Consent Agenda Items 15** through **32**.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS, AGREEMENTS and CHANGE ORDERS

15. Council is asked to approve [Capital Improvement Project WM4280](#); An Agreement for Engineering Services to Perform Construction Administration Services for a Water Main Replacement along Wilmot Avenue, Maple Street, Wheat Street and Amherst Avenue, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to F&ME Consultants, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$54,950.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Water Maintenance Fund, 5516212-WM428001-636600.* – **Note:** *The original budgeted amount for this project is \$60,000.00.* – *Approved*
16. Council is asked to approve a [Professional Services Contract for Lobbying Services](#), as requested by the Office of Governmental Affairs. Award to CapitalEdge Strategies, LLC in the monthly amount of \$5,433.75 plus reimbursable expenses up to \$5,000.00 for a total annual amount not to exceed \$70,205.00. This firm is located in Washington, DC. *Funding Source: 1011103-638300* – *Approved*

17. Council is asked to approve the [Purchase of Four \(4\) Ford F-150 Pickup Trucks for the Columbia Fire Department](#), as requested by the Fleet Services Division. Award to Vic Bailey Ford, using the SC State Contract in the amount of \$65,676.00. This vendor is located in Spartanburg, SC. *Funding Source: Capital Equipment-Autos, Trucks, Heavy Equip. Capital, 6308972-658500 – Approved*
18. Council is asked to approve the [Purchase of MARVLIS Software](#), as requested by the Police Department. Award to Bradshaw Consulting Services Co. in the amount of \$71,250.00. This vendor is located in Aiken, SC. *Funding Source: Capital Replacement/Computer/Electrical Equip/Capital, 6308972-658600. – **Note:** MARVLIS is used in the vehicle to provide location mapping, display incident location, display/update status and display route recommendations from the current vehicle location to the incident, hospital or post. – Approved*
19. Council is asked to approve the [Purchase of Cisco Equipment](#) to replace obsolete network equipment at Washington Square and the Parking Services Garage Offices, as requested by the Information Technology Department. Award to NWN Corporation in the amount of \$73,245.82. This vendor is located in Greensboro, NC. *Funding Source: Technology Replacement/Computer/Elect. Equipment Capital, 6218954-658600; \$5,637.60 and Technology Replacement/Computer Equipment Hardware, 6218954-627500; \$67,608.22 – Approved*
20. Council is asked to approve a [Contract for Paving, Milling and Resurfacing of Bower Parkway](#), as requested by the Street Division. Award to C.R. Jackson, Inc., the lowest, responsible and responsive bidder in the amount of \$91,217.70. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Street Resurfacing Capital Project/Auto, Truck, Hvy Equip-Capital, 4079999-658500 and Bower Parkway Improvements/Auto, Truck, Hvy Equip-Capital, SR803001-658500 – **Note:** CR Jackson is a certified LBE firm. This section of Bower Parkway was not completed during our 2011 project due to the construction of Pawmetto Life Line. – Approved*
21. Council is asked to approve an [Agreement for Design / Build Services for Public Restrooms at Earlewood Park](#), as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to W.T. Murphy Construction, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$86,482.00. This vendor is located in Lexington, SC. *Funding Source: Parks & Recreation Administration Building Fund, PK008501 – **Note:** This project will be performed using the following subcontracting services: De La Torre Construction, LLC, a MBE firm located in Columbia, SC will provide masonry services at 6% of the contract value; ROR, LLC, a WBE firm located in Elloree, SC will provide framing services at 3% of the contract value; Jeffery Sanders Concrete, a MBE firm located in Pinewood, SC will provide concrete services at 1% of the contract value; Dreher Plumbing, Co., an OBE firm located in Lexington, SC will provide plumbing services at 6% of the contract value; R.P. Electrical Services, an OBE firm located in Lexington, SC will provide electrical services at 3% of the contract value; and Low Country Foundations, an OBE firm located in Williston, SC will provide footings and site work at 1% of the contract value. – Approved*

