



CITY OF COLUMBIA
CITY COUNCIL
DISTRICT I EVENING MEETING **ACTION REPORT**
WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2009
6:00 P.M.
EAU CLAIRE PRINT BUILDING
3905 ENSOR AVENUE

The Columbia City Council met for an Executive Session at 4:30 p.m. and conducted a District I Evening Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 8, 2009 at the Eau Claire Print Building located at 3905 Ensor Avenue, Columbia, SC 29203.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **Council voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 4:37 p.m.**
- **Mr. Davis joined the Executive Session at 4:42 p.m.**
- 1. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements
 - Allen-Benedict Court Redevelopment Project**ACTION: This item was discussed in Executive Session. Please refer to Item 8.**
 - Columbia Housing Authority
 - Parking Lot Lease Agreement**ACTION: These items were discussed in Executive Session. No action was taken.**

INVOCATION

- **Reverend Richard Dozier offered the Invocation.**

APPEARANCE OF PUBLIC HAVING BUSINESS RELATED TO THE AGENDA ITEMS

No one appeared at this time.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

- **Council voted unanimously to add the following items to the agenda for consideration: Allen Benedict Court Redevelopment Project; Columbia Police Department JAG Grant; Green Energy Efficiency; and a Columbiana Avenue Sidewalk Request from SCDOT.**

MINUTES

2. Minutes of [November 19, 2008](#) and [February 11, 2009](#)
ACTION: APPROVED as presented.

PRESENTATIONS

3. Welcome to the District I Evening Meeting – The Honorable Sam Davis
ACTION: The Honorable Sam Davis welcomed everyone to the District I Evening Meeting.

4. Special Recognitions – The Honorable Sam Davis
ACTION: Ms. Gail Baker, President of the Hyatt Park / Keenan Terrace Neighborhood Association and Ms. Dawn Stoner, President of the College Place Neighborhood Association welcomed everyone to North Columbia and the Eau Claire Community.

5. Update on Ribs & Renaissance Community Festival – Ms. Becky Bailey, Eau Claire Community Council
ACTION: Ms. Becky Bailey, Eau Claire Community Council and Project Director for the Ribs & Renaissance Community Festival reported that an estimated 3,000 people attended North Columbia's first arts and community festival. She outlined the strategy for planning next year's event to include traffic control, parking, and safety, the comfort of all community members and visitors and securing reliable food vendors.

6. Time Magazine Essay Contest Entry - Master Riley Pharr
ACTION: Master Riley Pharr recited his exemplary Time Magazine Essay Contest Entry about all that Columbia, South Carolina has to offer.

7. Five Points Parking Study – Mr. Will Letchworth, PE, Transportation Engineer / Wilbur Smith Associates
ACTION: Mr. Will Letchworth, PE, Transportation Engineer / Wilbur Smith Associates reported that Five Points has an existing 190 space shortfall of parking and recommended that two (2) or more parking lots be constructed by the City of Columbia to meet the parking needs of Five Points.

This report was received as information. No action was taken.

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION / ACTION

8. **Allen Benedict Court Redevelopment Project
ACTION: Council voted unanimously to participate in the Allen Benedict Court Redevelopment Project by budgeting \$3.5 million in the 2009/2010 operating budget for the infrastructure needs of the project. A letter of support outlining the City's participation should also include an outline of previous collaborations between the City of Columbia and the Columbia Housing Authority. The City of Columbia is requesting that any displaced residents of Allen Benedict Court be relocated within the corporate limits of the City of Columbia to the fullest extent possible and is willing to assist with that process.

9. **Motion to Facilitate and Incorporate New Energy Technologies in the City of Columbia
ACTION: Council voted unanimously to direct staff to provide City Council with a proposed zoning ordinance on the use of new energy technologies in our city that will be considered by the Council at its September 2, 2009 meeting. The proposed ordinance should be reviewed by the Climate Protection Action Committee (CPAC) and their recommendations should be included for Council's consideration.

This ordinance will include solar and wind technologies and consider the applications of new technologies to our city and its neighborhoods. It will address critical safety implications and building code issues and reflect appropriate input from all neighborhoods, with special attention to neighborhoods with design guidelines.

We direct staff to alert the appropriate City boards, commissions and neighborhood associations of Council's intent and its willingness to meet with them to discuss this policy matter.

10. **JAG Grant for Fiscal Year 2009

ACTION: Council voted unanimously to approve the Columbia Police Department's Fiscal Year 2009 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program allocation in the amount of \$145,457. Please note that this is not stimulus funding.

11. **SCDOT Municipal State Highway Project Agreement for Columbiana Drive

ACTION: Council voted unanimously to approve a Municipal State Highway Project Agreement for the Installation of Sidewalk on Columbiana Drive from mile point 0.14 to mile point 1.15. Please note that this is a City owned street, but the project is a SCDOT project.

