



The Columbia City Council conducted a Meeting and Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Stephen K. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m. and the following members of City Council were present: The Honorable Sam Davis, The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine, The Honorable Leona K. Plough, The Honorable Brian DeQuincey Newman, The Honorable Cameron A. Runyan and The Honorable Moe Baddourah. Also present were Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager and Ms. Erika Moore, City Clerk. This meeting was advertised in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Master James Butler of Cub Scout Troop 111 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 Mayor Benjamin, Council voted unanimously to approve the adoption of the agenda, subject to deferring **Items 1** (*Approval of the Minutes*) and **2** (*Autism Awareness Month*) and removing **Items 11** (*Project PK1038002*), **12** (*Flow Meters*), **15** (*Project SS6833*) and **17** (*Ordinance 2015-024*) from the **Consent Agenda**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [Revised June 24, 2014 Council Meeting; January 27, 2015 Work Session & Council Meeting; February 4, 2015 Special Called Meeting; and February 17, 2015 Council Meeting](#) – *Consideration of the minutes was deferred.*

PRESENTATIONS

2. Autism Awareness Month – The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin – *This presentation was deferred.*
3. National Community Development Week & [Columbia Fair Housing Month Proclamation](#) – Ms. Deborah Livingston, Community Development Director

Ms. Deborah Livingston, Director of Community Development announced that last week was National Community Development Week and we are celebrating on Thursday, May 7, 2015 with Congressman Clyburn as part of our 40th Anniversary.

Ms. Dollie Bristow, Community Development Administrator announced that the South Carolina Fair Housing Center is partnering with the City of Columbia to host a fair housing community fair on Saturday, April 18, 2015 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Ms. Tina Brown, Executive Director of the South Carolina Fair Housing Center said they are looking forward to the community fair in celebration of National Fair Housing Month.

Mayor Benjamin and the members of City Council proclaimed April 2015 as Fair Housing Month in the City of Columbia.

4. Recognition of the Top Recruiters for the Columbia Lifesavers Blood Drive – The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin

Mayor Benjamin said it is his pleasure to recognize the top recruiters for the Columbia Lifesavers Blood Drive. He said we have a fantastic relationship with the American Red Cross and thanks to the generosity of donors 237 pints of blood were collected at this year's blood drive bringing our five year event total to 1,391 pints of blood. He said we had nineteen team captains and we will recognize the top three recruiters who recruited a total of 50 blood donors, which could potentially save 150 lives. He announced that he be hosting a luncheon with the top recruiters in recognition of their great efforts.

- Ms. Stephanie Belvin with Parks & Recreation (2015 Team Captain) had 23 presenting donors
- Ms. Gina Sample with Public Works had 14 presenting donors
- Mr. Paul Eller with Parking Services had 13 presenting donors

5. [Roy Lynch Park Design Concept](#) – Ms. Mandy Wren, 90th Anniversary Chair for the Junior League of Columbia

Ms. Monnie Murray, Junior League of Columbia provided an update on the work being done at Roy Lynch Park. She said that this has been a public process where they've connected with the Elmwood Park Neighborhood Association, the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) at Logan Elementary School, and the City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Foundation. She said as part of their 90th Anniversary this park revitalization is an opportunity for them to give a gift of service to the community rather than themselves. She recalled that they met in November 2014 to envision what a new park would look like and they leaned towards a nature themed project. She presented renderings of the elements that included a grand entrance with a paved splash pad that will recycle the water, a sitting area for parents, and a giant board game when the water isn't active as well as other features. She said they are looking for a grant to fund the plantings and other elements. She explained that the play area has two play systems for ages 1-5 and ages 5-12; there will be a swing set and a sand play area; and an adult exercise area. She noted that the park is less than an acre in size. She stated that the Junior League is contributing \$50,000; they currently have a total of \$65,000 and they are still working to raise funds. She noted that they have outstanding grant requests and they are working with the City on a \$25,000 grant through KABOOM and other grants from SCANA and Lowes. She said they are selling bricks and pavers to raise funds and the goal is to wrap up fund raising efforts and have the park installed by August 2015 before school starts. She sought Council's support for the project.

Councilor Davis encouraged Council to support this. He hopes that we will proceed and help fill in the gaps. He recalled that Roy Lynch was one of the parks that needed upgrades. He said this design and the overall intent meets that goal.

