



CITY OF COLUMBIA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2014 - 6:00 P.M.
CITY HALL - 1737 MAIN STREET
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 3RD FLOOR

The Columbia City Council conducted a Meeting on Tuesday, October 21, 2014 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. and the following members of Council were present: The Honorable Sam Davis, The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine and The Honorable Cameron A. Runyan. The Honorable Leona K. Plough, The Honorable Brian DeQuincey Newman and The Honorable Moe Baddourah 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

Little Miss Jais Green 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. Davis and seconded by Mr. Runyan, Council voted unanimously to approve the adoption of the agenda with the following amendments:

- **Item 32** was withdrawn from the agenda.
- Consideration of **Items 34** through **36** is being deferred.
- **Item 33a** will be presented first.

PUBLIC INPUT RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS

No one appeared at this time.

PRESENTATIONS

- A. [Resolution No.: R-2014-103](#) – Approving the honorary naming of the 100 block of Wayne Street between Whaley Street and Heyward Street to "Larry Gates Way" - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2014-103 – Approving the honorary naming of the 100 block of Wayne Street between Whaley Street and Heyward Street to "Larry Gates Way".

Mayor Benjamin and the members of City Council proclaimed the honorary naming of the 100 block of Wayne Street from Whaley Street to Heyward Street as Larry Gates Way. [Click here to view the proclamation](#)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Meeting Minutes of [October 7, 2014](#) – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve the October 7, 2014 Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

PRESENTATIONS

2. [Introduction of the October 2014 Employee of the Month \(Ms. Pamela G. Gibson, Master Police Officer\)](#) – Mr. William “Skip” Holbrook, Columbia Police Chief

Mr. William “Skip” Holbrook, Columbia Police Chief introduced Ms. Pamela G. Gibson, Master Police Officer as the October 2014 Employee of the Month. He described MPO Gibson as a 20 year employee who maintains a positive attitude and demonstrates initiative with an attitude of quality and excellence; she enhances the department’s ability to better serve the citizens of Columbia and she helps to achieve the department’s goal of being a premiere law enforcement agency.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager and Mayor Benjamin presented Ms. Pamela G. Gibson, Master Police Officer with a token of appreciation and a plaque for being selected as the City of Columbia October 2014 Employee of the Month.

3. [Woman to Woman Entrepreneurs Association Day Proclamation](#) – The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine

Councilor Devine announced that October is National Women’s Small Business Month. She recognized Ms. Tamara Canzater for starting the Woman to Woman Entrepreneurs Association as an opportunity to network with women who own small businesses in the City of Columbia.

Mayor Benjamin and the members of City Council proclaimed October 21, 2014 as Woman to Woman Entrepreneurs Association Day in the City of Columbia.

4. [Introduction of Mrs. Frances E. Ashe-Goins](#) – Dr. Germon Miller, Park Leader for the Parks and Recreation Department and RICH Program Founder

Dr. Germon Miller, Park Leader for the Parks and Recreation Department and RICH Program Founder said it is with great enthusiasm that she stands here with the individuals who make the RICH Program happen at many different levels. She introduced Mrs. Frances E. Ashe-Goins. She announced that she has published the research for the RICH Program.

Mrs. Frances Ashe-Goins said she was born in Columbia, South Carolina and has worked in Washington, DC as the Deputy Director for the Office of Women's Health for more than seventeen (17) years. After retirement, she returned to Columbia to work on issues that are near and dear to her heart. She noted that she created national programs related to violence, HIV/AIDS, Lupus, and minority women's health awareness. She has received numerous awards and hopes to share her expertise and work more closely with Dr. Miller who has done amazing work with her son.

Officer Chris Davis, RICH Program Mentor said you have to go beyond the surface and you'll find that these young men are just like us; they deserve the opportunity, they want the opportunity and most of all, they want to be loved.

Mr. Carl Wilson, RICH Program Mentor said he will be sharing his skills and knowledge in the area of computer literacy and pc repair.

