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COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2016

CITY HALL ▪ 1737 MAIN STREET ▪ COUNCIL CHAMBERS ▪ 3RD FLOOR

The Columbia City Council conducted a Work Session on Tuesday, November 1, 2016 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201. The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 2:13 p.m. and the following members of Council were present: The Honorable Sam Davis, District I, The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine, At-Large, The Honorable Howard Duvall, Jr., At-Large and The Honorable Edward McDowell, Jr., District II. The Honorable Moe Baddourah, District III arrived at 3:48 p.m. Also present were Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Moore, City Clerk. This meeting was advertised in accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. The minutes are numbered to coincide with the order of the meeting.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr. offered the Invocation.

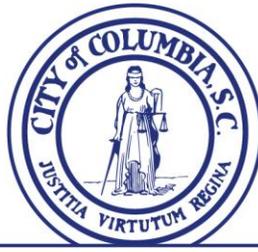
Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager presented service pins to Ms. Ashley Jenkins, Senior Executive Assistant to the City Manager for five years; Ms. Pamela Benjamin, Human Resources Director for five years; and Ms. Erika Moore, City Clerk for fifteen years.

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION

1. Gateway to the Army Centennial Park Project Update - Retired Command Sergeant Major Marty Wells, President of the Gateway to the Army Association

Retired Command Sergeant Major Marty Wells, President of the Gateway to the Army Association announced that next year will be the 100th Anniversary of Fort Jackson, the largest initial entry training center for the United States Army. He noted that Camp Jackson was established by the City of Columbia and the Association feels that Centennial Park will stand as a concrete testament to the support that City leaders give to Fort Jackson. He explained that access to Centennial Park would be handled like the golf club and water park. He renewed the request for funding in the amount of \$400,000 for the Centennial Park Project.

Councilor Duvall asked if approval is needed from the Department of the Army.



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Retired Command Sergeant Major Marty Wells, President of the Gateway to the Army Association said for any organization to present a gift to a military installation they must have approval from the Secretary of the Army.

Councilor Devine asked if the City's financial contribution can be structured over a couple of years.

Retired Command Sergeant Major Marty Wells, President of the Gateway to the Army Association said yes; the Association is prepared to apply for a bridge loan.

Mayor Benjamin said it is important for us to be able to do this over several funding cycles and give staff the authority to structure this. He said less than 20% of the overall funding is coming from the City of Columbia. He moved to approve the request for funding based on the plan that staff will come back with. This matter will be voted on during the evening meeting.

Councilor Davis inquired about the Army's contribution.

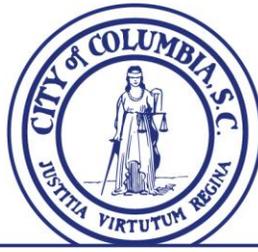
Retired Command Sergeant Major Marty Wells, President of the Gateway to the Army Association said the Army will maintain the park.

2. Business License Update – Ms. Melissa Carter, Research and Legislative Liaison for the Municipal Association of South Carolina

Ms. Melissa Carter, Research and Legislative Liaison for the Municipal Association of South Carolina explained that in 2015 a dramatic bill was introduced to the Legislature that would have impacted cities and towns by \$300 million by capturing the business license tax at a flat rate of \$100. MASC quickly engaged its advocacy personnel and avenues to meet with Representative Rick Quinn and other stakeholders. As a result, one standard form has been developed and at least 100 cities are using it. She said a standard due date, calendar for calculating gross revenue and the definition of gross revenue are also needed. She said allowances for economic development incentives have been made. The model business license ordinance groups like businesses into one of eight classes. She explained that MASC will have a live portal by 2018.

Councilor Davis inquired about the legislative barriers.

Ms. Melissa Carter, Research and Legislative Liaison for the Municipal Association of South Carolina explained that there are issues with the portal and the mandate for all cities to adopt the ordinance. She noted that cities would maintain full control over the rates.



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Councilor Duvall said the City of Columbia needs to do this and he hopes that we would adopt the model ordinance while recognizing that there will be winners and losers.

Councilor Devine asked what changes are needed for the City of Columbia to adopt the model ordinance and the timeframe for implementation.

Mr. Roger Myers, Business License Administrator said it's an intensive process and we've started preliminary work. We would reduce the present code system into the eight categories, determine the rates for the eight categories and determine how to make this revenue neutral.