Councilor Devine thanked the Junior League for this process. She said the charrette process was wonderful; they engaged the kids; it was a great experience; and the design represents the needs of the neighborhood, students and others that go to that park. She asked if a funding request is forthcoming.

Mr. Jeff Caton, Director of Parks and Recreation said the intent was to share this information. He explained that the Junior League is seeking financial and in-kind support from other partners and they want to complete that process before asking Council for any financial support. He said they will come back by June with the final numbers.

Councilor Devine said we are going through the budget and any funding requests must be submitted to the City Manager for consideration.

Ms. Monnie Murray, Junior League of Columbia said that fundraising ends on May 15, 2015, but there may be pending grant requests at that time. She said some of the profit from their upcoming celebration for the Junior League will be put into the park as well.

Councilor Plaugh said the design is very different from what we see today. She said Roy Lynch would be joyous at seeing how this fits into the neighborhood that he loved so dearly. She asked how restrooms are being handled.

Mr. Jeff Caton, Director of Parks and Recreation said most neighborhood parks don't have restroom facilities and we would not be in a position to construct a restroom facility.

Councilor Plaugh inquired about the maintenance costs.

**Mayor Benjamin recognized the following Mayor's Fellows that were in attendance. He said they are a group of superstars that are helping to improve the City of Columbia.

- Lauren Harper – University of South Carolina Public Relations major
- Venisha Pendergrass - University of South Carolina Political Science major / Business Administration minor
- Ari Robbins – University of South Carolina Honors College – Urban and Environmental Planning major
- Justin Shafer – University of South Carolina International Business, Business Management and Marketing majors and Chinese and Spanish minors
- Ariel Cathcart – University of South Carolina graduate and full time employee

SIDEWALK VENDING PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

6. [Ordinance No.: 2015-011](#) – Granting a Franchise to Keyser Concessions, LLC for operation of a stationary sidewalk vending cart on the northwest corner of Main Street and Washington Street – *Approved on first reading.*

- **Council opened the Sidewalk Vending Public Hearing at 6:44 p.m.**

No one appeared in support of or in opposition to this matter.

- **Council closed the Sidewalk Vending Public Hearing at 6:44 p.m.**

Upon a motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Mayor Benjamin, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2015-011 – Granting a Franchise to Keyser Concessions, LLC for operation of a stationary sidewalk vending cart on the northwest corner of Main Street and Washington Street.

OTHER MATTERS

7. Council is asked to approve a [Certificate of Convenience and Necessity](#) for Mr. Matthew Koleske doing business as SC Pedal Parlor, LLC located at 3033 Pavilion Tower Circle, Columbia, SC 29201. – **Note:** *The applicant is placing one (1) quadricycle into service and one (1) additional quadricycle will be added at a later date. - Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to approve a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for Mr. Matthew Koleske doing business as SC Pedal Parlor, LLC located at 3033 Pavilion Tower Circle, Columbia, SC 29201.

8. Council is asked to approve a [Certificate of Convenience and Necessity](#) for Ms. Olivia Miller doing business as Are We There Yet? Charter located at 256 Tavern Fare Road, Columbia, SC 29223. – **Note:** *The applicant is placing one (1) limousine into service and additional limousines will be added at a later date. - Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to approve a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for Ms. Olivia Miller doing business as Are We There Yet? Charter located at 256 Tavern Fare Road, Columbia, SC 29223.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a single motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Runyan, Council voted unanimously to approve the **Consent Agenda Items 9, 10, 13, 14 and 16 through 26. Items 11, 12, 15 and 17** were approved by separate motions.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS and AGREEMENTS

9. Council is asked to approve the [Purchase of Fifty \(50\) Sets of Morning Pride Bunker Gear](#), as requested by the Fire Department. Award to Newton's Fire & Safety Equipment, Inc., using the Optional Future Ordering Agreement 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 City Fire Suppression-Safety Clothing and Supply 1012303-625900 (\$49,815) – **Note:** The original budgeted amount for this purchase is \$96,768.00. The purchase of fifty (50) sets of bunker gear was approved by City Council on October 21, 2014. The original budgeted amount for one hundred (100) sets of bunker gear was \$200,000. - Approved*

