



CITY OF COLUMBIA  
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2015 – 6:00 P.M.  
CITY HALL – 1737 MAIN STREET  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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The Columbia City Council conducted a Meeting and Public Hearings on Tuesday, September 1, 2015 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and the following members of Council were present: The Honorable Sam Davis, The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine, The Honorable Cameron A. Runyan and The Honorable Moe Baddourah. The Honorable Leona K. Plaugh and The Honorable Brian DeQuincey Newman 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**

Several youth 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 Mr. Davis and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve the adoption of the agenda as presented.

**PUBLIC INPUT RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS**

*No one appeared at this time.*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. [August 4, 2015 Work Session](#) and [August 18, 2015 Work Session](#) and [Council Meeting Minutes](#) – *Approved as presented.*

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to approve the August 4, 2015 Work Session and August 18, 2015 Work Session and Council Meeting Minutes.

## CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a single motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve the **Consent Agenda Items 2 through 17**.

### CONSIDERATION OF BIDS & AGREEMENTS

2. Council is asked to approve an [Agreement for Recruiting and Performance Management Software](#), as requested by the Human Resources Department. Award to Cornerstone OnDemand, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$210,930.00 for the three (3) year term. This firm is located in Santa Monica, CA. *Funding Source: Technology Replacement-Computer Electronic Equipment Capital, 6218954-658600 (\$40,800) and Technology Replacement-Professional Services, 6218954-636600 (\$170,130) – **Note:** This is an automated recruiting software solution that assists with the hiring and recruiting processes. The original budgeted amount is \$220,000.00 - **CIO Comment:** I support this purchase of software that will enable the City to automate the application and hiring process. The related project will have benefits including increased staff efficiency, improved impression of the City to applicants through online versus a manual process, anticipated reduction in time to hire, and decreased copying costs. This software will also enable performance management, which we will be implemented as a follow-on project to the hiring automation. - Approved*
3. Council is asked to approve an [Agreement for Drinking Water Quality Consulting Services for Fiscal Year 2015/2016](#), as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to Black & Veatch in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00. This firm has headquarters located in Overland, KS and a local office in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: 5529999-WM426316-658650 – **Note:** The original budgeted amount for this project is \$50,000.00. – Approved*
4. Council is asked to approve the [Renewal of a Services Agreement for the Emergency and Mass Notification System for Fiscal Year 2015/2016](#), as requested by Columbia-Richland 911 Communications Department. Award to Everbridge, Inc. in the amount of \$75,500.00. This vendor is located in Glendale, CA. *Funding Source: City Account 1012701-638200 (\$37,750) & County Account 2082702-638200 (\$37,750) - **CIO Comment:** I support this renewal of the cloud-based public alert system that enables registrants to receive alerts in various ways including mobile devices, email, and landlines. - Approved*

5. Council is asked to approve [Project SS7324; An Agreement to provide Engineering Services for the Bendale Pump Station](#), as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to Chao & Associates, Inc., a Minority Business Enterprise in an amount not to exceed \$98,890.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Sanitary Sewer Capital Budget, 5529999-SS7324-658650 – **Note:** The fee of \$98,890.00 includes a 10% contingency in the amount of \$8,990.00 to only be used upon written authorization by the City. This is a Protégé Lead Project and the budget is \$675,000 (\$175,000 is for Professional Services and \$500,000 is for Construction). This is a Clean Water 2020 Program Project. The following sub-consulting services will be provided at 36.8% or \$36,380 of the contract value: - Approved*

Firm	Location	Services	Percentage / Amount
Highfill Infrastructure Engineering	Cary, NC	Engineering Quality Control and Construction Administration	\$21,900 (22.1%)
GS2 Engineering	Columbia, SC	Geotechnical	\$4,500 (4.6%)
Belka Engineering	Columbia, SC	Electrical Engineering	\$9,980 (10.1%)