Councilor Devine asked if additional staff would be needed to help make the conversion and are there costs associated with the changes.

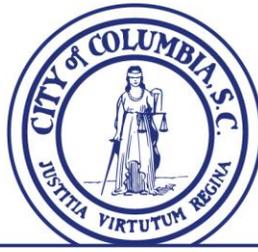
Mr. Roger Myers, Business License Administrator said we would have to convert the rates and properly convert over 10,000 businesses.

3. Report on Disadvantaged and Local Business Enterprises - Ms. Tina Herbert, Executive Director of the Office of Business Opportunities and Ms. Sandra Wright, Purchasing Agent

Ms. Sandra Wright, Purchasing Agent explained that the Local Business Enterprise Policy was adopted in September 2010 and updated in June 2015. Now additional changes are needed to further clarify three sections of the policy. She recommended removing all preference points on all Requests for Qualifications (RFQ); cap the Local Business Enterprise (LBE) Preference policy for all potential awards under \$10 million unless the City Manager authorizes a higher amount per contract; and add Orangeburg County to the Combined Statistical Area (CSA) for a total of eight counties. She reported that over the past six years, the Utilities and Engineering Department has only awarded ten projects costing more than \$10 million; seven of which were awarded to Local Business Enterprises as the lowest bidders; one project was awarded due to the policy; and two projects were awarded to non-LBEs.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager explained that this is about expanding opportunities with larger projects for Disadvantaged Business Enterprises.

Ms. Sandra Wright, Purchasing Agent explained that under the LBE preference policy a certified LBE whose bid is within 5% of the lowest non-local bidder is given the opportunity to match that bid. For a Request for Qualifications, we allow up to five additional points for the best proposal. She said there has been confusion with the price preference for formal procurements.



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Mayor Benjamin recalled that Council passed this policy in 2010 when we were coming out of the recession. We saw a number of opportunities where out of state contractors were successfully landing business to the peril of the success of local businesses. We've awarded projects to LBEs in excess of the numbers we are seeing here today. He inquired about how these projects are tracked and reported.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager explained that bidders may have come to the table with opportunities for local, small and minority business enterprises; potentially more than the responses we've received. She stated that it gives her pause to bring forth a \$40 million project without small and minority business involvement.

Ms. Tina Herbert, Executive Director of the Office of Business Opportunities said other LBE programs have caps and having more responses will provide a better indicator of the market. She said outside firms see the LBE program as a disadvantage.

Ms. Sandra Wright, Purchasing Agent reported that \$71 million was awarded to LBEs for capital projects during fiscal year 2015/2016. She continued to explain that adding Orangeburg County would increase the CSA to eight counties. She sought Council's approval to no longer offer points during prequalification processes. She noted that points will be applied once the firm is qualified.

Ms. Tina Herbert, Executive Director of the Office of Business Opportunities said there is a need to develop a more enforceable policy relating to DBE participation. She presented the proposed Columbia Disadvantaged Enterprise (CDBE) Policy which is designed to ensure that the City and its contractors adhere to the Commercial Non-Discrimination Policy. The City adopted a Minority and Female Business Enterprise Program in 1986; a Subcontractor Outreach Program in 2003; a Disparity Study in 2006; a Mentor Protégé Program in 2008; and a Citywide 10% DBE goal in 2015. In fiscal year 2015/2016, 2.88% was awarded to minority subs and 6.06% to non-minority women subs under the Subcontractor Outreach Program; 9.89% was awarded to non-minority women and 3.45% to minorities under the Mentor Protégé Program; and we are currently at 3.85% participation in architecture and engineering and 13.30% in construction under the DBE utilization. She noted that the DBE goal for architecture and engineering is 11% and 21% for construction. She explained that under the CDBE policy, the City will accept government and reputable private certifications, but the City will not certify businesses. She noted that the CSA will be expanded. This policy will give the City Manager the authority to set the overall procurement DBE utilization goals and requirements for contracts over \$200,000. She reviewed the required response documents for projects with goals. She presented the good faith efforts that they would like to see from contractors and these efforts will be reviewed by a committee. She stated that no responses will be deemed as non-responsive.



