

CITY OF COLUMBIA  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2001  
6:00 P.M. - 2600 WHEAT STREET  
HAND MIDDLE SCHOOL

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The City of Columbia City Council met Wednesday, January 24, 2001, at 6:00 p.m., Hand Middle School located at 2600 Wheat Street, Columbia, South Carolina. Mayor Robert D. Coble called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. Council Members present were The Honorable E.W. Cromartie, III, The Honorable Francenia B. Heizer, The Honorable Jim Papadea, The Honorable Anne M. Sinclair, The Honorable Hamilton Osborne, Jr., and The Honorable Sam Davis. Also attending were Mr. Michael A. Bierman, City Manager, Ms. Peggy Breeland, City Clerk.

**I. ROLL CALL**

Council members present at roll call were: The Honorable E.W. Cromartie, III, The Honorable Francenia B. Heizer, The Honorable Jim Papadea, The Honorable Anne M. Sinclair, The Honorable Hamilton Osborne, Jr. The Honorable Sam Davis arrived at the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

**II. PRESENTATIONS**

A. Welcome

Ms. Jeanne Stiglbauer, Principal of Hand Middle School welcomed Council to the neighborhood. Mr. Robert McClam gave an Update on the Athletic Field Project and thanked Council for their support of this project.

B. Recognition of Employee of the Month - December 2000

Ms. Marion Johnson was recognized as the City of Columbia's Employee of the Month for the month of December, 2000. Mr. Johnson has been with the Utilities Department Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant since 1994.

C. Certificate Of Achievement for Excellence In Financial Report

Mr. Michael West presented to Council and Ms. Cathy Alexander, City of Columbia Finance Director, a plaque from the Government Finance Officers Association recognizing the City with a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for June 30, 1999.

**III. CONSENT AGENDA**

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Ms. Sinclair, Council unanimously voted to approve the consent agenda as presented.

**A. STREET CLOSINGS**

1. Council approved a request from the University of South Carolina to close Greene Street between Sumter and Bull Streets for events associated with the University's Martin Luther King, Jr., Day of Service on Saturday, January 27, 2001. The gates will need to be closed between the hours of 8:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.
2. Council approved a request from the Township to close the 1600 Block of Henderson Street and the 1600 Block of Blanding for education shows, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The dates requested are February 6, 8, 27, March 7, 15, and April 5 and 19, 2001 and on February 1, 2001 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. for conference for selection of textbooks for the 2001-2002 school year.
3. Council approved a request from Jillian's to close a portion of Gadsden Street adjacent to its building and approval of Resolution No. 2001-002 – authorizing consumption of alcoholic beverages and outdoor concert for Jillian's in Gadsden Street at Gervais Street.

**B. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND AGREEMENTS**

1. Council gave approval to purchase a full-sized van for the Parking Meter Division. Award contract to Butler Chrysler-Dodge Jeep, a S.C. State Vehicle Contract procurement, at a cost of \$16,799.00.
2. Council gave approval to purchase a 36" Bucket Truck Body to be mounted on a chassis provided by the City, for the Traffic Engineering Department. Award contract to MTT Insulated Products, the low bidder, at a cost of \$39,429.00.
3. Council gave approval to purchase three (3) "Jaws of Life" Cutting Tools for the Fire Department. Award contract to MDS Matrix Medical, a sole source procurement, at a cost of \$13,891.50.
4. Council gave approval to purchase repair parts for the MSA Breathing Units for the Fire Department. Award contract to Newton's Fire & Safety Equipment, a sole source procurement, at a cost of \$28,885.40.
5. Council gave approval to contract for the construction of roadway improvements at Columbia Industrial Park, Bluff Road at Interstate 77. Request to award contract to the low bidders, by Division, to Lanier Construction Company for Divisions I and II at a cost of \$117,062.50 and \$331,985.75 and to C. Ray Miles Construction Company for Divisions III and IV at a cost of \$167,303.00 and \$80,248.25 for a total cost of \$696,599.50.

**IV. ORDINANCES**

**A. FIRST READING**

1. Ordinance No. 2001-002 - Granting an encroachment in the 1700 Block of Main Street to Gibson's Concessions d/b/a Hot Dog Peddler for a hotdog vending cart.

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Mr. Papadea, Council voted to give first reading approval to Ordinance No. 2001-002 - Granting an encroachment in area approximately 10' x 10' in the 1700 block of Main Street to Gibson's Concessions.