12. Council is asked to approve the appointment of The Honorable Kirkman Finlay III as Mayor Pro-Tempore for Fiscal Year 2009/2010.

ACTION: APPROVED

13. Council is asked to approve an [Application for Certificate of Convenience and Necessity](#), as requested by the Business License Division. Award to Bryan J. Murray doing business as Columbia Pedicab Company located at 357 Cape Jasmine Way, Lexington, SC.

ACTION: APPROVED

14. Council is asked to approve the appointment of Mayor Robert D. Coble, Mr. E.W. Cromartie, II and Dr. Belinda F. Gergel to the [Transportation Ad Hoc Committee](#), as requested by the Richland County Council.

ACTION: Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Mayor Robert D. Coble, Mr. E.W. Cromartie, II and Dr. Belinda F. Gergel to the Transportation Ad Hoc Committee in conjunction with members from Richland County Council.

15. [TIGER Discretionary Grants Program](#) – Ms. Teresa Wilson Florence, Director of Governmental Affairs

ACTION: Council voted unanimously to authorize staff to prepare the TIGER Discretionary Grant Program Application for North Main Street (\$20 million), Harden Street (\$20 million) and Assembly Street (\$7 million).

16. [Climate Showcase Communities Grant Program](#) - Ms. Teresa Wilson Florence, Director of Governmental Affairs

ACTION: Council voted unanimously to authorize staff to prepare the Climate Showcase Communities Grant Program Application in the amount of \$200,000 from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and \$100,000 as a match from the City of Columbia for a total project amount of \$300,000.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS, AGREEMENTS and CHANGE ORDERS

17. Council is asked to approve [Project #WM4112](#); Installation of Emergency Valves inside Governor's Hill Subdivision, as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to Carolina Tap and Bore in the amount of \$12,155.00. This vendor is located in West Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Water Funding Project #WM4112*

ACTION: APPROVED

18. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of [Lawn Maintenance for FY 2009/2010](#), as requested by the Columbia Canal and Lake Murray Water Plants. Award two (2) lots, to the lowest bidders in the amount of \$17,325.00. *Funding Source: (5516206-638300 \$8,470.00); (5516207-638300 \$8,855.00)*

ACTION: APPROVED

19. Council is asked to approve [Project #WM3068](#); Agreement for Design and Construction of Approximately 7,525 Linear Feet of Water Main Replacement along Chicora, Erskine, St. Claire, Bannockburn, Clemson, Parkman and Brenned, as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to Hussey, Gay, Bell & Deyoung International, Inc., in the amount of \$56,290.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Water Improvement Fund 5529999-WM306801-636600*

ACTION: APPROVED

20. Council is asked to approve Project [#WM4189, SS7095, and SD8328](#); Agreement for General Engineering Services, as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to Mulkey Engineers & Consultants in the amount of \$60,000.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Water, Sewer, and Storm Drainage Improvements Funds (5529999-WM418901); (5529999-SS709501-636600); and (5529999-SD832801-636600)*

ACTION: APPROVED

21. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of [Wastewater Maintenance Repair Material for FY 2009/2010](#), as requested by the Wastewater Maintenance Division. Award the five (5) lots, to the lowest bidders in the amount of \$144,251.30. *Funding Source: 5516205-625700*

ACTION: APPROVED

22. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of [Landfill Disposal Services of Ash, Grit, and Sludge](#), as requested by the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Award to Northeast Landfill, the lowest bidder in the amount of \$181,420.00. This vendor is located in Eastover, SC. *Funding Source: 5516208-638300*

ACTION: APPROVED

23. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of [Chemicals for Bid FY 2009/2010](#), as requested by the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Award to the lowest bidders of each lot in the amount of \$452,524.40. *Funding Source: 5516208-624800*

ACTION: APPROVED

24. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of [Water Distribution Repair Material for FY 2009/2010](#), as requested by the Water Distribution Division. Award the lowest bidders of each lot in the amount of \$458,625.49. *Funding Source: 5516203-625700*

ACTION: APPROVED

25. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of [Water Meters for FY 2009/2010](#), as requested by the Water Distribution Division. Award to the lowest bidders of each lot in the amount of \$497,519.51. *Funding Source: 5516203-625600*

ACTION: APPROVED

26. Council is asked to approve an [EPA Brownsfield Grant Management Contract](#) as requested by the Columbia Development Corporation. Award to Concurrent Technologies Corporation in the amount of \$910,000 for contractors and field work. The remaining \$90,000 is being withheld by City of Columbia for travel, salaries, supplies, etc.