6. Council is asked to approve [Project SS7323; An Agreement to provide Engineering Services to the Food Lion Pump Station](#), as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to Power Engineering Company, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$107,091.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Capital Projects, 5529999-SS7323-658650 – **Note:** This is a Mentor Protégé Program Project and Palmetto Consulting Engineering Group, Inc. a Women Business Enterprise of Chapin SC is the Protégé and will assist with all aspects of the project at 20% or \$21,419 of the contract value. This is a Clean Water 2020 Program Project and the original budgeted amount is \$125,000. The following sub-consulting services will be provided at 11.31% or \$12,105 of the contract value: - Approved*

Firm	Location	Services	Percentage / Amount
Associated E&S	Columbia, SC	Surveying	\$5,500 (5.14%)
GS2 Engineering	Columbia, SC	Geotechnical	\$1,250 (1.17%)
Howard Engineering (WBE)	Marietta, SC	Electrical	\$5,355 (5.0%)

7. Council is asked to approve the [Purchase of Three \(3\) Backhoe Loaders](#), as requested by the Wastewater Maintenance Division. Award to Blanchard Machinery, using the National Joint Powers Alliance Contract in the amount of \$331,074.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Utilities Wastewater Maintenance/Machinery & Equipment-Capital, 5516205-658300 – **Note:** The original budgeted amount is \$331,074.00. - Approved*
8. Council is asked to approve a [Six \(6\) Month Contract Extension for Bill Printing Services through February 29, 2016](#), as requested by the Customer Care Center. Award to Laser Print Plus, a certified Local Business Enterprise firm in the amount of \$340,000.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: 5511407-638; 5511407-631100; 1014401-636000; 4313101-621000 and 5311411-637000 – **Note:** The original budgeted amount is \$340,000.00. - Approved*

9. Council is asked to approve [Contract Amendment #1 for Project SS7300; One Year Contract Extension for the Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant Gap Analysis Program Implementation](#), as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to Atlantic South Consulting Services in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00. This firm has headquarters located in Charleston, SC and a local office in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Sanitary Sewer Operation & Maintenance Budget, 5516208-SS7300-638305 – **Note:** This is a Protégé Led Project and Atlantic South Consulting Services is the Protégé to CDM Smith of Columbia, SC. Sub-consultant EMA, Inc. of St. Paul, MN will receive 45% or \$225,000 of the contract value. This is a Clean Water 2020 Program Project and the original budgeted amount is \$500,000.00. The scope of work includes: an Operations Plan, Process Control Plan, Compliance Monitoring Plan, Training Plans and a Work Plan. - Approved*
  
10. Council is asked to approve [Project WM4351; Water Main Improvement and Repair along Elmwood Avenue](#), as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to Carolina Tap & Bore, the lowest responsive bidder in the amount of \$991,800 with a project contingency of \$76,890 for a total amount of \$1,068,690.00. This firm is located in West Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Improvement Fund/Unforeseen Projects, 5529999-WM432301-658650 – **Note:** The original budgeted amount for this project is \$1,068,690.00. - Approved*

#### ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

11. [Ordinance No.: 2015-068 \(Revised\)](#) – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 24, Vehicles for Hire to add Article VI, Moped Rentals – *First reading approval was given on August 18, 2015. – Approved on second reading.*
  
12. [Ordinance No.: 2015-070](#) – Amending Ordinance No: 2014-032 granting an encroachment for stamped asphalt pavement, crosswalks, concrete curb, guttering, columns, gates, islands, landscaping, irrigation system and bike lanes in 1300 and 1400 blocks of Greene Street and 600 and 700 blocks of Bull Street and Ordinance 2012-059 granting an encroachment to the University of South Carolina for use of the right of way area of the 1500 block of Greene Street and 800 block of Pickens Street adjacent to USC Petigru College, Richland County TMS # 11304-05-01, for installation and maintenance of asphalt pavement, concrete curb, guttering, walkway, brick wall, wrought iron fencing, parking spaces, bike lane, wheel stops, handicap ramp, landscaping and irrigation system to include a bus shelter in the 700 block of Bull Street – *First reading approval was given on August 18, 2015. – Approved on second reading.*
  