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Mayor Benjamin said until we create a true culture of inclusion and it is made clear to any and all prospective offerors who want to do business with the City, we will keep getting what we've gotten. The numbers we've seen are wholly unacceptable. As one of the largest purchasers of goods and services in this state, we have the moral authority and responsibility to do much better. Until we give the City Manager the clear authority to make these very difficult decisions, we will keep getting what we've gotten. As we are measuring the contractors, we also must measure ourselves; our line managers have to understand that these goals are a priority.

4. Community Redevelopment Projects Update - Ms. Diane E. Sumpter, Owner of DESA, Inc.

Ms. Diane E. Sumpter, Owner of DESA, Inc. asked to present the update in Executive Session due to the information pertaining to the acquisition of property and other legal matters.

There was a consensus of Council to deliver the presentation in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act and to discuss any issues that require legal guidance in Executive Session.

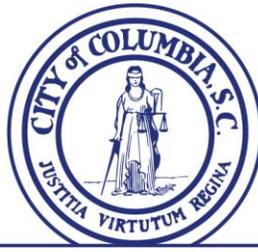
Ms. Diane E. Sumpter, Owner of DESA, Inc. presented the City of Columbia Economic and Community Development Strategy to create housing, commercial development and jobs. As it relates to housing, DESA developed a block by block plan of action. The feedback received from stakeholders and developers was integrated into the proposal for commercial development. She recommended a cooperative enterprise concept for the completion of the Busby Street project. She suggested various incentives and funding options.

Councilor Devine inquired about a potential development partner and the next steps.

Ms. Diane E. Sumpter, Owner of DESA, Inc. said there are several options for the tract of land in question. We have a letter of commitment, but they are waiting to hear back from us. She said the closing of Piggly Wiggly and the restaurant on Beltline left a void and we are seeing how we can meet that need.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted five (5) to one (1) to enter into Executive Session at 4:37 p.m. for the discussion of **Items 5** through **7**, as amended. Voting aye were Mr. McDowell, Mr. Duvall, Mr. Baddourah, Mr. Davis and Ms. Devine. Mayor Benjamin voted nay.



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5. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements pursuant to §30-4-70(a)(2)
 - *Horizon Garage*
 - *DESA, Inc.*
 - ***Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center*

6. Discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body pursuant to §30-4-70(a)(5)
 - *Barbershop*
 - ***Community Redevelopment Projects as proposed by DESA*

7. Receipt of legal advice which relates to matters covered by attorney-client privilege pursuant to §30-4-70(a)(2)
 - *West Gevais District Plan*
 - *Canalside Deed Restriction*

- 7a. ***Discussion of negotiations incident to the proposed sale or purchase of property pursuant to §30-4-70(a)(2)*
 - *Community Redevelopment Projects as proposed by DESA*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the Executive Session at 6:17 p.m.

The Columbia City Council conducted a Meeting on Tuesday, November 1, 2016 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, SC 29201. The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m. and the following members of Council were present: The Honorable Sam Davis, District I, The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine, At-Large, The Honorable Moe Baddourah, District III, The Honorable Howard Duvall, Jr., At-Large and The Honorable Edward McDowell, Jr., District II. 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

INVOCATION

Mr. S. Allison Baker, Senior Assistant City Manager offered the Invocation.



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Mayor Benjamin recognized Ms. Angie Stone as a songstress and an accomplished global performer. He also recognized Mayor Bob Coble.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda.

PUBLIC INPUT RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS

No one appeared at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

8. January 19, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes – *Approved*
9. September 20, 2016 Work Session and Council Meeting Minutes – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve the January 19, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes and the September 20, 2016 Work Session and Council Meeting Minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a single motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve the **Consent Agenda Items 10** through **17**.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS & AGREEMENTS

10. Council is asked to approve an Annual Maintenance Agreement for Mobile Area Routing and Vehicle Location Information System Software Support, as requested by the Police Department. Award to Bradshaw Consulting Services, Inc. in the amount of \$56,879.86. This firm is located in Aiken, SC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Police Administrative Services- Maintenance and Service Contract,1012402-638200. The original budgeted amount is \$56,879.86.



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11. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Energov Software for Stormwater Migration, as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to Tyler Technologies, Inc. located in Duluth, GA as a Sole Source in the amount of \$88,343.00. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Storm Water Engineering/Computer License, 5534202-627510. The original budgeted amount is \$90,000.00.

