



CITY OF COLUMBIA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING **ACTION REPORT**
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 2010
9:00 A.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 3RD FLOOR
1737 MAIN STREET

The Columbia City Council conducted a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, June 16, 2010 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Mayor Robert D. Coble called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. and the following members of Council were present: The Honorable Sam Davis, The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine, The Honorable Belinda F. Gergel and The Honorable Kirkman Finlay III. The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann arrived at 9:57 a.m. Also present were Mr. Steven A. Gantt, City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Salley, City Clerk.

INVOCATION

Pastor Darrell Croft, Chaplain for the Columbia Fire Department offered the Invocation.

APPEARANCE OF PUBLIC HAVING BUSINESS RELATED TO THE AGENDA ITEMS

No one appeared at this time.

MINUTES

1. Minutes of [November 4](#), [November 16](#) and [November 18](#), 2009

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of November 4, 16 and 18, 2009 with a single motion as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve the **Consent Agenda Items 3.** through **18.** with a single motion.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS, AGREEMENTS and CHANGE ORDERS

2. Council is asked to approve a First Addendum to the Operation and Management Agreement between the City of Columbia and EdVenture for the Terrace Building Addition. – *Consideration of this item was deferred to June 23, 2010.*
3. Council is asked to approve the [Purchase of Three \(3\) Portable Radios with Smartzone Connectivity](#), as requested by the Police Department/Homeland Security Division. Award to Motorola C&E, Inc., using the SC State Contract in the amount of \$10,611.03. This vendor is located in Sumter, SC. *Funding Source: 1012202-623700 - Approved*
4. Council is asked to approve the [Purchase of Three \(3\) Dell Laptops](#), as requested by the Fire Department. Award to Dell, using the SC State Contract in the amount of \$11,544.70. This vendor is located in Round Rock, TX. *Funding Source: 1012303-657600 - Approved*
5. Council is asked to approve the request to [Furnish and Install the Fencing for Earlewood Dog Park](#), as requested by the Parks & Recreation Department. Award to Brabham Fence Company in the amount of \$23,340.57. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: 5534201638300 - Approved*

6. Council is asked to approve a [Three \(3\) Year License Renewal/Support for Cisco Ironport](#), as requested by the Information Technology Department. Award to Presidio Networked Solutions in the amount of \$32,795.50. This vendor is located in Atlanta, GA. *Funding Source: 1011120-638200 - Approved*
- 6a. **Council is asked to approve a [Cityworks Enterprise License Agreement Upgrade](#), as requested by the Information Technology Department. Award to Azteca Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$37,450.00. This vendor is located in Sandy, UT. *Funding Source: (1011120-638200 \$10,700.00); (5516203-638200 \$13,375.00) and (5516205-638200 \$13,375.00) - Approved*
7. Council is asked to approve [Project #SS6871](#); Purchase of Drive Assembly for the Final Clarifier Train One (1) at the Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to Siemens Technologies, as a Sole Source in the amount of \$37,918.66. This vendor is located in Waukesha, WI. *Funding Source: Sewer Improvement Fund 5529999-SS687101-851200 - Approved*
8. Council is asked to approve Project [#SS713001 & SD834001](#); An Agreement for Miscellaneous Services Associated with United States Army Corps of Engineers (USCOE) Section 404/401 Permitting and Work Orders one (1) through three (3), as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to Environmental Permitting Consultants (EPC) in the amount of \$50,000.00. This vendor is located in Greenville, SC. *Funding Source: Sewer Improvements Fund 5529999-SS713001-636600 and Stormwater Utility Fund 5549999-SD834001-636600 - Approved*
- 8a. **Council is asked to approve the [Purchase for Clean Fill Dirt](#), as requested by the Solid Waste Department. Award to L.A. Barrier & Son, Inc., in the amount of \$66,768.00. This vendor is located in Lexington, SC. *Funding Source: 1014405-638500 - Approved*
9. Council is asked to approve [Project #WM4208 & SS7134](#); An Agreement for Structural Engineering Services, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to Chao and Associates in the amount of \$75,000.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: 5529999-WM420801-636600 - Approved*
10. Council is asked to approve [Project #SS6871](#); Purchase of Material to Rebuild Primary Clarifiers Five (5) and Six (6) at the Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to Siemens Technologies, as a Sole Source in the amount of \$118,466.12. This vendor is located in Waukesha, WI. *Funding Source: Sewer Improvement Fund 5529999-SS687101-851200 - Approved*
11. Council is asked to approve the [renewal of Insurance Policies](#) for Commercial Property, Computer, Crime, Auto-Mayor, Auto-Parks & Recreation, General Liability Major Parks. Award to Willis of North Carolina in the amount of \$188,949.90. *Funding Source: Premiums and Policies Account 6058935 - Approved*
12. Council is asked to approve [Project #9801000105](#); An Agreement to Remove Overhead Lines and Install Underground Along Harden Street from the Railroad to Read Street, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to South Carolina Electric and Gas (SCE&G) in the amount of \$1,238,750.00. This vendor is located in Cayce, SC. *Funding Source: 4139999-9801000105-639900 – Approved*
13. Council is asked to approve a [Two \(2\) Year Extension Contract](#) for Professional Services between the City of Columbia and Merchant Capital, LLC in the amount not to exceed \$450,000.00. This Firm is located in Atlanta, GA. - *Approved*