Ret. Colonel Carroll Lucas, RICH Program Mentor said he has been a mentor since 1973 and this is the best program he has seen; it is outstanding. He asked that Council provide funding support for the program, because these young people are our future.

5. Home Works of America Columbia Blitz – Reverend James Powell, Executive Director of Home Works of America

Reverend James Powell, Executive Director of Home Works of America announced that Hank Chardos, Founder and Program Director of Home Works of America is retiring on November 7, 2014. He noted that Home Works of America has completed home repairs across the southeast, but they've been most active in Columbia by working on 800 homes in the last twenty (20) years. He explained that the organization completes home repairs for low income, elderly and disadvantaged homeowners. He announced that nineteen (19) homes will be repaired on Saturday, October 25, 2014 and roof replacements for two (2) homes will be funded by the Community Development Block Grant. He stated that they will continue to be good stewards of the resources that come from the City, corporations, donors and foundations across the country.

6. Update from the Dreher High School Drama Students – Ms. Jeanette Arvay Beck, Director of Theatre Arts and Film for Dreher High School

Ms. Jeanette Arvay Beck, Director of Theatre Arts and Film for Dreher High School told the members of Council that the financial support provided to these students helped to broaden their horizons; Taylor and Zan scored 295 out of 300 points during their performance; Liam Aidan Toumey's short film *The Balloon* placed 6th in the nation; and Zan auditioned for twenty (20) colleges. She announced that the three (3) students will perform at Dreher High School's Anything Goes on November 20, 2014.

Miss Taylor Goodwin, Dreher High School Sophomore and Miss Alexandra "Zan" Dubose, Dreher High School Senior sang *Don't Rain on My Parade* by Funny Girl.

- 6a. University of South Carolina Student Government Update – Ms. Ellie Riegel, Attorney General for the University of South Carolina Student Government

Ms. Ellie Riegel, Attorney General for the University of South Carolina Student Government reported that they recently broke ground on the new law school and they are compiling ridership information on the corridor of transportation. She reported that 1,000 students used the buses and Carolina Cab during one weekend in September when the Gamecocks had an away game. She announced that Student Government is hosting a civic engagement event.

OTHER MATTERS

7. [Neighborhood Street Lighting Requests](#) - *Approved*

Upon a single motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve the following Neighborhood Street Lighting Requests:

Neighborhoods Listed by Priority	Existing Lights	Requested Lights	Current Lease Cost / Annually	Project Request Total	Total Year to Date
Ashwood Commons on Stuckey Road	2	2	\$237.84	\$237.84	\$832.44
Saluda Avenue between Waccamaw Avenue and Blossom Street	2	2	\$237.84	\$237.84	\$1,070.28

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a single motion made by Mr. Runyan and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve the **Consent Agenda Items 8 through 26.**

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS and AGREEMENTS

8. Council is asked to approve the [Purchase of One \(1\) Rollback Wrecker Truck](#), as requested by the Fleet Services Division. Award to American Wrecker Sales in the amount of \$65,011.00. This vendor is located in Cayce, SC. *Funding Source: Equipment Services-Machinery & Equipment Capital; 6308971-658300 – **Note:** The original budgeted amount for this purchase is \$70,300.00. - Approved*
9. Council is asked to approve the [Purchase of Fifty \(50\) Morning Pride Bunker Gear for Fiscal Year 2014/2015](#), as requested by the Fire Department. Award to Newton’s Fire and Safety Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$99,630.00. This vendor is located in Swepsonville, NC. *Funding Source: County Fire Administration-Safety Clothing and Supply; 2082301-625900 (\$49,815) and Fire Suppression-Safety Clothing and Supply 1012303-625900 (\$49,815) – **Note:** The original budgeted amount for this purchase is \$96,768.00. - Approved*