12. Council is asked to approve the Banner CIS Annual Support Renewal, as requested by the Budget and Program Management Office. Award to Hansen Technologies in the amount of \$144,089.53. This vendor is located in Atlanta, Georgia with offices in Columbia, SC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: 6218950-638200. The original budgeted amount is \$150,000.00.

13. Council is asked to approve Contract Amendment #2 for Project SS7300; Engineering Services Agreement for the Metro Gap Analysis Implementation for Fiscal Year 2016/2017, as requested by the Utilities & Engineering Department. Award to Atlantic South Consulting Services, LLC, a Minority Business Enterprise in the amount of \$267,000.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant Operations & Management Budget, 5516208-638305. This is a Clean Water 2020 Program Project and a Protégé Led Project. The original budgeted amount is \$500,000.00.

Sub consulting services will be \$120,150.000 (45.0%) of the contract value; awarded to EMA of St. Paul, MN to provide support to the project.

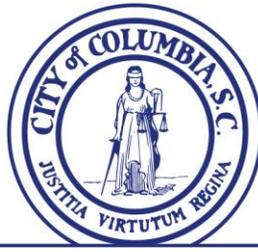
14. Council is asked to approve an Engineering Services Agreement for Force Main Condition Assessment and SCADA Improvements, as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to Brown & Caldwell in an amount not to exceed \$1,632,000.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: 29999-SS733301-658650. This is a Clean Water 2020 Program Project. The original budgeted amount is \$1,800,000.00.

The following subcontractors will provide additional services at \$843,750.00 (51.7%) of the contract value.

\$210,750.00 (12.9%) - M.B. Kahn Construction Company, Inc., of Columbia, SC, will provide civil contractor support services.

\$633,000.00 (38.8%) - Pure Technologies of Atlanta, GA, will provide Broad River Force Main Assessment and Saluda River Force Main Assessment services.



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ORDINANCES - SECOND READING

15. Ordinance No.: 2016-067 - Amending Ordinance No.: 2016-029 Granting an encroachment to the Knights of Columbus for installation and maintenance of brick pavers and sod within the right of way area of the 1600 block of Marion Street adjacent to its building at 1623 Marion Street, Richland County TMS #09014-05-05 changing the Grantee's name to 1623 Marion St., Inc. – *Approved*
16. Ordinance No.: 2016-094 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Contract of Sale between the City of Columbia and Jarvais Javon Jackson for the property known as 5301 Holmes Avenue, Richland County TMS #11705-12-18 – *Approved*

EVENT RESOLUTIONS

17. Resolution No.: R-2016-080 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine beverages only at the Five Points Farm to Table Dinner at the Fountain on November 1, 2016 – *Approved*

PRESENTATIONS

18. Recognition of the September 2016 Employee of the Month - Mr. Robert Anderson, Public Works Director

Mr. John Hooks, Solid Waste Superintendent introduced Ms. Samantha Yager, Recycling Coordinator for the Public Works Department as the September 2016 Employee of the Month. Ms. Yager was instrumental in the rollout of over 35,000 recycling roll carts over two weeks and she helped the City to receive over \$130,000 in grants.

Mr. Robert Anderson, Public Works Director added that Ms. Yager handled all social media posts and press communications for the Columbiana Drive project; she built a bridge of communication with the residents of Lost Creek Plantation after the flood; and the department has received awards for her recycling efforts.

Mayor Benjamin and City Manager Teresa Wilson presented Ms. Samantha Yager, Recycling Coordinator with a plaque and a token of appreciation for being selected as the City of Columbia September 2016 Employee of the Month.



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19. Recognition of the October 2016 Employee of the Month - Mr. William "Skip" Holbrook, Columbia Police Chief

Mr. William "Skip" Holbrook, Columbia Police Chief introduced Officer Jason VanValkenburg, West Region Community Response Team as the October 2016 Employee of the Month. Officer VanValkenburg has quite a reputation for following up and completing fundamental investigative tasks; he writes exceptional reports; and he exemplifies the expectations of a 21st century police officer.

Mayor Benjamin and City Manager Teresa Wilson presented Officer Jason VanValkenburg, West Region Community Response Team with a plaque and a token of appreciation for being selected as the City of Columbia October 2016 Employee of the Month.