**B. SECOND READING**

1. Ordinance No. 2000-094 - Amending Encroachment Ordinance 98-017 for Lavecchia's Seafood Grille

Council voted to hold this item over.

**V. RESOLUTIONS AND AGREEMENTS**

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Ms Heizer, Council unanimously voted to approve items 1 through 3 as presented.

1. Proposed Licensees-Agreements between Carolina PCS 1, Limited Partnership and the City of Columbia to locate communications equipment on the City's Wales Garden, Lower Richland, Horseshoe and Summit Water Tank sites.

Council gave approval to entering into four (4) proposed licensee-agreements between Carolina PCS 1, Limited Partnership and the City of Columbia (Ordinance No. 2001-019 - Authorizing execution of an Agreement with Carolina PCS, I, Limited Partnership, d/b/a Carolina Phone Company), for a fee of \$18,000.00 each in a total amount of \$72,000.00 per year. These are annual three year agreements with options to renew the licensees for 7 additional three year terms with an increase in the fee of 9% for the three year term.

2. Change Order for SS566 Phase II Highland Park

Council gave approval to a change order for the sanitary sewer project for Highland Park. This change order is a result of several issues encountered during construction. A change in quantities is due to necessary depths of the sewer mains because of field conditions, and an annexation in the Belvedere area which occurred after plans for this project were completed. The additional item was added to the contract due to the material of a portion of the drives being different from what was indicated on the plans. The additional cost will be \$113,743.00. The total contract price will be \$746,152.00.

3. Water Main Extension Agreement for Ashley Oaks Subdivision on Fulmer Road Near Blythewood

Council gave approval to entering into a Water Main Extension Agreement for Ashley Oaks Subdivision on Fulmer Road Near Blythewood. Water service is not currently available to the proposed development. Construction of approximately 1500 Linear feet of 16" water main from a water main located in North Pointe Business Park is required to provide City water service to the development.

**VI. CONTRACT WITH SUNRISE ENTERPRISE/GRANT GROUP**

Upon motion by Mr. Papadea, seconded by Mr. Cromartie, Council approved an extension to a contract with Sunrise Enterprise/Grant Group to provide public relations services for the Convention Center Development Project. The contract will be retroactive to December 1, 2000 and will extend for a 12-month period. No change in the \$3,000 monthly retainer is requested.

## **VII. APPEARANCE OF PUBLIC HAVING BUSINESS WITH CITY COUNCIL**

Mr. Chip Land and Ms. Debbie Price gave an update of the proposed landscape ordinance.

Mayor Coble noted that this was the first of a series of public hearings regarding the property maintenance ordinances.

Mayor Coble opened the floor to public comment regarding the proposed landscape ordinance.

Ms. Martha Studstill appeared in favor of a strong landscape ordinance.

Mark Salley appeared in favor of a strong landscape ordinance. Mr. Salley stated he was opposed to the recent Wal-mart Development. He also stated that he was in favor of tree preservation and asked that the City ensure enforcement of the new landscape ordinance.

Mr. John Stucker, University Neighborhood Association, appeared in favor of the proposed landscape ordinance.

Ms. Ann Jennings, a resident of Leesburg Road appeared before Council and stated that she was in favor of the proposed landscape ordinance.

Mr. Al Barnette, Columbia Appearance Commission, appeared in favor of the recommended changes to the proposed landscape ordinance.

Mr. Hank Knight, a Forest Hills (Shandon) resident, appeared in favor of the proposed ordinance. Mr. Knight encouraged Council to consider ways to support home owners to follow the proposed ordinance.

A resident of Shandon appeared in opposition of the proposed ordinance and stated that it would increase the cost of homes in the area.

Ms. Leslie Patterson, a Forest Hills resident, appeared in favor of the proposed landscape ordinance.

Mr. Graham Rouse, a Forest Hills resident, appeared in favor of the proposed landscape ordinance.

Ms. Margaret Jordan appeared before council regarding concerns with the proposed storm water utility.

Mayor Coble closed the public hearing.

Mayor Coble opened the floor to public comment regarding other issues.

Mr. Graham Rouse appeared before council with concerns regarding policy issues surrounding his property located on Wheat Street.

Mayor Coble stated that these concerns will be addressed with the City Manager.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Peggy S. Breeland,  
City Clerk