10. Council is asked to approve [Contract Amendment #3 to a Clean Water 2020 Program Project SS6722](#) for Construction of an 150 Million Gallons per Day (MGD) Influent Pump Station and the Associated Preliminary Treatment Facility at the Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant, as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to Hazen and Sawyer, P.C. in an amount not to exceed \$155,000.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: 5529999-SS7288-636600 – **Note:** This amendment provides operational assistance at the new head work facilities. The original budget amount was \$1,731,280.0 and the revised contract total is \$2,098,897.00. \$155,000 was transferred from SSMISC annual budget for unforeseen & miscellaneous projects. - Approved*
11. Council is asked to approve [Project WM4328; Emergency Water Main Construction and Street Repairs on Monticello Road](#), as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to Lane Construction in the amount of \$129,200.00 with a 20% project contingency in the amount of \$25,840.00 for a total amount of \$155,040.00. This vendor is located in West Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Water Maintenance Operating Budget; 5516203-638305 – **Note:** The original budgeted amount for this project is \$287,520.00. - Approved*
12. Council is asked to approve the [Purchase of Two \(2\) Backhoe Loaders](#), as requested by the Street Division. Award to Blanchard Machinery Company, using the National Joint Powers Alliance Contract in the amount of \$166,864.00. This vendor is located in West Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Street Water/Sewer Repair-Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment-Capital; 5513202-658500 (\$80,275) and Street Water/Sewer Repair-Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment-Capital; 5534203-658500 (\$86,589) – **Note:** The original budgeted amount for this purchase is \$179,288.00. - Approved*
13. Council is asked to approve a [One Year Contract Renewal for Uniform Rental Services](#), as requested by the Support Services Division. Award to Unifirst Corporation in the amount of \$300,780.00. This vendor is located in Lexington, SC. *Funding Source: Uniform Rental Service Contract Renewal; 6208956-6241000 – **Note:** The original budgeted amount is \$300,780.00. The original contract was approved on September 6, 2011 for a 3-year term with the option to renew for two additional one year terms. - Approved*
14. Council is asked to approve [Change Order #4 for Clean Water 2020 Program Project SS696612 for Emergency Repairs](#), as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to Improved Technologies Group, LLC, in the amount of \$403,722.40. This vendor is located in Knoxville, TN. *Funding Source: Sewer Improvement Fund Project SS7286 – **Note:** This is a Mentor Protégé Program Project. This change order was requested by the City to provide emergency repairs along Margrave Avenue (\$234,091.40); install new release valves on Regatta Road (\$12,021) and Stoneridge Drive (\$13,600); and rehabilitation of an 18” sewer main along Lincoln Street (\$144,010). The new completion date is June 30, 2015. The original budgeted amount was \$3,674,570.00; the revised amount is \$6,674,570.00. - Approved*

15. Council is asked to approve [Change Order #1 for Clean Water 2020 Program Project SS7251](#) Blossom Street Sewer Improvements Phase 2, as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to LAD Corporation, Inc., in the amount of \$561,834.00. This vendor is located in West Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: FY 2014/2015 Approved Project Budget \$3,500,000.00 – **Note:** This is a Minority Business Enterprise. This change order is requested by the City to provide sewer service along Wheat Street and Pulaski Street for new development currently permitted in this area. Design for Phase 3 of this project is currently underway. The original contract amount for this project was \$1,146,941.00; the revised contract amount is \$1,708,775.00. - Approved*
16. Council is asked to approve [Change Order #6 for Projects SS6884, WM4179, SD8141, CM2004 and CM1024](#); North Harden Street Phase II Rehabilitation and Street Scape Project, as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to McClam and Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$793,190.89. *Funding Source: Contingency Funds (\$193,281.48); WM4323-5526209-741552 (\$249,802.28); SS7288-5526209-741552 (\$134,799.54); and SD8398-5544204-741554 (\$215,307.49) – **Note:** This change order is requested by the City to perform additional work for landscaping along Calhoun Street; reconstruction services on Read Street; replacement of sidewalk along Read Street and traffic loop on Oak Street at Read Street. The new completion date is December 18, 2014. The original contract amount for this project was \$13,671,424.36; the revised contract amount is \$14,271,333.77. - Approved*
17. Council is asked to approve a [Contract Renewal for the Dental Benefits Plan](#), effective January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, as requested by the Human Resources Department. Award to Delta Dental of Missouri, as a third party administrator in the amount of \$60,000.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Dental Insurance Plan GL-6028931 – **Note:** There are no changes to the contract for plan administration. - Approved*
18. Council is asked to approve a [Contract Renewal for the Pharmacy Benefits Plan](#), effective January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, as requested by the Human Resources Department. Award to Medco/Express Scripts, as the third party administrator in the amount of \$138,000.00 This vendor is located in St. Louis, MO. *Funding Source: Health Insurance Fund GL-6048933 – **Note:** There are no changes to the contract for plan administration. - Approved*
19. Council is asked to approve a [Contract Renewal for the Medicare Supplement and Prescription Coverage Plan](#), effective January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, as requested by the Human Resources Department. Award to United Healthcare in the amount of \$1,350,000.00. This vendor is located in Minneapolis, MN. *Funding Source: Health Insurance Fund GL-6048933 – **Note:** The eligible participants are Post-65 and Medicare eligible retirees and dependents. - Approved*