ACTION: APPROVED

27. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of [Chemicals for FY 2009/2010](#), as requested by Lake Murray and Columbia Canal Water Plants. Award to the lowest bidders of each lot in the amount of \$2,661,822.50. *Funding Source: (5516206-624800 \$1,342,817.50); (5516207-624800 \$1,319,005.00)*

ACTION: APPROVED

28. **Council is asked to approve an [Amendment to the Agreement to Hire an Executive Recruiter to Conduct a Search for a City Manager for the City of Columbia](#). Award to the Mercer Group, Inc. in the amount of \$12,600 plus expenses not to exceed \$1,500. The Mercer Group has negotiated an agreement with ICT Professional Services, LLC of Columbia, SC to assist with conducting focus groups, sourcing candidates and vetting candidates for the City Manager Search. The revised contract amount is \$27,600 plus expenses not to exceed \$9,500. *Funding Source: 1011102-636600*

ACTION: APPROVED

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

29. [Ordinance No.: 2009-034](#) - Granting an encroachment to Richland County for installation and maintenance of a walkway within the right of way area of the 1700 block of Taylor Street and 1600 block of Henderson Street adjacent to The Township Auditorium at 1703 Taylor Street – [Map](#) - *(Mr. Chip Land, Long Range Planner: Recommends approval)*

ACTION: APPROVED ON FIRST READING.

30. [Ordinance No.: 2009-060](#) – Granting encroachment to the University of South Carolina Development Foundation for installation and maintenance of an irrigation system, seventeen trees and fifty-one concrete car stops within the right of way areas of the 700 blocks of Greene Street, Gadsden Street and Devine Street adjacent to Richland County TMS No. 08915-12-01 *(Mr. Chip Land, Long Range Planner: Recommends approval)*

ACTION: APPROVED ON FIRST READING.

31. [Ordinance No.: 2009-063](#) – Annexing 5809 Indian Mound Road, Richland County TMS #13715-01-05 *(Mr. Marc Mylott, Director of Planning and Development Services: Recommends approval) – Note: This property site is located within a Donut Hole. This annexation will have no negative impact on CPD service levels.*

ACTION: APPROVED ON FIRST READING.

- A. [Ordinance No.: 2009-066](#) - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 5, Buildings and Building Regulations to add Article VIII, Absentee Landlord Registration Program

ACTION: Council voted six (6) to one (1) to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2009-066 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 5, Buildings and Building Regulations to add Article VIII, Absentee Landlord Registration Program, subject to requiring absentee landlords to provide a physical address instead of a post office box. Council directed Ms. Teresa Wilson Florence, Director of Governmental Affairs to seek legislative action to allow a process server to serve the uniform ordinance summons instead of a Code Enforcement Officer.

- B. ****[Ordinance No.: 2009-077](#)** – Authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute a Lease Agreement between the City of Columbia and Humane Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for lease of approximately 1.38 acres (59,970.92 square feet) of property on Humane Lane

ACTION: APPROVED ON FIRST READING.

RESOLUTIONS

- C. **[Resolution No.: R-2009-013](#)** – Adopting City of Columbia Investment Policy

ACTION: APPROVED

- D. **[Resolution No.: 2009-032](#)** – Approving the form of the “Declaration of City of Columbia and Authority for Accounts and Other Authorizations”

ACTION: APPROVED

- E. **[Resolution No.: R-2009-042](#)** - Authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute Agreements with Richland County School District One to provide School Resource Officers from the Columbia Police Department to various schools

ACTION: APPROVED

- F. ****Resolution No.: R-2009-043** - Authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute a Unified Fire Service Agreement Extension Addendum between the City of Columbia and Richland County

ACTION: APPROVED

- G. ****[Resolution No.: R-2009-045](#)** – Authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute a 911 Communications Center Consolidation Agreement Extension between the City of Columbia and Richland County

ACTION: APPROVED

- H. **[Resolution No.: R-2009-050](#)** – Authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute an Amendment to Agreement between the City of Columbia and South Carolina Electric and Gas Company terminating South Carolina Electric and Gas Company’s contractual obligation to transfer the “Bus Barn Property” to the City of Columbia

ACTION: APPROVED

APPEARANCE OF PUBLIC HAVING BUSINESS WITH CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Bruce Sanders

Mr. Dan Dennis, President of the Governors Hill Neighborhood Association

Mr. Temple Ligon, The Columbia Star

Ms. Bessie Watson, South Edisto Court

- I. ****Closing of the Parking Lot at Finlay Park**

ACTION: Council voted unanimously to conclude the 45-day period for the closing of the parking lot at Finlay Park on Wednesday, July 15, 2009 and to re-open the parking lot on Thursday, July 16, 2009. Staff was directed to provide a plan to ensure the safety of patrons of Finlay Park and the nearby residents. This plan shall include recommendations from law enforcement.

- **Council adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.**