10. Council is asked to allocate \$100,000.00 as Match Funding for the [DHEC 319 Grant](#) awarded in the amount of \$308,747.85 to the Gills Creek Watershed Association for the Owens Field Trail and Stormwater Improvements, as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. *Funding Source: 5529999-5539999-5534210 – **Note:** Richland County is serving as the lead agency on this project. This collaborative effort includes the renovation of two detention basins and outlets along Jim Hamilton Boulevard. The project will reduce pollution and help to improve water quality in the lower Gills Creek Watershed. The original budgeted amount for this project is \$100,000.00. - Approved*

11. Council is asked to ratify an [Emergency Procurement for Project PK1038002](#); Phase II Renovations at the Kathryn M. Bellfield / Booker Washington Heights Cultural Arts Center, as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to M.A.R. Construction Company, Inc., the lowest responsive bidder in the amount of \$243,000.00. This firm is located in Lexington, SC. *Funding Source: Community Development CDBG Grant / CIP Improvement Fund; 4039999-658650-PK1038002-658650 – **Note:** The original budgeted amount for this project is \$321,000.00. Work associated with the ADA improvements for this project has proceeded within the City Manager's approval authority and is included in the total amount of \$243,000.00. - Approved*

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager clarified that a portion of the project was an emergency procurement due to ADA regulations. She said the remaining portion isn't an emergency procurement.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to ratify an Emergency Procurement for Project PK1038002; Phase II Renovations at the Kathryn M. Bellfield / Booker Washington Heights Cultural Arts Center, as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to M.A.R. Construction Company, Inc., the lowest responsive bidder in the amount of \$243,000.00.

12. Council is asked to ratify an [Emergency Procurement for the Installation of Flow Meters](#) in the amount of \$87,870.00 and approve a Contract for Wastewater Collection Flow Monitoring Services in the amount of \$287,544.00, as requested by the Wastewater Maintenance Division. Award to Woolpert, Inc., in a total amount not to exceed \$375,414.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Utilities Waste Water Maintenance Special Contract W/S, SW; 5516205-638305 – **Note:** The contract term will end on June 30, 2016 with an option to extend for two (2) additional one year terms. The original budgeted amount is \$400,000.00. - Approved*

Mr. Joey Jaco, Director of the Utilities and Engineering Department said we needed to install flow meters during the wet season as an emergency procurement and the contract with Frazier Engineering expires on April 30, 2015. He said this procurement was done by a bid.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to ratify an Emergency Procurement for the Installation of Flow Meters in the amount of \$87,870.00 and approve a Contract for Wastewater Collection Flow Monitoring Services in the amount of \$287,544.00, as requested by the Wastewater Maintenance Division. Award to Woolpert, Inc., in a total amount not to exceed \$375,414.00.

13. Council is asked to approve [Project SD8284; Storm Drainage Improvements at Wellington Drive](#), as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to Shady Grove Construction, LLC, the lowest responsive bidder in the amount of \$395,784.50 with a \$34,450.00 project contingency for a total amount of \$430,234.50. This firm is located in Irmo, SC. *Funding Source: CIP Improvement Fund; 5529999-658650/SD828401-658650 – **Note:** This is a Mentor Protégé Program Project. 3G Construction is the Protégé and will implement 20% (\$195,290) of the contract value. The original budgeted amount for this project is \$415,000.00. The remaining balance of \$15,234.50 will come from Capital Project SD8398 Emergency Stormwater Maintenance Improvements. - Approved*
14. Council is asked to approve the [Purchase of Two \(2\) Side Loader Refuse Trucks](#) for the Solid Waste Division, as requested by the Fleet Services Division. Award to Peterbilt of Columbia in the amount of \$495,080.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Capital Replacement-Autos, Truck, Heavy Equip-Capital; 6308972-658500 – **Note:** The original budgeted amount for this purchase is \$633,817.44. - Approved*
15. Council is asked to approve [Project SS6833; Piney Grove Pumping Station Improvements](#), as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to McClam and Associates, Inc., the lowest responsive bidder in the amount of \$805,000.00 with a \$75,000.00 project contingency for a total amount of \$880,000.00. This firm is located in Little Mountain, SC. *Funding Source: CIP Improvement Fund; 5529999-658650/SS683301-658650 – **Note:** This is a Mentor Protégé Program Project. Patriot Construction, Inc. is the Protégé and will implement 20% (\$146,000) of the contract value. This project is associated with the Clean Water 2020 Program and the original budgeted amount is \$1,100,000.00. - Approved*

Councilor Plough asked if this project is in our prior or current CIP.