20. City LIGHTs Employee Recognition - Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager

Mr. William "Skip" Holbrook, Columbia Police Chief recognized Master Police Officer Michael Blackmore for stopping a distraught citizen from jumping off of a bridge. Officer Blackmore encountered a similar situation in August where he and his partner stopped a man from jumping off a parking garage. Chief Holbrook said that Officer Blackmore represents everything we expect from police officers and I am proud of him.

City Manager Teresa Wilson presented Master Police Officer Blackmore with a plaque, lapel pin and a token of appreciation for being a true City LIGHT.

21. Justice 360 Event - Ms. Mandy Medlock, Executive Director of Justice 360

Ms. Mandy Medlock, Executive Director explained that Justice 360 is a local non-profit staffed by lawyers and paralegals who provide legal representation and advocacy in capital cases and for juveniles facing mandatory life sentences. In 2017, Justice 360's mission will include the investigation of innocence claims. She announced that on November 17, 2016 at 6:00 p.m., Justice 360 will host Civil Rights and justice activist Mr. Bryan Stevenson at the Township Auditorium. This event is free and open to the public.



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ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

22. Ordinance No.: 2016-065 - Granting encroachment to Judy H. Tighe for installation and maintenance of a slag parking area and two stone knee walls within the right of way area of the 1700 block of Bannockburn Drive adjacent to her property located at 1729 Bannockburn Drive, Richland County TMS#13911-08-02 – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to give second reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2016-065 - Granting encroachment to Judy H. Tighe for installation and maintenance of a slag parking area and two stone knee walls within the right of way area of the 1700 block of Bannockburn Drive adjacent to her property located at 1729 Bannockburn Drive, Richland County TMS#13911-08-02.

23. Ordinance No.: 2016-095 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Partial Release of Right of Reverter by the City of Columbia to allow for the transfer of 0.870 acre (37,893 SF) of the SC State Fairgrounds Property Identified as Richland County TMS #11207-03-01 along Rosewood Drive and Bluff Road (SC Hwy. 48) to Richland County for Sidewalk Improvements – *Approved on first reading.*

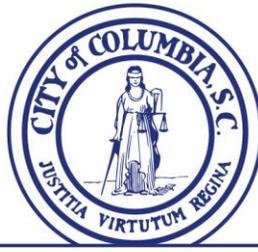
Upon a motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2016-095 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Partial Release of Right of Reverter by the City of Columbia to allow for the transfer of 0.870 acre (37,893 SF) of the SC State Fairgrounds Property Identified as Richland County TMS #11207-03-01 along Rosewood Drive and Bluff Road (SC Hwy. 48) to Richland County for Sidewalk Improvements.

24. Ordinance No.: 2016-102 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine beverages only at the 2017 Famously Hot New Year Event – *Approved on first reading as amended.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2016-102 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine beverages only at the 2017 Famously Hot New Year Event as amended to reflect the 2016/2017 Famously Hot New Year Event.

25. Ordinance No.: 2016-111 - Adopting Amendments to the Commercial Revolving Loan Fund ("CRLF") Code – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2016-111 - Adopting Amendments to the Commercial Revolving Loan Fund ("CRLF") Code.



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26. Ordinance No.: 2016-113 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Termination of Restriction to Beach Canalside, LLC – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2016-113 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Termination of Restriction to Beach Canalside, LLC.

There was a consensus of Council to schedule a special called meeting on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 at a time to be determined by staff.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT - FIRST READING

27. West Gervais District Plan – *Approved on first reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2016-081 - Adopting the West Gervais District Plan as an addendum to The Columbia Plan 2018 – *Approved on first reading.*

City Council District:	2
Proposal:	Request that City Council adopt the West Gervais District Plan as an addendum to the City of Columbia's Comprehensive Plan.
Applicant:	City of Columbia
Staff Recommendation:	Approval
PC Recommendation:	07/11/2016; Deferred; 08/01/2016; Approval with Modification (6-1)

Councilor Devine said she supports the plan and she will support the amendment. She expressed concerns about removing the parcel and the message it conveys. It is important to maintain the zoning and character of the Vista and to inform developers about the guidelines.