14. Council is asked to approve [Project #WM395601](#); An Agreement for Design and Construction of Water Lines to Provide Additional Supplies of City Water to the Chapin, SC Area, Phase I and II, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to Civil Engineering in the amount of \$564,690.00.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Water Improvement Fund 5529999-WM395601-636600 - Approved*
15. Council is asked to approve [Project #SS7135](#); Sanitary Sewer Overflow Clean up and Right-of-Way Clearing, as requested by Utilities and Engineering in the amount of \$1,934,404.00. *Funding Source: Sanitary Sewer CIP Budget / Water& Sewer Bond. - Approved*
16. Council is asked to approve [Project #SS7058](#); A Subcontracting Outreach Program Disinfection Improvements for the Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to M.B. Kahn Construction in the amount of \$2,081,000.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: SS705801- Approved*
17. Council is asked to approve a [Contract Renewal for Medical Benefits Administration](#), as requested by the Employee Insurance Committee. Award to BlueCross BlueShield in the amount of \$16,291,000.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. - *Approved*

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

18. Ordinance No.: 2010-084 – Authorizing the transfer of 5208 Randall Avenue, Richland County TMS #11701-06-05 to Eau Claire Development Corp. and 612 Glenlea Road, Richland County TMS #09314-06-06; 136 Springway Drive, Richland County TMS #16310-05-25; 2514 Louise Street, Richland County TMS #11510-01-20; 1216 Pine Street, Richland County TMS #11406-07-20; 4061 Water Street, Richland County TMS #11602-12-07; 1501 Manning Avenue, Richland County TMS #11411-06-09; 1525 Manning Avenue, Richland County TMS #R11412-06-06; and R11411-06-03; 1527 Manning Avenue, Richland County TMS #R11412-06-06; and 926 East Campanella Drive, Richland County TMS #R14305-15-25 to Columbia Housing Development Corporation – *First reading approval was given on May 19, 2010. – Consideration of this item was deferred.*

PRESENTATIONS

19. [Introduction of the June 2010 Employee of the Month \(CSO David Stapleton\)](#) – Mr. Randy Martin, Major of Homeland Security Division

Interim Police Chief Carl Burke, Major Randy Martin, Homeland Security Division and Mr. Glenn Sawyer, Community Safety Coordinator introduced Community Safety Officer David Stapleton as the June 2010 Employee of the Month.