20. Council is asked to approve a [Contract Renewal for the Health Benefits Plan](#), effective January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, as requested by the Human Resources Department. Award to Blue Cross Blue Shield, as the third party Administrator in the amount of \$1,880,000.00 for Annual Administration Fees and \$704,850 for Employee Health Clinic Costs. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Health Insurance Fund GL-6048933 – **Note:** There are no changes to the contract for plan administration. - Approved*

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

21. [Ordinance No.: 2014-087](#) – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 11, Licenses, Permits, Business Regulations, Article II, Business and Professional Licenses, Sec. 11-49 Classification rate schedules to add Provider-Sponsored Organization Contractors – **Note:** *This ordinance adds Provider-Sponsored Organization Contractors. – First reading approval was given on October 7, 2014. – Approved on second reading.*
22. [Ordinance No.: 2014-091](#) – Granting an encroachment to Timothy H. Carroll and Adrienne L. Carroll for placement and maintenance of a retaining wall, landscaping and an irrigation system within the right of way of the 1300 block of Palmer Road adjacent to 1317 Palmer Road; Richland County TMS #13905-06-05 – *First reading approval was given on October 7, 2014. – Approved on second reading.*
23. [Ordinance No.: 2014-092](#) – Authorizing consumption of beer and wine beverages only at the 2015 Famously Hot New Year Event – *This event is scheduled for Wednesday, December 31, 2014. – First reading approval was given on October 7, 2014. – Approved on second reading.*
24. [Ordinance No.: 2014-098](#) – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 12, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article I, In General to repeal Sec. 12-9 E-mailing or text messaging on mobile device while operating a motor vehicle – *First reading approval was given on October 7, 2014. – Approved on second reading.*
25. [Ordinance No.: 2014-099](#) – Granting an Easement to South Carolina Electric & Gas Company Along a portion of City-owned property identified as Richland County TMS#07314-02-05 (Riverfront Park/Canal Walk along the Columbia Canal) for construction of a new overhead electrical transmission line to the SCE&C Lyles 230/115KV Substation; CF#250-354 – *First reading approval was given on October 7, 2014. – Approved on second reading.*
26. [Ordinance No.: 2014-101](#) – Approving certification of site under S.C. Code Ann. §12-65-50 of the South Carolina Textiles Communities Revitalization Act for 612 Devine Street, Richland County TMS #08914-02-01 – *First reading approval was given on October 7, 2014. – Approved on second reading.*

ORDINANCE – SECOND READING

27. [Ordinance No.: 2014-053](#) – A Second Supplemental Ordinance providing for the Issuance and Sale of City of Columbia, South Carolina, Parking Facilities Refunding Revenue Bonds, In One or More series, In the Principal Amount of not exceeding \$23,500,000; Delegating the authority to the Mayor, City Manager, Chief Financial Officer and Finance Director, or any two of them acting together, to determine certain matters with respect to the bonds; prescribing the form and details of such bonds; and other matters relating thereto – *First reading approval was given on May 6, 2014. – Approved on second reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to give second reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2014-053 – A Second Supplemental Ordinance providing for the Issuance and Sale of City of Columbia, South Carolina, Parking Facilities Refunding Revenue Bonds, In One or More series, In the Principal Amount of not exceeding \$23,500,000; Delegating the authority to the Mayor, City Manager, Chief Financial Officer and Finance Director, or any two of them acting together, to determine certain matters with respect to the bonds; prescribing the form and details of such bonds; and other matters relating thereto.

