



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

The Columbia City Council conducted a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 10, 2011 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m. and 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 Clyde Waters, Columbia Police Department offered the invocation.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Ms. Plough and seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda with the following revisions:

- Defer consideration of **Items 14** and **15**. The vacancies on these boards and commissions should be advertised for a two-week period with the consideration of applicants by City Council on February 7, 2012.

APPEARANCE OF PUBLIC WITH COMMENTS RELATED TO THE AGENDA

No one appeared at this time.

PRESENTATIONS

1. [One Year Anniversary of NOMA Bark Park](#) – Ms. Virginia Bedford, Earlewood Park Community

Ms. Virginia Bedford, NOMA Bark Park Committee Member announced the one year anniversary of the NOMA Bark Park.

Ms. Rebecca Haynes, Chair of the NOMA Bark Park presented the accomplishments of the NOMA Bark Park 7-member committee. We adopted Smith Branch and conducted two (2) spring clean ups. We were awarded the City's Stream Clean award and used that to spruce up Smith Creek. We have over 300 canine members. We recently went green and paperless with an online application process. She presented a video of the NOMA Bark Park members accounting their experiences at the park.

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION / ACTION

2. 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 Konstantinos G. Patoulas doing business as SC Palmetto Taxi at 118 Leonard Circle, Camden, SC. - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Davis, 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 Konstantinos G. Patoulas doing business as SC Palmetto Taxi at 118 Leonard Circle, Camden, SC.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a single motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve the **Consent Agenda Items 3. through 10.**

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS, AGREEMENTS and CHANGE ORDERS

3. Council is asked to approve an [Engagement Letter](#) to assist in the Amendment of the Renaissance Tax Increment Financing Development Plan and to Provide additional Advice and Counsel related thereto. Award to Haynsworth, Sinkler Boyd, P.A.'s Consultant in a total amount not to exceed \$25,000.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Legal Department's Budget for Outside Legal Counsel – Approved –Note: A City Council briefing will be scheduled.*
4. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of [Four \(4\) Ford F-250 w/ Service Body and Tow Packages](#), as requested by the Wastewater Treatment Plant Division. Award to Vic Bailey Ford, Inc., using the SC State Contract in the amount of \$96,348.00. This vendor is located in Spartanburg, SC. *Funding Source: Utilities Metro Waste Water Plant-Auto Trucks Heavy Equipment Capital, 5516208-658500 - Approved*
5. Council is asked to approve [Capital Improvement Project WM3767](#); An Agreement for Engineering Services for Design, Engineering and Construction Phase Services for the Installation of 24-inch, 16-inch and 12-inch water mains on Longtown Road, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to Genesis Consulting Group in the amount of \$198,385.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Water Maintenance Fund, 5529999-WM3767-658660 – **Note:** The following sub-consultants will be providing assistance: Construction Support Services (Columbia, SC) will perform a water line, parcel and easement survey at 20% of the contract and Sharp Business Consulting Services (Columbia, SC) will provide preliminary locations of existing utilities at .04% of the contract. - Approved*