Mr. Joey Jaco, Director the Utilities and Engineering Department explained that this project was in this year's CIP, but it was deferred due to budget reductions. He said the project is ready to go, the engineering was approved by Council in 2013 and we are asking to move forward with this project through savings from other projects. He added that this pump station is in need of upgrades.

Councilor Plough asked if this project is taking funds from another sewer project.

Mr. Joey Jaco, Director the Utilities and Engineering Department said this was in the year one CIP and funding is available now.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to approve Project SS6833; Piney Grove Pumping Station Improvements, as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to McClam and Associates, Inc., the lowest responsive bidder in the amount of \$805,000.00 with a \$75,000.00 project contingency for a total amount of \$880,000.00.

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

16. [Ordinance No.: 2015-015](#) – Repealing encroachment Ordinance 2013-066 to Wine Down for outdoor dining at 1520-B Main Street – ***Note:** This business has relocated. – First reading approval was given on March 17, 2015. – Approved on second reading. – Approved on second reading.*
17. [Ordinance No.: 2015-024](#) - Authorizing the Issuance and Sale by the City of Columbia, South Carolina, of its not Exceeding \$7,500,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2015 for the purpose of refunding in advance of their maturities a portion of the city's \$9,085,000 original principal amount general obligation bonds, series 2007A; fixing the form and details of the bonds; authorizing the mayor, the city manager, the chief financial officer, and the finance director, or any two of them acting together, to determine certain matters relating to the bonds; providing for the payment of the bonds and the disposition of the proceeds thereof; and other matters relating thereto – *First reading approval was given on March 17, 2015 to include the following staff recommendations: 1) A refinancing of the Series 2007A bonds with pricing to be delayed until present value savings of 3% or greater can be achieved and 2) A refinancing of the Series 2007A bonds only if compensation of related professionals (e.g., bond counsel, financial advisor, etc.) is made contingent upon a successful pricing and closing of the refunding bonds. – Approved on second reading to include the following staff recommendations: 1) A refinancing of the Series 2007A bonds with pricing to be delayed until present value savings of 3% or greater can be achieved; 2) A refinancing of the Series 2007A bonds only if compensation of related professionals (e.g., bond counsel, financial advisor, etc.) is made contingent upon a successful pricing and closing of the refunding bonds; and 3) once the bond is closed, all costs associated with the issuance should be reported back to the full Council.*

Councilor Plough asked if it is appropriate to add caveats to the ordinance.

There was a consensus of Council to add the caveats to future ordinances.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Plough and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to give second reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2015-024 - Authorizing the Issuance and Sale by the City of Columbia, South Carolina, of its not Exceeding \$7,500,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2015 for the purpose of refunding in advance of their maturities a portion of the city's \$9,085,000 original principal amount general obligation bonds, series 2007A; fixing the form and details of the bonds; authorizing the mayor, the city manager, the chief financial officer, and the finance director, or any two of them acting together, to determine certain matters relating to the bonds; providing for the payment of the bonds and the disposition of the proceeds thereof; and other matters relating thereto along with the following staff recommendations: 1) A refinancing of the Series 2007A bonds with pricing to be delayed until present value savings of 3% or greater can be achieved; 2) A refinancing of the Series 2007A bonds only if compensation of related professionals (e.g., bond counsel, financial advisor, etc.) is made contingent upon a successful pricing and closing of the refunding bonds; and 3) once the bond is closed, all costs associated with the issuance should be reported back to the full Council.