13. [Ordinance No.: 2015-071](#) – Granting an encroachment to The Columbia Film Society for installation and maintenance of an egress door and placement and maintenance of two commercial grade pottery or metal planters within the sidewalk right of way area adjacent to The Nickelodeon Theater, 1607 Main Street, Richland County TMS #09014-10-15 – *First reading approval was given on August 18, 2015. – Approved on second reading.*

14. [Ordinance No.: 2015-072](#) – Granting an encroachment to Jin Young Paik and Jung Hei L. Paik for installation and maintenance of metal wall panels within the sidewalk right of way area adjacent to 1538 Main Street, Richland County TMS #09014-09-23 – *First reading approval was given on August 18, 2015. – Approved on second reading.*
15. [Ordinance No.: 2015-074](#) – Granting a Franchise to Richard Dittmar d/b/a Capital City Dog for operation of a stationary sidewalk vending cart on the northeast corner of Main Street and Lady Street – *First reading approval was given on August 18, 2015. – Approved on second reading.*

#### EVENT RESOLUTIONS

16. [Resolution No.: R-2015-075](#) – Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at Soda City Oktoberfest on October 31, 2015 - *Approved*
17. [Resolution No.: R-2015-076](#) – Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at the South Carolina Oyster Festival in the 1600 block of Blanding Street on November 22, 2015 - *Approved*

#### PRESENTATIONS

**\*\*Ms. Teresa Wilson**, City Manager took a moment of personal privilege to recognize Councilwoman Tameika Isaac Devine and her husband, School Board Commissioner Jamie Devine. She said August 28, 2015 marked the one-year Angel-versary of their son, James Henry Devine. On behalf of the City of Columbia, she recognized their heroism and their journey which is documented in a book they recently released *Born into Heaven: Lessons of Love, Faith, and Reclaiming Your Joy in the Midst of a Storm*. This is the story about the loss of their child and how that loss taught them about themselves as individuals and as a couple. She thanked Ms. Devine for sharing her story in order to help others heal. She presented Ms. Devine with a bud vase in memory of Little Angel James Henry. She announced that the book can found for sale at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).

Councilor Devine said God is amazing and He puts us where we need to be. Unfortunately, others including our City family have experienced losses after mine and I've been able to be with them during their time of need. She said this community and her City family has been tremendous in supporting us and holding us up; this has been a journey that lots of us walked.

18. Columbia Urban League Summer Work Experience Leadership Program – Mr. J. T. McLawhorn, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Columbia Urban League, Inc.

**Mr. J. T. McLawhorn**, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Columbia Urban League, Inc. said the Police Department and the Fire Department along with Mr. S. Allison Baker, Senior Assistant City Manager played a significant role in placing young people into summer employment with City departments. He said there were 500 participants this year, which is 250 more than the previous summer. He asked several participants to share what this program meant to them.

Miss Auzjah Taylor, Dreher High School student said the experience was great; it taught her the fundamentals of what a real job would be like, how to dress and how to perform tasks. She worked at the Katheryn M. Bellfield Cultural Arts Center and the Richland One Early Childhood Development Department. She was also the freshman class president.

Miss Zahria Stroman, C.A. Johnson High School student said she worked at the Columbia Police Department where she learned how a job will be. She was glad to have the chance to work and learn about life skills and the importance of being punctual.

Mr. Leondray Colbert, A. C. Flora High School student said he worked at the Columbia Police Department and it gave him a different impression of police officers. He thought they only took people to jail, but he learned that they also give back to the community through initiatives like the Fan the Heat Program.

Ms. Barbara Stroman said her granddaughter had a chance to participate in this wonderful program and it helped Zahria to overcome her shyness and to communicate better.