6. Council is asked to approve the [Purchase of Three \(3\) Residential-Recycling Trucks](#), as requested by the Fleet Services Division. Award to Carolina International Trucks, Inc., the lowest bidder meeting specifications in the amount of \$435,863.34. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Capital Replacement-Auto, Trucks, and Heavy Equipment Capital 6308972-658500 - Approved*
7. Council is asked to [approve Mentor Protégé Program and Local Business Preference Projects SD835401, WM422601, SS717501 and SR804701](#); Pinner Road Bridge Construction for Northwood Hill Subdivision Phase II, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to Republic Contracting, the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder in the amount of \$ 580,277.25. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Sanitary Sewer Improvement Fund, 5549999-658650 - CIP budgeted amount for this project is \$768,582.75. - Approved*
8. Council is asked to approve [Capital Improvement Projects WM4231, WM3774 and WM3752](#); An Agreement for Engineering Services for the Canal Water Treatment Plant High Service Pump Improvements in Rooms 2 & 3, Clearwell Improvements and Reservoir Dredging and Improvements, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to URS Corporation in the amount of \$2,789,000.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Water Maintenance Fund: 5529999-WM4231-6586600, 5529999-WM3774-658660 and 5529999-WM3752-6586600 – **Note:** The following sub-consultants will be providing assistance: Howard Engineering (Marietta, GA) will provide Electrical & Mechanical Engineering Services at 4.5% of the contract; Chao & Associates (Columbia, SC) will provide Structural Engineering Services at 17% of the contract; Terracon Consultants, Inc., (Columbia, SC) will provide Construction Quality Assurance Geotechnical Services at 3% of the contract; and DESA, Inc.,(Columbia, SC) will provide Protégé-Assist with Preparation of Plans & Specifications, Construction Administration and Observation Services at 8% of the contract. - Approved*
9. Council is asked to approve [Subcontracting Outreach Program and Local Business Preference Project WM395601](#); Broad River Road and Mt. Vernon Church Road construction installation of water lines and fire hydrants, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to McClam and Associates, the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder in the amount of \$5,624,939.90. This vendor is located in Little Mountain, SC. *Funding Source: Water Main Improvement Fund, 5529999-658650 - Approved*

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

10. [Ordinance No. 2011-088](#) – Annexing 5307 Forest Drive and 5377 Forest Drive, Richland County TMS #76706-03-29 and 76706-03-30 – *First reading approval was given on December 20, 2011 – Approved on second reading.*

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

11. [Ordinance No.: 2011-103](#) – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 2, Administration, Article V, Procurement, Sec. 2-204, Competitive sealed bidding required; exceptions –*Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Ms. Plough, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2011-103 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 2, Administration, Article V, Procurement, Sec. 2-204, Competitive sealed bidding required; exceptions.

RESOLUTIONS

Upon a single motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to approve **Items 12 and 13.**

12. [Resolution No.: R-2012-001](#) – Authorizing consumption of beer and wine at Five Points St. Pat's Kickoff Event - *Approved*
13. [Resolution No.: R-2012-002](#) – Authorizing the Five Points Association to Conduct Street and Sidewalk Sales for the “St. Pat's in Five Points Festival” - *Approved*

APPOINTMENTS

14. [Building Board of Adjustments and Appeals](#) – *Consideration of this item was deferred.*
15. [Hospitality Tax Advisory Committee](#) – *Consideration of this item was deferred.*

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Devine agreed to schedule a separate Work Session with Mr. Shytle to discuss the Renaissance Redevelopment Plan. She informed the Council that she has asked Mr. Gantt, City Manager to start a Bank on City pilot program to offer mainstream financial services to City employees. The program is designed to promote financial literacy and to assist individuals gain access to bank accounts with little to no fees.

Councilor Plough reiterated the report from the Economic Development Committee given on December 13, 2011 in relation to the corridor plan that was requested for the Crosshill corridor.

A motion was made by Ms. Plaugh and seconded by Dr. Gergel to allocate \$200,000 from the Reserve Fund for this year and next year to initiate the beginning of the corridor planning process for South Assembly Street, Millwood Avenue, Farrow Road and Crosshill/Garners Ferry Road and that the process start immediately for Crosshill/Garners Ferry Road. Funding could be used to pay for a consultant or to bring someone on staff.

Upon an amended motion made by Ms. Plaugh and seconded by Dr. Gergel, Council voted six (6) to one (1) to allow the City Manager and staff to prepare recommendations on how to proceed with corridor studies for South Assembly Street, Millwood Avenue, Farrow Road and Crosshill/Garners Ferry Road and to provide possible funding sources. These recommendations are to be presented to City Council on January 17, 2012. Voting aye were Mr. Davis, Ms. Devine, Dr. Gergel, Ms. Plaugh, Mr. Newman and Mayor Benjamin. Mr. Rickenmann voted nay.

APPEARANCE OF PUBLIC HAVING BUSINESS WITH CITY COUNCIL

No one appeared at this time.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Moore
City Clerk