ZONING CONFIRMATION – SECOND READING

18. [1130 Bluff Road](#), TMS#11205-03-02, confirm C-3 (General Commercial) zoning for property; annexed 02/10/2015. – *First reading approval was given on March 17, 2015. – Approved on second reading.*

Council District: 3
Proposal: Confirm C-3 zoning for recently annexed property
Applicant: William P. Jr. & Loretta N. Price
PC Recommendation: Approve (6-0); 01/05/15
City Council Recommendation: Approve; 01/27/15
Staff Recommendation: Approve

ANNEXATION WITH INTERIM ZONING DESIGNATION – SECOND READING

19. [7201 Garners Ferry Road](#), TMS#16405-03-01; request to annex, and apply an interim zoning district of C-3 (General Commercial). The property is zoned GC (General Commercial) in Richland County. – *First reading approval was given on March 17, 2015. – Approved on second reading.*

Council District: 3
Proposal: Annex and C-3 Interim Zoning
Applicant: Marion T. Burnside & Mary Blakely Hendricks
Burnside
PC Recommendation: Approve (7-0); 03/02/15
Staff Recommendation: Approve

[Ordinance No.: 2015-023](#) – Annexing 7201 Garners Ferry Road, Richland County TMS # 16405-03-01 – *First reading approval was given on March 17, 2015. – Approved on second reading.*

ANNEXATION WITH MAP AMENDMENT – SECOND READING

20. [2134 and 2218 Apple Valley Road](#), TMS#07502-07-08 and #07502-07-11; request to annex and zone the properties RG-1 (General Residential). The property is zoned RM-MD (Residential) in Richland County. – *First reading approval was given on March 17, 2015. – Approved on second reading.*

Council District: 1
Proposal: Annex and zone properties RG-1; contiguous;
Secondary
Applicant: Gabriel C. Mbeng
PC Recommendation: Approve (6-0); 01/05/15
Staff Recommendation: Approve

[Ordinance No.: 2015-017](#) – Annexing 2134 Apple Valley Road and 2218 Apple Valley Road, Richland County TMS #07502-07-08 and #07502-07-11 – *First reading approval was given on March 17, 2015. – Approved on second reading.*

21. [4426 Blossom Street](#), TMS# 13810-02-02, -03, -04, -05, -06, -07; request to annex and zone the properties RG-2 (General Residential). The property is zoned RM-HD (Residential) in Richland County. – *First reading approval was given on March 17, 2015. – Approved on second reading.*

Council District: 3
Proposal: Annex and zone properties RG-2; contiguous;
Donut Hole
Applicant: Horizon Real Estate, LLC
PC Recommendation: Approve (6-0); 02/02/15
Staff Recommendation: Approve

[Ordinance No.: 2015-018](#) – Annexing 4426 Blossom Street, Richland County TMS #13810-02-02, #13810-02-03, #13810-02-04, #13810-02-05, #13810-02-06, and #13810-02-07 – *First reading approval was given on March 17, 2015. – Approved on second reading.*

22. [2423 Chappelle Street](#), TMS# 11605-02-08; request to annex and zone the properties RG-1 (General Residential). The property is zoned RM-HD (Residential) in Richland County. – *First reading approval was given on March 17, 2015. – Approved on second reading.*

Council District: 2
Proposal: Annex and zone properties RG-1; contiguous;
Donut Hole
Applicant: Horizon Apartments, LLC
PC Recommendation: Approve (6-0); 02/02/15
Staff Recommendation: Approve

[Ordinance No.: 2015-019](#) – Annexing 2423 Chappelle Street, Richland County TMS #11605-02-08 – *First reading approval was given on March 17, 2015. – Approved on second reading.*

23. [2751 The Boulevard](#), TMS#13511-01-01; request to annex and zone the properties M-1 (Light Industrial). The property is zoned M-1 (Light Industrial) in Richland County. – *First reading approval was given on March 17, 2015. – Approved on second reading.*

Council District: 3
Proposal: Annex and zone properties M-1; contiguous;
Primary
Applicant: Hospital Services, Inc.
PC Recommendation: Approve (6-0); 02/02/15
Staff Recommendation: Approve

[Ordinance No.: 2015-022](#) – Annexing 2751 The Boulevard, Richland County TMS #13511-01-01 – *First reading approval was given on March 17, 2015. – Approved on second reading.*

MAP AMENDMENT – SECOND READING

24. [W/S Planters Drive](#), TMS#16405-01-04; rezone from PUD-R (Planned Unit Development – Residential) to C-2 (Neighborhood Commercial). – *First reading approval was given on March 17, 2015. – Approved on second reading.*

Council District: 4
Proposal: Rezone parcel from PUD-R to C-2
Applicant: David Tuttle, Planters Road Land Holdings, LLC
PC Recommendation: Approve (6-0), 01/05/15
Staff Recommendation: Approve