19. [Introduction of the July 2015 Employee of the Month \(Ms. Natalie Simons, Assistant Shift Supervisor for the Columbia-Richland 9-1-1 Communications Center\)](#) – Ms. Kimberly Gathers, Director of Columbia-Richland 9-1-1 Communications Center

Ms. Jackie Richburg, Deputy Director of the Columbia-Richland 9-1-1 Communications Center introduced Ms. Nathalie Simons, Assistant Shift Supervisor for the Columbia-Richland 9-1-1 Communications Center as the July 2015 Employee of the Month. She said Natalie has the ability to find simple solutions to complex problems, she lights up when working with the team and she is dependable. She said Natalie is prompt in completing tasks and she volunteers to work extra hours when needed.

Mayor Benjamin and City Manager Teresa Wilson presented Ms. Natalie Simons with a plaque and tokens of appreciation for being selected as the City of Columbia July 2015 Employee of the Month.

20. [Business Spotlight Program Honoree \(Revente\)](#) – Mr. Angelo McBride, Administrator for the Office of Business Opportunities

Mr. Angelo McBride, Administrator for the Office of Business Opportunities introduced Revente as the Business Spotlight Program Honoree for the Third Quarter of 2015. He said Revente has been open for twenty-three years as a consignment shop for women. He said Ms. McDaniel has done a wonderful job of giving back to the community and her contributions are immeasurable.

Mr. Lee Catoe, Director of Community Affairs & Small Business Engagement for the Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce stated that small business is the life blood of the community. He said Ms. McDaniel will receive a free membership with the Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. Debbie McDaniel, Owner of Revente introduced her managers, Audrey Belk and Heather Burns. She said Revente donates 100% of their net profit from the Second Chances Store on Millwood Avenue to the women's shelter, we dress Veterans and we assist anyone in the community that is referred to Revente. She asked everyone to take a moment and do a kind act for someone else.

Mayor Benjamin and the members of Council proclaimed the third quarter of 2015 as Revente's Quarter.

21. [Solarize Day Proclamation](#) – The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin

Mayor Benjamin and the members of City Council proclaimed Tuesday, September 1, 2015 as Solarize Columbia Day in the City of Columbia.

Ms. Sara Hummel Rajca, Community Outreach Manager for Smart Power thanked the members of Council for taking the first step to solarize Columbia. She said Smart Power is a non-profit organization that is bringing Solarize South Carolina to Columbia. She said the partnership with the City of Columbia will help residents go solar and save on electricity costs while using a plentiful local source of fuel, the sun. She said the Mayor is looking into the possibility of solar in municipal buildings. She said this initiative will promote South Carolina's new solar friendly regulations passed through Act 236.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **RESOLUTION**

22. [Resolution No.: R-2015-078](#) – Resolution of the City Council of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, approving the issuance by the Public Finance Authority of not to exceed \$14,305,000 Public Finance Authority Multifamily Rental Housing Revenue Bonds, in one or more series pursuant to section 147(F) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended; providing certain other matters in connection therewith; and providing an effective date - *Approved*

**Council opened the Public Hearing at 6:35 p.m.**

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

**Council closed the Public Hearing at 6:35 p.m.**

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2015-078 – Resolution of the City Council of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, approving the issuance by the Public Finance Authority of not to exceed \$14,305,000 Public Finance Authority Multifamily Rental Housing Revenue Bonds, in one or more series pursuant to section 147(F) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended; providing certain other matters in connection therewith; and providing an effective date.

## MOPED RENTAL LOCATIONS - ORDINANCE – FIRST READING

23. Council is asked to approve a request to establish [Moped Rental locations for Citi Scooter, LLC doing business as Scootaway](#), as requested by the Business License Division.

