



CITY OF COLUMBIA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2014 - 6:00 P.M.
CITY HALL - 1737 MAIN STREET
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 3RD FLOOR

The Columbia City Council conducted a Meeting on Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Mayor Robert D. Coble called the meeting to order at 6:09 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 Tameika Isaac Devine and The Honorable Leona K. Plough were absent. Also present were Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Moore, City Clerk. This meeting was advertised in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Charlie and Caleb of the Lake Carolina Elementary Lower Campus Tiger Scouts led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Chaplain Byron Powers, Columbia Police Department offered the Invocation.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

- Defer consideration of **Item 11** (*Professional Services Contract for Parking Pay by Phone Services*)
- Remove **Item 12** (*Guaranteed Maximum Price for the Early Site Development Package*) from the Consent Agenda.

BUSINESS LICENSE REVOCATION HEARING

1. Freedoms, LLC doing business as Lucky 13 Club

Ms. Dana Thye, Esq., Assistant City Attorney for the City of Columbia explained that Freedoms, LLC doing business as Lucky 13 Club has surrendered its business and professional license as of this date and will no longer operate at that location. She advised Council that there is no need to have the business license revocation hearing.

PUBLIC INPUT RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS

No one appeared at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. [December 2, 2014 Council Meeting Minutes](#) – *Approved as presented.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to approve the December 2, 2014 Council Meeting Minutes.

PRESENTATIONS

3. [Introduction of the November 2014 Employee of the Month](#) – Mr. Joey Jaco, P.E., Director of the Utilities and Engineering Department

Mr. Joey Jaco, P.E., Director of the Utilities and Engineering Department introduced Mr. Sidney “Trey” F. Varn III, Water Plant Operation Supervisor as the November 2014 Employee of the Month. He said that Mr. Varn began working with the City of Columbia over ten (10) years ago; he helps to hold our system together; and he helped to make it as great as it is today.

Mayor Benjamin and City Manager Teresa Wilson presented Mr. Sidney F. Varn, III with a plaque and a token of appreciation for being selected as the City of Columbia November 2014 Employee of the Month.

4. [Andy Shlon Day Proclamation](#) – The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine and The Honorable Moe Baddourah

Mayor Benjamin and the members of Council proclaimed Tuesday, December 16, 2014 as Andy Shlon Day in the City of Columbia.

Councilor Baddourah said he is honored that the Mayor read his uncle’s proclamation. He announced that Mr. Shlon was recently inducted in the Columbia Restaurant Hall of Fame. He said that “Andy” is connected with the citizens of Columbia and Andy’s Deli has been a landmark for the whole city.

Mr. Andy Shlon, Owner of Andy’s Deli said this is an honor and he thanked everyone for the recognition.

5. University of South Carolina Student Government Update – Ms. Lindsay Richardson, Student Body President for the University of South Carolina Student Government

Ms. Lindsay Richardson, Student Body President for the University of South Carolina Student Government announced that Ellie Riegel accepted a position with the Department of Justice. She also announced that several construction projects are underway and several are nearing completion. She proudly announced that the women’s basketball team is currently ranked number one. She reported that the University has addressed pedestrian safety issues that were brought to their attention by the City.

OTHER MATTERS

6. Council is asked to approve the Installation of Three (3) Speed Humps on Belmont Drive. *Note: The Columbia Fire and Police Departments support this request. - Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve the Installation of three (3) Speed Humps on Belmont Drive.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a single motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve the **Consent Agenda Items 7 through 10 and Items 13 through 16. Item 11** was withdrawn from the agenda and **Item 12** was approved by a separate motion.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS and AGREEMENTS

7. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of thirty-three (33) Mobile Routers and the necessary equipment for installation including Antennas and Software for Patrol Cars, as requested by the Fleet Services Division. Award to Promark Technology, using the General Services Administration (GSA) Contract in the amount of \$60,008.14. This vendor is located in Annapolis Junction, MD. *Funding Source: Capital Replacement / Computer Equipment / Hardware; 6308972-627500 – Chief Information Officer Comments: The Information Technology Department supports this annual upgrade of a portion of the fleet with the agreed upon set of technology. Note: The original budgeted amount of \$789,630.00 includes items 7, 8 & 9 and technology purchases approved by Council on December 2, 2014. - Approved*
8. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Visionair's Applications for Mobile Reporting and Dispatching for thirty-three (33) new police vehicles, as requested by the Police Department. Award to Trittech Software Systems, as a sole source purchase in the amount of \$68,823.44. This vendor is located in Dallas, TX. *Funding Source: Capital Replacement / Computer Equipment / Hardware; 6308972-627500 – Chief Information Officer Comments: The Information Technology Department supports this annual upgrade of a portion of the fleet with the agreed upon set of technology. Note: The original budgeted amount of \$789,630.00 includes items 7, 8 & 9 and technology purchases approved by Council on December 2, 2014. - Approved*

9. Council is asked to approve the [Purchase of thirty-three \(33\) Laptops, Vehicle Docks, Port Replicators and Chargers](#), as requested by the Police Department. Award to Synnex in the amount of \$128,141.48. This vendor is located in Greenville, SC. *Funding Source: Capital Replacement / Computer Equipment / Hardware; 6308972-627500 – **Chief Information Officer Comments:** The Information Technology Department supports this annual upgrade of a portion of the fleet with the agreed upon set of technology. **Note:** The original budgeted amount of \$789,630.00 includes items 7, 8 & 9 and technology purchases approved by Council on December 2, 2014. - Approved*
10. Council is asked to approve a [Contract Renewal for Microsoft Enterprise Services](#), as requested by the Information Technology Department. Award to CompuCom Systems, Inc., using the SC State Contract in the amount of \$438,310.75. This vendor is located in Dallas, TX. *Funding Source: Information Technology/Maintenance and Service Contract; 1011120-638200 – **Note:** This agreement will provide online cloud based office applications, web conferencing capability, collaboration tools and email. – **Chief Information Officer Comments:** Moving such commodity applications to the cloud is consistent with the Information Technology strategic plan; once the transaction is complete, this approach will enable staff time to apply to priority projects. The original budgeted amount for this agreement is \$500,000.00. - Approved*
11. Council is asked to approve a [Professional Services Contract for Parking Pay by Phone Services](#), as requested by the Parking Services Department. Award to Passport Parking, Inc. of Charlotte, NC. *Funding Source: Parking Administration Professional Services; 5313101-636600 – **Note:** There is no cost to the City of Columbia for this service. Parking customers will be charged a 20¢ convenience fee per transaction for using this service to pay for on street parking. Customers can add time to a meter at no additional charge. The contract will end on June 30, 2019 with an option to extend for two (2) additional years. – Consideration of this item was deferred.*
12. Council is asked to approve a [Guaranteed Maximum Price for the Early Site Development Package](#) for the Columbia Commons Multi-Use Entertainment Venue, as requested by the Special Projects Administrator. Award to CCEB Venture Partners of Irmo, SC in the amount of \$1,658,525.00 with a 10% project contingency in the amount of \$165,852.00 to be managed by the City of Columbia Special Projects Administrator. *Funding Source: The request is in line with the corresponding portion of the overall budget for the Multi-Use Entertainment Venue Project. – **Note:** CCEB was awarded the pre-construction and construction manager at-risk contract. 100% of the contract value will go to the following Local Business Enterprises: CCEB \$756,344; LAD Corporation \$891,316; and Dennis Corporation \$10,865. LAD Corporation is a Woman Owned Business Enterprise and will receive 53.7% of the contract value. – Approved*

Councilor Baddourah asked if the money for this project is from the \$29 million bond that the City issued for the baseball stadium.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said yes, the Hospitality Bond.

Councilor Baddourah said there are two (2) expenses coming out of the \$29 million. He requested that a tally of the \$29 million be brought to Council as the project progresses.

Mayor Benjamin asked that the timeline be shared broadly.

Councilor Baddourah said he's very happy that the contract went to a local business.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve a Guaranteed Maximum Price for the Early Site Development Package for the Columbia Commons Multi-Use Entertainment Venue, as requested by the Special Projects Administrator. Award to CCEB Venture Partners of Irmo, SC in the amount of \$1,658,525.00 with a 10% project contingency in the amount of \$165,852.00 to be managed by the City of Columbia Special Projects Administrator.