EVENT RESOLUTIONS

- 25. [Resolution No.: R-2015-023](#) – Authorizing consumption of beer and wine beverages only at the Jam Room Music Festival in the 1400 block of Main Street, the western half block of the 1200 block of Hampton Street, the eastern half block of the 1100 block of Hampton Street adjacent to Boyd Plaza and Boyd Plaza on October 3, 2015 – *The event is scheduled for 12:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. - Approved*
- 26. [Resolution No.: R-2015-037](#) – Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at Five Points Association's 5 After 5 Concert Series on April 23, 2015, May 28, 2015, June 25, 2015, July 23, 2015 and August 27, 2015 – *The event is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. - Approved*

ORDINANCE – SECOND READING

- 27. [Ordinance No.:2015-008](#) – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 20, Special Fees and Taxes, Article IV, Electronic Payment Fees, Sec. 20-101 Definitions and Sec. 20-102 Fee(s) imposed – *First reading approval was given on March 17, 2015 by a vote of five (5) to two (2). – Approved on second reading by a vote of six (6) to one (1).*

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted six (6) to one (1) to give second reading approval to Ordinance No.:2015-008 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 20, Special Fees and Taxes, Article IV, Electronic Payment Fees, Sec. 20-101 Definitions and Sec. 20-102 Fee(s) imposed. Voting aye were Mr. Davis, Ms. Devine, Ms. Plaugh, Mr. Newman, Mr. Baddourah and Mayor Benjamin. Mr. Runyan voted nay.

MAP AMENDMENT – SECOND READING

- 28. [2931 Devine Street](#), TMS#13804-18-061 rezone from C-1 (Office and Institutional) to C-2 (Neighborhood Commercial). – *First reading approval was given on March 17, 2015 by a vote of six (6) to one (1). – Approved on second reading.*

Council District:	3
Proposal:	Rezone parcel from C-1 to C-2
Applicant:	Justin M. Mueller
PC Recommendation:	Approve (7-0), 02/02/15
Staff Recommendation:	Approve

Mayor Benjamin noted that we have received a letter from the neighborhood indicating that all things have been worked out.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Mayor Benjamin, Council voted unanimously to give second reading approval to the Map Amendment for 2931 Devine Street, TMS#13804-18-061 rezone from C-1 (Office and Institutional) to C-2 (Neighborhood Commercial).

ORDINANCES –FIRST READING

29. [Ordinance No.: 2015-027](#) – Amending Ordinance 71-018 granting an encroachment to the South Carolina Baptist Hospital for installation of an elevated pedestrian walkway over the 1300 block of Taylor Street to include installation and maintenance of an awning – ***Note:*** *An awning will be added to a small portion of the crosswalk. - 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.: 2015-027 – Amending Ordinance 71-018 granting an encroachment to the South Carolina Baptist Hospital for installation of an elevated pedestrian walkway over the 1300 block of Taylor Street to include installation and maintenance of an awning.

30. [Ordinance No.: 2015-031](#) – Granting an encroachment to Congaree Vista Guild for placement of a steel sculpture with concrete foundation within the sidewalk right of way area of the 900 block of Lady Street and adjacent to 912 Lady Street, Richland County TMS #09089-02-01- *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mayor Benjamin, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2015-031 – Granting an encroachment to Congaree Vista Guild for placement of a steel sculpture with concrete foundation within the sidewalk right of way area of the 900 block of Lady Street and adjacent to 912 Lady Street, Richland County TMS #09089-02-01.

31. [Ordinance No.: 2015-028](#) – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 15, Parks and Recreation, Sec. 15-1 Prohibited Acts in parks, (8) Alcoholic beverages is amended to add Martin Luther King Park and Earlewood Park - *Approved on first reading, subject to striking Martin Luther King Park from the ordinance.*

Councilor Devine asked why Martin Luther King Park is included in the ordinance.

Mr. S. Allison Baker, Senior Assistant City Manager said that the Legal Department suggested that Martin Luther King Park be added so that alcohol is allowed during events.

Councilor Devine asked that staff discuss this ordinance with the Martin Luther King Park Neighborhood Association.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2015-028 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 15, Parks and Recreation, Sec. 15-1 Prohibited Acts in parks, (8) Alcoholic beverages is amended to add Martin Luther King Park and Earlewood Park, subject to striking Martin Luther King Park from the ordinance.