Councilor Baddourah asked why we would remove one parcel. He supports the staff recommendation and not the Planning Commission recommendation to remove that parcel.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted five (5) to one (1) to give first reading approval to the *Comprehensive Plan Amendment* for the West Gervais District Plan, as modified by the Planning Commission. Voting aye were Mr. McDowell, Mr. Duvall, Ms. Devine, Mr. Davis and Mayor Benjamin. Mr. Baddourah voted nay.



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AMENDMENT TO THE GUIDELINES - FIRST READING

28. Pursuant to §17-654(B), Amend the Design Guidelines for the West Gervais Historic Commercial District (§17-681(D)(1)) and the West Gervais Historic Protection Area District (§17-681(C)(6)) – *Approved on first reading.*

Council District: 2
Proposal: Request the adoption of revised guidelines for the West Gervais Historic Commercial District (§17-681(d)(1)) and the West Gervais Historic Protection Area District (§17-681(c)(6)) pursuant to §17-654(b).
Applicant: Krista Hampton, Planning & Development Services Director, City of Columbia
Staff Recommendation: Approval
D/DRC Recommendation: 07/14/2016; Approval (7-0)
PC Recommendation: 07/11/2016; Deferred; 08/01/2016; Approval (6-1)

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the *Amendment to the Guidelines* for the West Gervais Historic Commercial District (§17-681(D)(1)) and the West Gervais Historic Protection Area District (§17-681(C)(6)).

OTHER MATTERS

29. Council is asked to approve ten (10) additional street lights in the Olympia Neighborhood and one (1) additional street light on Jennings Court for a year-to-date total expenditure in the amount of \$2,575.56, as requested by the Traffic Engineering Division. – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to approve ten (10) additional street lights in the Olympia Neighborhood and one (1) additional street light on Jennings Court for a year-to-date total expenditure in the amount of \$2,575.56, as requested by the Traffic Engineering Division.

APPEARANCE OF THE PUBLIC

Mr. Bart Walrath, Vista resident said we've been involved with staff on the development of the plan and the design guidelines for years. He said we were disappointed to see two proposed revisions at the end of the process. It is not a good precedent to start chipping away at the plan before it is implemented.



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Mr. Steve Hinson, Vista resident said he understands that it is a balancing act. He said this has gone on for years; the DDRC approved the plan as it was; and the Planning Commission took the First Citizens parcel out.

APPOINTMENTS

30. Council is asked to approve the appointment of two (2) individuals to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Mr. Gene Dinkins and Ms. April Jones to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

31. Council is asked to approve the appointment of one (1) individual to the Midlands Authority for Conventions, Sports and Tourism Board.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Mayor Benjamin, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Mr. Andrew Lucas to the Midlands Authority for Conventions, Sports and Tourism Board.

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS DISCUSSED DURING THE WORK SESSION

32. Gateway to the Army Centennial Park Project

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mayor Benjamin, Council voted unanimously to ask staff to look at a \$300,000 contribution over a three year period for the Gateway to the Army Centennial Park Project.

33. Economic & Community Development Strategy

Councilor Devine clarified that the City contracted with DESA to look at redevelopment along the Farrow Road corridor around Beltline, Millwood, and Gervais. She asked City Manager Wilson to ask Ms. Sumpter to redact the individual parcels from her presentation and then present that information to the Council again in an open session so that the community can be aware of the potential areas we are looking at. She asked that additional details on the potential development of City-owned property on Farrow Road be presented at a future meeting for action.

Councilor Baddourah said we are trying to be as transparent as we can be while protecting the properties; we will share information publicly as soon as we can.



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Councilor Davis agreed that the intent was to be transparent, but also to air on the side of caution to protect future projects.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS / REFERRALS

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to appoint The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine and The Honorable Howard Duvall to an ad-hoc committee along with members of the Richland County Council for the purpose of exploring the concept of a joint courthouse.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to appoint The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin, The Honorable Sam Davis and The Honorable Edward McDowell, Jr. to an ad-hoc committee along with members of the Richland County Council for the purpose of exploring the concept of a joint Civil Rights Museum.

APPEARANCE OF THE PUBLIC

No one appeared at this time.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 7:11 p.m. for the discussion of items as outlined during the Work Session. *Please refer to Items 5 through 7a.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Mayor Benjamin, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Moore, CMC
City Clerk