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

13. [Ordinance No.: 2014-093](#) – Granting an encroachment to Robert A. Koons and Nancy R. Koons for removal and replacement of a tree, relocation of existing sidewalk and curbing; construction and maintenance of new sidewalk and curbing, driveway, pavers, landscaping and irrigation system within the right of way area of the 1000 block of Gregg Street adjacent to 1026 Gregg Street, Richland County TMS #11405-14-17 – *First reading approval was given on December 2, 2014. – Approved on second reading.*
14. [Ordinance No.: 2014-120](#) – Authorizing the City Manager to sign a Waiver of the Notice Provision contained in the Easement Agreement dated March 22, 2006 between the City of Columbia and Capitol Places I, LLC for property known as 1504 Main Street, Richland County TMS No.: 09014-09-17 and authorize the City Manager to execute a Deed to the property described in the Easement Agreement pursuant to the Purchase Option contained therein – *First reading approval was given on November 18, 2014. Second reading consideration was deferred on December 2, 2014. Note: This is the courtyard for the Kress Building. They have an option to purchase in the Easement Agreement and they want to do it without waiting the 90 days. – Approved on second reading.*

15. [Ordinance No.: 2014-124](#) – Authorizing Acceptance and Dedication of Streets by Quitclaim Deeds from the South Carolina Department of Transportation into the City's Streets System, Identified as portions of Gist Street (S40-1987), Pall Mall Street (S-40-1494), Picadilly Street (S40-1649), Catawba Street (S40-891), Wayne Street (S40-762), Williams Street (S40-1531) and Whaley Street (S40-454) in Richland County – *First reading approval was given on December 2, 2014.* – *Approved on second reading.*
16. [Ordinance No.: 2014-125](#) – Authorizing Conveyance of Streets by Quitclaim Deeds from the City of Columbia to the South Carolina Department of Transportation, Identified as Portions of Main Street a/k/a South Main Street (from Pendleton Street to Blossom Street), Richland County TMS#08916-06, TMS#11304-08, 07, & 06 and TMS#11303-02, 03,12 & 13 and Park Terrace Drive (from Harbison Boulevard to Lexington County TMS#002898-01-021 (private R/W), Lexington County TMS#002898-01-036 – *First reading approval was given on December 2, 2014.* – *Approved on second reading.*

ORDINANCE – FIRST READING

17. [Ordinance No.: 2014-129](#) – Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Lease Renewal Agreement between the City of Columbia and the United States House of Representatives for lease of a portion of the second floor of the building located at 1225 Lady Street – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2014-129 – Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Lease Renewal Agreement between the City of Columbia and the United States House of Representatives for lease of a portion of the second floor of the building located at 1225 Lady Street.

RESOLUTIONS

18. [Resolution No.: R-2014-121](#)- Authorizing acceptance of donated property within the Bull Street Development known as the Multi-Use Entertainment Venue Parcel, which property is a portion of Richland County TMS 11501-01-03, 11501-01-04, 11501-01-05, and 11501-01-07, from Bull Street Development, LLC, for development of a multi-use entertainment venue and authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to effectuate this transfer – *Approved*

Councilor Baddourah said the purpose of the land donation is to build a stadium. He asked the City Manager if we have done any due diligence on the land to determine if it's going to cost the City more money.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said no.

A motion made by Mr. Baddourah to approve the Resolution with an amendment that it will not cost the City any more money by accepting this parcel of land as it relates to the commitment that has been to the Bull Street Development and the baseball stadium, failed for the lack of a second.

Mayor Benjamin said the maximum amount that the City will spend has been articulated in all of the documents on baseball and the infrastructure.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted four (4) to one (1) to approve Resolution No.: R-2014-121- Authorizing acceptance of donated property within the Bull Street Development known as the Multi-Use Entertainment Venue Parcel, which property is a portion of Richland County TMS 11501-01-03, 11501-01-04, 11501-01-05, and 11501-01-07, from Bull Street Development, LLC, for development of a multi-use entertainment venue and authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to effectuate this transfer. Voting aye were Mr. Davis, Mr. Newman, Mr. Runyan and Mayor Benjamin. Mr. Baddourah voted nay.

