

RESOLUTION NO.: 2005-062

*Authorizing annual Vista Lights celebration in the Congaree Vista*

WHEREAS, the Congaree Vista Guild is sponsoring its annual Vista Lights celebration in the Congaree Vista on Thursday, November 17, 2005 from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.; and,

WHEREAS, the Guild has requested permission for Vista area merchants to operate sales booths as part of the celebration; and,

WHEREAS, the Guild has requested that Gervais Street between Park Street and Pulsaski Street; Park Street between Lady Street and Senate Street; Lincoln Street between Lady Street and Senate Street; Gadsden Street between Lady Street and Gervais Street and Wayne Street between Lady Street and Gervais Street be closed to automotive traffic; and,

WHEREAS, it has been determined that such an event would be in the public interest; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council this 26th day of October, 2005, that between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 17, 2005, merchants are authorized to operate sale booths for items normally sold in their course of business, except alcoholic beverages, beer and wine, within the area of Gervais Street between Park Street and Pulsaski Street; Park Street between Lady Street and Senate Street; Lincoln Street between Lady Street and Senate Street; Gadsden Street between Lady Street and Gervais Street and Wayne Street between Lady Street and Gervais Street; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the sale of beer and wine beverages is authorized between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 17, 2005;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that street sales of arts and crafts items (to be defined as items which are in whole or in part handmade and not items purchased for resale) and food and beverage items and game booths be permitted and that the Guild be authorized to determine and allocate available space

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to vendors and to charge reasonable fees to recover its costs in promoting and operating the festival. The Guild may limit the number of vendors based on space available. The Guild shall prescribe the required application form and appropriate deadline for receiving applications; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all vendors be restricted to stationary location and the Guild shall approve or disapprove all amplified entertainment activities; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that only pedestrian traffic will be allowed within the area. All other traffic, including, but not limited to, automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, mopeds, bicycles, skate boards, and horses, except police horses, is prohibited. All pets shall be prohibited. Coolers, glass bottles, breakable glasses and/or cups, large bags and backpacks shall be prohibited; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during the designated time the area of Gervais Street between Park Street and Pulsaski Street; Park Street between Lady Street and Senate Street; Lincoln Street between Lady Street and Senate Street; Gadsden Street between Lady Street and Gervais Street and Wayne Street between Lady Street and Gervais Street, with the exception of the parking areas and any other areas posted as to not allow alcoholic beverages, shall be declared to be a Public Park and the provisions of Chapter 15, Parks and Recreation, Sec. 15-1, 15-2 and 15-3, 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina are in effect. Pursuant to Chapter 14, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article IV, Offenses Against the Public Peace and Order, Sec. 14-99, 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, the area of Gervais Street between Park Street and Pulsaski Street; Park Street between Lady Street and Senate Street; Lincoln Street between Lady Street and Senate Street; Gadsden Street between Lady Street and Gervais Street and Wayne Street between Lady Street and Gervais Street, with the exception of the parking areas and any other areas posted as to not allow alcoholic beverages, is deemed to be the site of a public festival at which alcoholic beverages may be consumed and the prohibition against possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages set forth in Sec. 14-99 shall not apply. Possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages shall be permitted only in containers provided

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by vendors within the area designated.

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that no solicitation or transactions be made in violation of Sec. 14-32, et. seq., 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina.

Requested by:



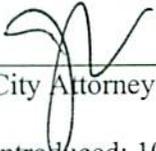
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Mayor

Approved by:



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City Manager

Approved as to form:



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City Attorney

Introduced: 10/26/2005

Final Reading: 10/26/2005

ATTEST:



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City Clerk

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Matter No.: 05101017  
 Attorney: JSM  
 Date In: 10/10/05  
 File No.: R-2005-1122  
 Date Out: 10/13/05

*Jeanne Lirola*  
 Employee

October 5, 2005



Mr. Charles Austin  
 City Manager  
 City of Columbia  
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 Columbia, SC 29217

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 803-782-0082 Fax 803-782-0081

Dear Mr. Austin,

Please accept this as our formal request for the closing of streets in the Vista Thursday, November 17, 2005, for the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Vista Lights celebration.

On behalf of the Congaree Vista Guild, I am requesting that Gervais Street be closed from Park Street to Pulaski Street (leaving Pulaski open), Park Street be closed from Lady to Senate Street, Lincoln Street be closed from Lady to Senate Street, Gadsden be closed from Lady to Gervais Street, and Wayne Street be closed from Lady to Gervais. We would like the streets closed to all automotive traffic between the hours of 6:00 PM and 10:00 PM. The exception would be for emergency vehicles. We will provide the flashing barricades for Gervais Street (4 at each end) as we have done the past few years.

In addition, we are requesting that on those closed streets, people may walk with plastic open containers during those same hours.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if I can be of further assistance. I can be reached at PrideStaff. The number is 782.0082.

Thank you in advance for your assistance!

Sincerely,

*Jeanne Lirola*

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 Vice President  
 Congaree Vista Guild



- Cc: Erika Moore, City Clerk  
 Captain Harold Reaves, City of Columbia Police Department  
 Sergeant Brian Goff, Special Events Coordinator, City of Columbia Police Department  
 Chief Bradley Anderson, City of Columbia Fire Department  
 Major Eric Grabski, University of South Carolina Law Enforcement



**CITY OF COLUMBIA  
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY  
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**TO: Charles P. Austin, Sr.  
City Manager**

**Date: October 5, 2005**

**From: Harold L. Reaves  
Deputy Director**

**Subject: Congaree Vista Guild Annual Vista Lights Celebration**

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I have reviewed the listed request and recommend that it be forwarded to City Council for approval.

**Congaree Vista Guild Annual Vista Lights Celebration – Close Gervais Street between Park and Pulaski Streets. Close Park Street between Lady and Senate Streets. Close Lincoln Street between Lady and Senate Street. Close Gadsden Street between Lady and Gervais Streets. Close Wayne Street between Lady and Gervais Streets on Thursday, November 17, 2005 from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. The following stipulations apply:**

- 1. The event sponsor will hire off duty Columbia Police Officers to provide traffic and crowd control.**
- 2. The event sponsor will provide lighted barricades.**
- 3. A standard Resolution allowing consumption of alcohol will be required.**