[Ordinance No.: 2015-083](#) – Granting a Franchise to Frank Scozzafava d/b/a Scootaway for operation of moped rental locations – *Approved on first reading, subject to removing location 5 (600 block of Main Street) from the list and reviewing the other location in question prior to second reading.*

### **Council opened the Public Hearing at 6:36 p.m.**

Dr. Scott Goode, 621 Sumter Street / Chemistry Professor at the University of South Carolina expressed concerns about the number of zoning permit variances for rental motor scooters and safety at the northeast corner of Devine Street and Greene Street. He said the path across the service courtyard and in front of the area designated for the scooter rental station is traversed by students and employees who are carrying solvents and concentrated acids to the teaching labs. He noted that access for the Fire Department is critical and the University worked hard to preserve the trees in that area.

Ms. Wendy Besmann, 601 Main Street said she and her husband live in the building next to 600 Main Street and they can see thousands of students going by from their window. She said there is limited visibility and people will cross paths with the mopeds. The idea of having inexperienced moped renters pulling out in front of cars is a concern along with the damage that may be caused to landscaping.

Mr. J. Taylor Bell, 601 Main Street / President of the Adesso Homeowners Association said only 30% of the units at Adesso can be leased to students. He said deliveries are made and it is impossible to see when pulling out on the left hand side. He said traffic flow and students walking across the street make it difficult for residents to exit. He said it would be more dangerous to have mopeds at this location. He opposes having a moped rental location in the 600 block of Main Street.

### **Council closed the Public Hearing at 6:45 p.m.**

Councilor Devine said she heard from other residents with similar concerns about safety in the 600 block of Main Street. She asked if Council reserves the right to remove or add locations to the ordinance. She is also concerned about the 600 block.

Mayor Benjamin asked staff to confirm whether or not the USC location referenced by Professor Goode is being considered by the City.

Ms. Melissa Gentry, P.E., Assistant City Manager said we can't add a location without coming back to Council, but the City Manager can remove a location.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2015-083 – Granting a Franchise to Frank Scozzafava d/b/a Scootaway for operation of moped rental, subject to removing Location 5 (600 block of Main Street) from the list and reviewing the location near the University of South Carolina at Devine Street and Greene Street prior to second reading.

### **ORDINANCE – SECOND READING**

24. [Ordinance No.: 2015-054](#) – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 23, Utilities and Engineering, Article V. Water and Sewer Rates, Sec. 23-146 Fire hydrant, fire protection and sprinkler system charges (g) – *First reading approval was given on August 18, 2015 by a vote of six (6) to one (1). Approved on second reading by a vote of four (4) to one (1).*

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted four (4) to one (1) to give second reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2015-054 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 23, Utilities and Engineering, Article V. Water and Sewer Rates, Sec. 23-146 Fire hydrant, fire protection and sprinkler system charges (g). Voting aye were Mr. Davis, Ms. Devine, Mr. Baddourah and Mayor Benjamin. Mr. Runyan voted nay.

### **ORDINANCE – FIRST READING**

25. [Ordinance No.: 2015-076](#) – Consenting to the Inclusion of Property in a Multi-County Industrial/Business Park (Assembly Station Columbia, LLC): Richland County TMS # 11301-03-01, 11301-03-02, 11301-03-03, 11301-03-04, 11301-03-05, 11301-03-06, 11301-03-07, 11301-03-08, 11301-03-09, 11301-03-11, 11301-03-12, 11301-03-13, 11301-03-15, 11301-03-16, 11301-03-17, 11301-03-18, 11301-03-19, 11301-03-20, and 11301-21-01 - *Consideration of this item was deferred.*

### **RESOLUTIONS**

26. [Resolution No.: R-2015-082](#) – Designating the Congaree Vista as a South Carolina Arts Commission Cultural District - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2015-082 – Designating the Congaree Vista as a South Carolina Arts Commission Cultural District.

27. [Resolution No.: R-2015-083](#) - Supporting the Commitment to Continue Working Towards Undergrounding Columbia’s Utilities - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2015-083 - Supporting the Commitment to Continue Working Towards Undergrounding Columbia’s Utilities.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

### 28. [Columbia Music Festival Association](#)

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mayor Benjamin, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Mr. Christopher Wormley to the Columbia Music Festival Association.