19. [Resolution No. R-2014-122](#) – Supporting Establishment of Public Parking area along the North Main Corridor between Elmwood Avenue and Grace Street - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Runyan, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No. R-2014-122 – Supporting Establishment of Public Parking area along the North Main Corridor between Elmwood Avenue and Grace Street.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS/REFERRALS

No reports or referrals were made at this time.

APPEARANCE OF THE PUBLIC

Mr. Al Nix appeared before the City Council to express concerns about property located at 2939 Truman Street, which belongs to Mr. Willie Washington. He said the property hasn't been cleaned. He explained that he has called and emailed the City Manager and members of City Council, but no one called back with answers. He asked why the property owner is getting extra time to clean up. He reported that he emailed Council members on November 5th about a dog hanging from a chain on a fence; the dog disappeared; and now the dog is back and the property has been barricaded. He said that the property has been in disarray for 12 years and the owner has received 80 tickets. He said this has caused his property value to go down.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said this isn't all factual and that she has sent numerous reports on this situation to Council and Mr. Nix. She said she has met with Mr. Nix. She reported that the case is in the Municipal Court process.

Mayor Benjamin told Mr. Nix that he has received several of the emails. He said when emails start off with expletives, it is highly likely that they won't be returned or taken very seriously. He insisted that we will make sure the ordinances of the City are being enforced, but it isn't a short process. He encouraged Mr. Nix to be civil and courteous. He asked the City Manager for updated information on the matter.

Ms. Diane Wiley, President of the Belvedere Neighborhood Association said she has been to court with Coach Washington; she helped him clean up; and he is doing better. She said the judge told them to leave Mr. Washington alone. She agreed to meet with Mr. Nix.

Mayor Benjamin sought to clarify information that was inaccurately reported in the press. He explained that the cost for building the stadium is a fluid process; the current estimate is at \$37 million; we allocated \$35 million: \$29 million from the City and \$6 million from Hardball. He noted that the amount for site development came in at almost \$100,000 lower than anticipated. He said in lieu of scaling back funding for the facility, Hardball has agreed to contribute up to an additional \$1 million for the venue and Hughes Development has agreed to allocate up to \$1 million of the public infrastructure funds towards the site work for the venue. He said these commitments will allow the venue project to proceed as designed without any additional funds from the City. He said that Spirit Communications Park is an excellent facility that we are all excited about.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Runyan, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Moore
City Clerk

Meeting Dates	Type of Meeting	Meeting Times
January 6, 2015	Work Session	2:00 p.m.
	<i>City Hall – 1737 Main Street – 2nd Floor Conference Room</i>	
	Council Meeting	6:00 p.m.
	<i>City Hall – 1737 Main Street – Council Chambers</i>	
January 20, 2015	State of the City Address	6:00 p.m.
	<i>Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center – 1101 Lincoln Street</i>	
January 27, 2015	Work Session	2:00 p.m.
	<i>City Hall – 1737 Main Street – 2nd Floor Conference Room</i>	
	Council Meeting	6:00 p.m.
	<i>City Hall – 1737 Main Street – Council Chambers</i>	
	Zoning Public Hearing	7:00 p.m.
	<i>City Hall – 1737 Main Street – Council Chambers</i>	

In accordance with Ordinance No.: 2004-094 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 2, Administration, to add VI, Lobbyist, Sec. 2-302. (a) Any person who acts as a lobbyist must within fifteen days of being employed or retained as a lobbyist, register with the city clerk. (b) The registration must be in a form approved by the city council that includes only the name and business address of the lobbyist, the name and business address of the person or entity that compensates the lobbyist and the issue or matter for which the lobbyist has been retained. A separate form shall be submitted for each issue or matter and each person or entity who compensates the lobbyist. (c) Any lobbyist who is employed by the city or has contracts with the city must seek approval by city council to be a lobbyist for other clients so long as he is employed or under contract. To obtain a Lobbyist Registration Form please contact the Office of the City Clerk at (803) 545.3045 or send your request to cityclerk@columbiasc.net.