ORDINANCE – FIRST READING

28. [Ordinance No.: 2014-097](#) – Granting an encroachment to Frederick Ronald Dennis for installation and maintenance of a brick and mortar retaining wall and sidewalk/drainage area within the right of way area of the 800 block of Albion Road adjacent to 819 Albion Road, Richland County TMS #13808-01-01- *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Runyan, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2014-097 – Granting an encroachment to Frederick Ronald Dennis for installation and maintenance of a brick and mortar retaining wall and sidewalk/drainage area within the right of way area of the 800 block of Albion Road adjacent to 819 Albion Road, Richland County TMS #13808-01-01

RESOLUTIONS

Upon a single motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Runyan, Council voted unanimously to approve **Item 29** Resolution No.: R-2014-079 – Amending Resolution R-2013-077 Recognizing Cherod Webber as an Honorary Ambassador between the City of Columbia, South Carolina and Ghana and the greater Western and Southern Africa Regions and **Item 30** Resolution No.: R-2014-080 – Amending Resolution R-2011-073 Recognizing Bob Chen as an Honorary Ambassador between the City of Columbia, South Carolina and Taiwan and the Pacific Rim.

29. [Resolution No.: R-2014-079](#) – Amending Resolution R-2013-077 Recognizing Cherod Webber as an Honorary Ambassador between the City of Columbia, South Carolina and Ghana and the greater Western and Southern Africa Regions - *Approved*

30. [Resolution No.: R-2014-080](#) – Amending Resolution R-2011-073 Recognizing Bob Chen as an Honorary Ambassador between the City of Columbia, South Carolina and Taiwan and the Pacific Rim - *Approved*
31. [Resolution No.: R-2014-081](#) – Recognizing the City of Columbia Poet Laureate - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2014-081 – Recognizing the City of Columbia Poet Laureate, subject to amending the term for the inaugural appointment from January 2015 through December 2018 and the Poet Laureate will serve four (4) year terms thereafter.

32. [Resolution No.: R-2014-093](#) – Authorizing Condemnation for Easement Acquisition for Sanitary Sewer Force Main from Millcreek Pump Station along Bluff Road to the Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant for CIP Project #SS6764-02 along 4523 Bluff Road, Identified as Richland County TMS# 13416-02-04; CF# 250-324 – *This item was previously approved on October 7, 2014.*
33. [Resolution No.: R-2014-097](#) – Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Equipment Rental Agreement between the City of Columbia and Magic Ice USA, Inc. for the lease of a portable ice skating rink in Boyd Plaza - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2014-097 – Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Equipment Rental Agreement between the City of Columbia and Magic Ice USA, Inc. for the lease of a portable ice skating rink in Boyd Plaza.

- 33a. [Resolution No.: R-2014-103](#) – Approving the honorary naming of the 100 block of Wayne Street between Whaley Street and Heyward Street to "Larry Gates Way" – *This item was approved. Please refer to **Item A**.*

APPOINTMENTS

34. [Board of Zoning Appeals Form Based Codes](#) – *Consideration of this item was deferred.*
35. [Columbia Housing Authority](#) – *Consideration of this item was deferred.*
36. [Planning Commission](#) – *Consideration of this item was deferred.*

APPEARANCE OF THE PUBLIC

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 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Moore
City Clerk

Meeting Dates	Type of Meeting	Meeting Times
October 28, 2014	Environment and Infrastructure Committee Meeting	9:00 a.m.
	<i>City Hall – 1737 Main Street – 2nd Floor Conference Room</i>	
	Public Safety Committee Meeting	11:00 a.m.
	<i>City Hall – 1737 Main Street – 2nd Floor Conference Room</i>	
November 18, 2014	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.