32. [Ordinance No.: 2015-030](#) – A Third 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 \$31,500,000; delegating the authority to the Mayor, City Manager, Assistant City Manager for Finance and Economic Services 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 – ***Note:** Management and staff are recommending Council approve a refinancing of the Series 2005A&B parking system bonds contingent upon present value savings of 3% or greater being achieved. Management and staff further recommend that Council approve the refinancing of the bonds only if compensation of related professionals (e.g., bond counsel, financial advisor, etc.) is made contingent upon a successful pricing and closing of the refunding bonds. - Approved on first reading to include the following management and staff recommendations: 1) Council approve a refinancing of the Series 2005A&B parking system bonds contingent upon present value savings of 3% or greater being achieved; 2) Council approve the refinancing of the bonds only if compensation of related professionals (e.g., bond counsel, financial advisor, etc.) is made contingent upon a successful pricing and closing of the refunding bonds; and 3) once the bond is closed, all costs associated with the issuance should be reported back to the full Council.*

Councilor Plough said this is a refinancing and there is no money coming from it.

Mr. Jeff Palen, Assistant City Manager for Economic and Financial Services said we are paying off existing debt.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2015-030 – A Third 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 \$31,500,000; delegating the authority to the Mayor, City Manager, Assistant City Manager for Finance and Economic Services 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, subject to the following management and staff recommendations: 1) Council approve a refinancing of the Series 2005A&B parking system bonds contingent upon present value savings of 3% or greater being achieved; 2) Council approve the refinancing of the bonds only if compensation of related professionals (e.g., bond counsel, financial advisor, etc.) is made contingent upon a successful pricing and closing of the refunding bonds; and 3) once the bond is closed, all costs associated with the issuance should be reported back to the full Council.

- **Mr. Baddourah left the meeting at 7:00 p.m.**

RESOLUTIONS

33. [Resolution No.: R-2015-027](#) – A Resolution Approving and Ratifying Mutual Aid Agreements between the City of Columbia and the City of Columbia Police Department and Various Law Enforcement Agencies and Authorizing the City Manager of the City of Columbia and the Chief of Police of the City of Columbia to execute all such Agreements
- Approved

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2015-027 – A Resolution Approving and Ratifying Mutual Aid Agreements between the City of Columbia and the City of Columbia Police Department and Various Law Enforcement Agencies and Authorizing the City Manager of the City of Columbia and the Chief of Police of the City of Columbia to execute all such Agreements.

APPOINTMENTS

34. [Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee](#)

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve the reappointment of Ms. Edna Langley and the appointment of Ms. Sandra Sims as representatives of the hospitality industry; the reappointment of Mr. Raj Champaneri and the appointment of Mr. Frank Cook as representatives of the lodging industry; and the reappointment of Ms. Shennice Cleckley as an at-large member to the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee.

35. [Board of Zoning Appeals – Form Based Codes](#)

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve the staff recommendation to stagger the members' terms on the Board of Zoning Appeals for Form Based Codes by two and three years.

36. [Columbia Housing Authority](#)

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mayor Benjamin, Council voted unanimously to approve the re-appointment of Ms. Jennifer Rubin to the Columbia Housing Authority Board of Commissioners.

37. [Citizen Appointments to the Efficiency Opportunities Review Committee](#)

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mayor Benjamin, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Ms. Diane Wiley to the Efficiency Opportunities Review Committee as a District Two representative.

38. [Design Development Review Commission Board](#)

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Mr. Thomas Savory to the Design Development Review Commission as an architect.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mayor Benjamin, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Mr. Ryan Hyler to the Design Development Review Commission as a realtor.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Mr. Paul Bouknight to the Design Development Review Commission as a neighborhood representative.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS/REFERRALS

39. [Environment and Infrastructure Committee Report](#)

Councilor Devine reported that the Environment and Infrastructure Committee met on March 24, 2015 to have a follow up discussion on the merits of fluoride in drinking water. She noted that the committee will continue that discussion. She reported that staff continues to look at progressive ways to underground utilities. She noted that the Columbia Tree and Appearance Commission proposed an ordinance that would allow us to be forward thinking with undergrounding. She said the committee will bring both items back to City Council once there is a resolution.