22. Council is asked to approve the [Purchase of Tasers and Accompanying Equipment](#), as requested by the Police Department. Award to Lawmen's Safety Supply, Inc., as a Sole Source in the amount of \$93,591.77. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: US Justice Grants Control/Weapon & Firearms, 2659999-624500 – Approved*
23. Council is asked to approve [Change Order #4 for Capital Improvement Project CM1038](#); Bellfield/Booker Washington Heights Cultural Arts Center Renovation Phase I Project, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to MAR Construction Company in the amount of \$115,167.00. This vendor is located in West Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: CM1038 – **Note:** This change order was initiated by the City and necessary for the occupancy permit to include acoustical ceiling repairs/replacement and electrical work. The contract is extended until August 2013. The original contract amount was \$447,000.00; with this change order, the revised amount is \$562,167.00. – Approved*
24. Council is asked to approve [Capital Improvement Project SS7249](#); Sanitary Sewer Line Improvements along Albion Road and Cassina Road, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to LAD Corporation, the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder in the amount of \$116,250.00. This vendor is located in West Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Sanitary Sewer Special Contracts, 5516212-638300. – **Note:** The original budgeted amount for this project is \$120,000.00. – Approved*
25. Council is asked to approve the [Community Development Block Grant Sub-recipient Agreement for Fiscal Year 2013/2014](#), as requested by the Community Development Department. Award to the Columbia Empowerment Zone, Inc. for the Lady Street Suites Small Business Incubator in the amount of \$104,500.00. *Funding Source: FY 2013-2014 CDBG Entitlement and CDBG Program Income – Approved*
26. Council is asked to extend the existing contract to provide [Project Management Services](#) to assist with the Customer Suite Upgrade and Kronos Installation. Award to Advanced Automation Consulting in an amount not to exceed \$254,800.00. This vendor is located in Irmo, SC. *Funding Source: 5518408; \$91,000 and 6218951; \$163,800. – **Note:** Customer Suite is the City's utility billing and customer management software and Kronos is a new time and attendance software. – Approved*
27. Council is asked to approve the [Renewal of the Housing First Program Contract for Housing and Services](#) needed for eligible chronically Homeless Individuals, effective July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, as requested by the Community Development Department. Award to the University of South Carolina in the amount not to exceed \$250,000.00. *Funding Source: FY 2013/2014 General Fund, 1018410-638300 **Note:** This is the final renewal period for the contract. – Approved*

28. Council is asked to approve [Contract Amendment #2 for Capital Improvement Projects SS7115 & SS7116](#); Engineering Services Agreement for Evaluation and Design at the West Columbia and Saluda River Sewer Lift Stations, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to Brown & Caldwell, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$307,300.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Sewer Maintenance Fund, 5516212-SS711601-636600 – **Note:** The contract amendment provides for expanded scope of services and time extension to complete the project. This project will be performed using the following sub-consultants: Chao & Associates, Inc., a MBE firm located in Columbia, SC will perform Structural Engineering Services at 4.07% of the amended value; Howard Engineering, a WBE firm located in Marietta, SC will perform Electrical Engineering Services at 0.98% of the amended value; Terracon Consultants, Inc. an OBE firm will perform Geotechnical Engineering and Materials Testing Services at 10.02% of the amended value; and Construction Support Services, a MBE firm located in Columbia, SC will perform Surveying Services at 0.75% of the amended contract value. With this amendment, the revised total contract amount for engineering services is \$1,772,145. – Approved*
29. Council is asked to approve the [Renewal of Insurance Policies](#) for Commercial Property, Computer, Crime, Auto-Parks & Recreation Buses and Auto-City Manager and Assistant City Managers' vehicles, as requested by the Risk Management Division. Award to Willis of North Carolina in the amount of \$245,566.00. *Funding Source: Premiums and Policies, 6058935 – Approved*
30. Council is asked to approve [Change Order #7 for Capital Improvement Projects WM3175 & WM3823](#); Improvements to the Raw Water Pump Station & High Service Pump Station at the Canal Water Treatment Plant, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to PC Construction Co., Inc., in the amount of \$325,805.00. This vendor is located in South Burlington, Vermont. *Funding Source: 5529999-WM317501-658650 – **Note:** The total revised contract amount is \$27,210,089.98. - Approved*
31. Council is asked to approve [Capital Improvement Project SR808101](#); Reclamation and Resurfacing at Glen Ridge Subdivision, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to Sloan Construction, the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder in the amount of \$432,648.44. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: SR804301-658650 – **Note:** The original budgeted amount for this project is \$410,000.00. – Approved*
32. Council is asked to approve [Change Order #6 for Capital Improvement Project SS6871](#); Wastewater Treatment Plant Final Clarifiers, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to M.B. Kahn Construction Co., Inc., in the amount of \$614,380.65. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. – ***Note:** This change order was initiated by the City for additional improvements to Final Clarifiers 1 through 4. The total revised contract amount is \$13,108,498.55. – Approved*

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

33. [Ordinance No.: 2013-083](#) (Revised) – Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Second Amendment to Purchase Agreement between the City of Columbia and Bright-Meyers 2001 LLC for the sale of 5.97 ± acres (Capital City Stadium), Richland County TMS #11204-02-02 – *Approved on first reading.*

Mr. Kenneth Gaines, Esq., City Attorney said the amendment is to add the \$1,000 earnest money.

Councilor Plough asked if this is an extension of the previous terms.