Mayor Coble presented CSO Stapleton with a certificate and Mr. Steven A. Gantt, City Manager presented CSO Stapleton with a token of appreciation for being selected as the June 2010 Employee of the Month.

20. Homeownership Month Proclamation – Ms. Dollie Bristow, Community Development/Community Investment Manager

Mayor Coble and the members of Council proclaimed June 2010 as Homeownership Month in the City of Columbia.

21. [Neighborhood Stabilization Program](#) (NSP) – Ms. Deborah Livingston, Director of the Columbia Housing Development Corporation

Ms. Deborah Livingston, Director of the Columbia Housing Development Corporation explained that the Neighborhood Stabilization Program has three activities; we received \$3,900,000 for acquisition / rehabilitation; \$881,556 for redevelopment; and \$144,209 from the Richland County Allocation for a total amount of \$4,044,210. To date, 30 homes have been purchased and one is currently under contract.

This was an update. No action was taken.

- **Mr. Finlay left the meeting at 9:34 a.m.**

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION / ACTION

22. [Neighborhood Street Lighting Requests](#) – Mr. Robert Anderson, Deputy Director of Public Works

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve the Neighborhood Street Lighting Requests as outlined below.

Neighborhoods Listed by Priority	Existing Lights	Requested Lights	Current Lease Cost / Annually	Increased Amount
904 Muller Avenue	150	1	\$237.84	\$118.92
Lyon Street Neighborhood	150	14	\$23,054.28	\$1664.88

- 22a. **Council is asked to approve a [Business License Application for a Detective Agency](#). Award to Mr. Michael Joseph McNamara, Sr. of Anthony Proietta & Associates, Inc., as requested by the Business License Division.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve a Business License Application for a Detective Agency. Award to Mr. Michael Joseph McNamara, Sr. of Anthony Proietta & Associates, Inc., as requested by the Business License Division.

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

23. [Ordinance No.: 2010-088](#) – Granting DukeNet Communications, LLC, 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 Fiber Optic Network Facilities for Such Period as Provided Herein; to Provide for the Payment of Compensation for its Use of the Streets and Public Places; and to authorize the City Manager to execute the attached Rights-of-Way Access Agreement – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2010-088 – Granting DukeNet Communications, LLC, 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 Fiber Optic Network Facilities for Such Period as Provided Herein; to Provide for the Payment of Compensation for its Use of the Streets and Public Places; and to authorize the City Manager to execute the attached Rights-of-Way Access Agreement.

24. [Ordinance No.: 2010-097](#) – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinance of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 2, Administration, Article III, Officers and Employees to repeal Sec. 2-130 Director of business enterprise and grants; and Article IV, Departments, Sec. 2-151, Departments created; department heads; administrative regulations and procedures, (a) to repeal (15) Business enterprise and grants – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2010-097 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinance of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 2, Administration, Article III, Officers and Employees to repeal Sec. 2-130 Director of business enterprise and grants; and Article IV, Departments, Sec. 2-151, Departments created; department heads; administrative regulations and procedures, (a) to repeal (15) Business enterprise and grants.

RESOLUTIONS

25. [Resolution No.: R-2010-51](#) – Authorizing the City Manager to execute a 911 Communications Center Consolidation Agreement between the City of Columbia and Richland County - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2010-51 – Authorizing the City Manager to execute a 911 Communications Center Consolidation Agreement between the City of Columbia and Richland County.

- **Council recessed at 9:47 a.m.**
- **Council reconvened at 9:57 a.m. and Mr. Rickenmann was present at this time.**

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

26. [Ordinance No.: 2010-047](#) – To Raise Revenue and Adopt the Budget for The City of Columbia, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2011 – *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.: 2010-047 – To Raise Revenue and Adopt the Budget for The City of Columbia, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2011.

27. [Ordinance No.: 2010-086](#) – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 20, Special Fees and Taxes to add Article IV, Electronic Payment Fees – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2010-086 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 20, Special Fees and Taxes to add Article IV, Electronic Payment Fees.