### 29. [Historic Columbia Foundation](#)

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Ms. Kimberly Jamieson and the reappointment of Dr. Isabelle Mandell to the Historic Columbia Foundation.

### 30. Municipal Court Judges

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Overture Walker as a full-time Municipal Court Judge.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to appointment Ms. Crystal Rookard as a substitute Municipal Court Judge.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Richard Morgan as a substitute Municipal Court Judge.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to reappointment the following Municipal Court Judges: Judge Carlton Bagby, Judge Sally Wiggins Speth, Judge Rosalyn Frierson, Judge Deidre Hightower, Judge Susan Porter, and Judge August Swarat.

Mayor Benjamin said Council collectively discussed having Spanish-speaking/bilingual judges on the bench. He encouraged staff to post a substitute judge position for someone who is fluent in Spanish. He suggested that all terms be staggered alphabetically by 2, 3 and 4-years.

## **OTHER MATTERS**

### 31. [Neighborhood Street Lighting Request](#) - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Runyan, Council voted unanimously to approve the following Neighborhood Street Lighting Request:

Neighborhoods Listed by Priority	Existing Lights	Requested Lights	Current Lease Cost / Annually	Project Request Total	Total Fiscal Year to Date
5803 MacKay Street	2	1	\$237.84	\$118.92	\$118.92

## **CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS / REFERRALS**

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

Councilor Devine reported that the Environment and Infrastructure Committee met and as a result of that meeting Resolution No.: R-2015-083 - Supporting the Commitment to Continue Working Towards Undergrounding Columbia's Utilities was passed by Council today.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to refer the discussion of Council's compensation to the Administrative Policy Committee.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Mayor Benjamin, Council voted unanimously to refer discussions on how to solarize homes in historically designated neighborhoods and how to leverage Solarize Columbia to the Economic and Community Development Committee.

### **APPEARANCE OF THE PUBLIC**

Mr. Jack Logan, Resident of Greenville, South Carolina / Founder of Put Down the Guns Now, which is a non-profit organization formed in 2010 to educate children and teens in South Carolina to stay away from gun violence. On July 3, 2015, 14-year old Najeer Buggs was killed in the City of Columbia. He came here tonight to fuss, but Chief Holbrook and Deputy Chief Kelly are doing their jobs and are staying in contact with the victims' families. He asked Council to find the money to close cold cases involving teens by offering cash rewards through Crime Stoppers. He insisted that we must take guns out of the hands of youth.

Mr. James Williams appeared before the members of Council to express concerns about the old homes in the Greenview Community. He said some of the homes were built in the 1950s on cement slabs. He said you can see the mold and mildew in the slabs. He said something has to be done to provide sidewalks in the area in order to protect the kids from being run over by cars.

Mayor Benjamin said we are going to do great things in Greenview; we had a recent discussion about more sidewalks in Greenview and we will follow-up on those discussions. He insisted that great things are happening at Greenview Park.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Moore  
City Clerk

<b>Meeting Dates</b>	<b>Type of Meeting</b>	<b>Meeting Times</b>
September 14, 2015	<b>Finance, Audit and Budget Committee Meeting</b> <i>City Hall – 1737 Main Street – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room</i>	10:00 a.m.
September 15, 2015	<b>Work Session</b> <i>City Hall – 1737 Main Street – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room</i>	2:00 p.m.
	<b>Council Meeting / Zoning Public Hearing</b> <i>City Hall – 1737 Main Street – Council Chambers – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor</i>	6:00 p.m.
October 13, 2015	<b>Work Session (Annexation Strategy)</b> <i>City Hall – 1737 Main Street – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room</i>	2:00 p.m.
October 20, 2015	<b>Work Session</b> <i>City Hall – 1737 Main Street – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room</i>	2:00 p.m.
	<b>Council Meeting / Zoning Public Hearing</b> <i>City Hall – 1737 Main Street – Council Chambers – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor</i>	6:00 p.m.

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](mailto:cityclerk@columbiasc.net).