Mr. Kenneth Gaines, Esq., City Attorney said yes; we are just changing the timeframes.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Runyan, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No: 2013-083 – Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Second Amendment to Purchase Agreement between the City of Columbia and Bright-Meyers 2001 LLC for the sale of 5.97 ± acres (Capital City Stadium), Richland County TMS #11204-02-02.

34. [Ordinance No. 2013-070](#) – Granting encroachment to Sandy Point Golf Club, Inc. for installation and maintenance of a concrete handicap ramp and steel pipe hand railing within the right of way area adjacent to its building at 5260 Forest Drive, Richland County TMS #16706-04-11 – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Ms. Plough and seconded by Mr. Runyan, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No: 2013-070 – Granting encroachment to Sandy Point Golf Club, Inc. for installation and maintenance of a concrete handicap ramp and steel pipe hand railing within the right of way area adjacent to its building at 5260 Forest Drive, Richland County TMS #16706-04-11.

35. [Ordinance No.: 2013-076](#) – Granting an encroachment to Sakura Columbia Inc. for placement and maintenance of four (4) tables and twelve (12) chairs for use by its patrons for outdoor dining during normal business hours within the sidewalk right of way immediately adjacent to its business at 937 Main Street – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No: 2013-076 – Granting an encroachment to Sakura Columbia Inc. for placement and maintenance of four (4) tables and twelve (12) chairs for use by its patrons for outdoor dining during normal business hours within the sidewalk right of way immediately adjacent to its business at 937 Main Street.

RESOLUTIONS

36. [Resolution No.: R-2013-066](#) – Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at Columbia Crab Crackin Fest at the Amphitheater Area of Finlay Park – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Ms. Plough, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2013-066 – Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at Columbia Crab Crackin Fest at the Amphitheater Area of Finlay Park.

37. [Resolution No.: R-2013-072](#) – Authorizing Notice of 2013 Election for Mayor and Three Members of City Council – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Runyan and seconded by Ms. Plough, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2013-072 – Authorizing Notice of 2013 Election for Mayor and Three Members of City Council.

38. [Resolution No.: R-2013-073](#) – Amending Resolution R-2013-057 Approving the Busby Street Resource and Training Complex – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Ms. Plough, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2013-073 – Amending Resolution R-2013-057 Approving the Busby Street Resource and Training Complex.

39. [Resolution No.: R-2013-077](#) – Recognizing Cherod Webber as an Honorary Ambassador between the City of Columbia, South Carolina and Ghana and the greater Western and Southern Africa Regions – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Ms. Plough, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2013-077 – Recognizing Cherod Webber as an Honorary Ambassador between the City of Columbia, South Carolina and Ghana and the greater Western and Southern Africa Regions.

Mayor Benjamin said Mr. Webber is a young business man with existing relationships in Ghana that moved his business to Columbia. As a city, we want to start leveraging relationships and marketing small businesses.

APPOINTMENTS

40. Council is asked to approve the appointment of The Honorable Cameron A. Runyan as Mayor Pro-Tempore for Fiscal Year 2013/2014. – *Consideration of this item was deferred.*

41. [Municipal Court Judges](#)

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of the following individuals as Municipal Court Judges:

Regular Judges

- Ms. Dana Turner as the Chief Administrative Judge to serve a 4-year term
- Mr. Steven Dennis to serve a 3-year term
- Ms. Kristy Goldberg to serve a 4-year term
- Mr. James Guignard to serve a 3-year term
- Mr. Lincoln Jenkins to serve a 2-year term

Substitute Judges

- Mr. Carl L. Solomon to serve a 2-year term
- Ms. Sally Speth to serve a 2-year term
- Ms. Susan Porter to serve a 2-year term
- Mr. August Swarat to serve a 2-year term
- Ms. Roslyn Frierson to serve a 2-year term
- Ms. Deidre Hightower to serve a 2-year term

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports were given at this time.

Mayor Benjamin clarified that August 6, 2013 is a Council Meeting date and National Night Out. He said at some point, we will have to meet to discuss hospitality taxes and homeless matters.

There was a consensus of Council to conduct a Work Session on August 6, 2013 at 2 p.m. to discuss hospitality & accommodations tax funding and external funding for organizations. Council will conduct a Work Session on August 13, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. and a Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m. to discuss homeless issues. The August 20, 2013 meeting was canceled.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 9:01 p.m. for the discussion of **Items 42** through **45** as outlined.

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

43. Discussion of negotiations incident to the proposed purchase of property – *This item was discussed in Executive Session. No action was taken.*
 44. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements – *This item was discussed in Executive Session. No action was taken.*
 45. Discussion of appointment of an employee – *This item was discussed in Executive Session. No action was taken.*
- **Council adjourned the meeting at 10:55 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Moore
City Clerk