28. [Ordinance No.: 2010-089](#) – 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 rates and Sec. 23-149 Sewer service rates, (a) Generally, (b) Consumers using water cooling towers for air conditioning and (f) Contaminated groundwater – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted four (4) to one (1) to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2010-089 – 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 rates and Sec. 23-149 Sewer service rates, (a) Generally, (b) Consumers using water cooling towers for air conditioning and (f) Contaminated groundwater. Voting aye were Mr. Davis, Ms. Devine, Dr. Gergel and Mayor Coble. Mr. Rickenmann voted nay.

APPOINTMENTS

29. [Municipal Court Judges](#)

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to approve the reappointment of Municipal Court Judges as follows.

- Chief Administrative Judge Dana D. Turner for a term expiring on July 1, 2013;
- Judges Lincoln C. Jenkins, III, Steven D. Dennis and Marion O. Hanna for a term expiring on July 1, 2013;
- Judges B. Jean Burns, J. Steedley Bogan and DeAndrea G. Benjamin for a term expiring on July 1, 2012; and
- Substitute Judges Carlton B. Bagby, James S. Guignard and William C. Smith for a term expiring on July 1, 2012.

30. Board of Zoning Appeals – *Consideration of appointments was deferred.*

31. Design Development Review Commission – *Consideration of appointments was deferred.*

32. Planning Commission – *Consideration of appointments was deferred.*

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION /ACTION

33. **Security for Downtown Neighborhoods and Businesses – The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann

Upon a motion made by Mr. Rickenmann and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted four (4) to one (1) to allocate \$200,000 from the fiscal year 2009/2010 unallocated reserves to provide public safety services for the downtown neighborhoods and businesses contiguous to the Midlands Housing Alliance's Transition Center. Mr. Mike King, Assistant City Manager for Public Safety was directed to develop a public safety plan and budget for consideration by City Council. This plan will be reviewed with the surrounding neighborhoods and businesses. Voting aye were Ms. Devine, Mr. Rickenmann, Dr. Gergel and Mayor Coble. Mr. Davis voted nay.

- **Mayor Coble left the meeting at 10:38 a.m. and Councilman Davis is now presiding as the senior member of Council.**

APPEARANCE OF PUBLIC HAVING BUSINESS WITH CITY COUNCIL

Ms. Jean Denman
Pastor Paul Pingel, Ebenezer Lutheran Church
Mr. Reggie Murphy
Mr. Jim Morris, Main Street Resident
Ms. Patty Durkin, Downtown Resident and Business Owner
Ms. Charlotte Thompson, Downtown Business Owner
Ms. Kate Webb

**Amendment to the Agenda

Mr. Preston Winkler, Executive Director / Greater Columbia Community Relations Council
 Mr. John Holmes
 Dr. Marie Faltas
 Mr. Bill Manley, Eau Claire Community Resident

- **Mr. Finlay returned to the meeting.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion made by Mr. Rickenmann and seconded by Mr. Finlay, Council voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 11:23 a.m. for the discussion of **Items 34.** and **35.** as outlined.

- 34. Receipt of legal advice which relates to matter covered by attorney-client privilege
 - Salvation Army
 - Club Dreams

These items were discussed in Executive Session. No action was taken.

- 35. ****Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements –Contractual matters were discussed in Executive. No action was taken.**

- **Council adjourned the meeting at 1:11 p.m.**

<u>Tentative Meeting Dates</u>	<u>Type of Meeting</u>	<u>Meeting Times</u>
June 23, 2010	Budget – Second Reading	6:00 p.m.
July 7, 2010	<i>Canceled</i>	
July 14, 2010	City Council Briefing	6:00 p.m.
July 21, 2010	Council Meeting	9:00 a.m.
	Zoning Public Hearing	10:00 a.m.
July 28, 2010	District I Evening Meeting	6:00 p.m.
	<i>Eau Claire Print Building</i>	