40. [Administrative Policy Committee Report](#)

Councilor Plough reported that the Administrative Policy Committee met on March 24, 2015 to discuss three evaluations. The City Manager will provide an updated report at the next Council meeting; Council will take two weeks to review that report and to complete anonymous evaluation forms that will be submitted to the Human Resources Director; Ms. Benjamin will combine the information and bring it back to City Council on May 5, 2015; and City Council will conduct a 360 evaluation of the City Manager in December. The Chief Administrative Judge will present an operational plan for the courts on May 19, 2015; information has gone out to attorneys; there is an online survey for jurors and Municipal Court employees; and Council will complete the review of Judges on June 2, 2015. The City Attorney will present a plan to Council on June 16, 2015; Council will complete anonymous evaluation forms that will be submitted to the Human Resources Director within two weeks; and Council will conclude the City Attorney's 360 evaluation on July 14, 2015.

41. [Economic and Community Development Committee Report](#)

Councilor Davis reported that the Economic and Community Development Committee met on March 24, 2015 and the Community Development Department reported on the expenditure of HOME funds for the development of 16 units; the Maintenance Assistance Program; and the new Rental Rehabilitation Loan Program. He said the committee expects a final recommendation on the program which targets the owners of rental properties that need assistance with bringing rental properties up to code. He also reported that the Office of Business Opportunities presented proposed changes to the local business preference policy related to purchases between \$5,000 and \$25,000 in order to increase LBE participation; changes to the definition of locally owned; and price preferences. He said the committee will receive final recommendations from both offices

42. Council is asked to refer a discussion on the potential creation of a citizens' advisory panel for the Police Department to the Public Safety Committee, as requested by The Honorable Cameron A. Runyan.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Runyan and seconded by Mayor Benjamin, Council voted unanimously to refer a discussion on the potential creation of a citizen's advisory panel for the Police Department to the Public Safety Committee.

43. Council is asked to refer a discussion of SCE&G tree trimming practices for re-conducting power lines to the Environment and Infrastructure Committee, as requested by The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to refer a discussion of SCE&G tree trimming practices for re-conducting power lines to the Environment and Infrastructure Committee.

Councilor Davis asked that the committee discuss trimming on private property.

Councilor Devine proposed meeting on April 21, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

APPEARANCE OF THE PUBLIC

Mr. Ronald Myers appeared before the members of City Council to address the City's unemployment rate and the employment guidelines. He asked how can the City be as concerned as they say they are with ongoing crime and youth, but the jobs in Columbia and South Carolina are limited. He said these people that make mistakes aren't given an opportunity to redeem themselves, because of background checks. He insisted that whenever there is limited work, there will be chaos. He said that prisons bring money to states and it is starting to look like crime is being instigated. He insisted that there is a contradiction when something that happened seven to ten years ago can be held against you.

Mayor Benjamin thanked and recognized the other young men that accompanied Mr. Myers. He spoke about the press conference held earlier today with the Columbia Urban League where the City offered 1,000 jobs to young people this summer instead of the 250 jobs offered in the past; the City also moved aggressively on the Ban the Box issue so that when someone applies for a job at the City, they don't have to indicate that they have a criminal record. He said there's a lot going on and he enlisted Mr. Myers in coming up with some solutions.

Mr. LeRoy Jackson asked when all of this will be done.

Councilor Devine said it's already happening.

Mayor Benjamin said we don't have all of the answers, but let's talk about it.

Bishop Eric Davis, Word of God Ministries asked Council to strongly consider the proposal from the Christian Coalition. He noted that they previously met with Police Chief Holbrook. He said unfortunately we have a climate in the Country where we can't determine where or when these incidents will happen. He said this isn't new; it is a replication of what Richland County is already doing; it is a viable tool that brings heightened accountability and it gives the pastors in the coalition the facts to take back to their communities. He asked that they be allowed to have one delegate serve on the panel from the Christian Coalition. He noted that the Department of Public Safety has already started something similar; a meeting is being scheduled with Chief Keel of SLED; they already met with the Governor; and the last entity is the Columbia Police Department.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 7:28 p.m. for the discussion of matters as outlined on the Work Session agenda.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Plough and seconded by Mr. Runyan, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:29 p.m.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Runyan, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Moore
City Clerk