

CITY OF COLUMBIA  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2001  
6:30 P.M.  
MAYS PARK (4100 Trenholm Road)

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The City of Columbia City Council met for a City Council District IV Evening Meeting, on Wednesday, April 4, 2001, 6:30 p.m. at Mays Park, 4100 Trenholm Road, 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, The Honorable Francenia B. Heizer, The Honorable Jim Papadea, The Honorable Anne M. Sinclair, and The Honorable Hamilton Osborne, Jr., and The Honorable Sam Davis. Also attending were Ms. Leona K. Plough, City Manager and Ms. Peggy S. Breeland, City Clerk.

I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION

Mr. Hamilton Osborne welcomed everyone to the council district evening meeting.

Ms. Anne Sinclair introduced the Dreher High School Academic Decathlon Team.

Mayor Coble recognized Mr. Jim Barber, Troop Leader, for the Boy Scouts Troop 10 Westminster.

II. PRESENTATIONS

A. The Mays Park Players

Ms. Meg Richards brief Council on recent activities and accomplishments of The Mays Park Players.

B. Columbia Firefighters Association

Mr. David Anderson, President of the Columbia Firefighters Association presented Council and the City Manager with certificates of appreciation.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Mr. Osborne, Council voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as amended, to hold Items III.B. 7 and 8, on a single motion.

A. REQUEST TO CLOSE STREETS AND USE SIDEWALKS

1. Council approved the request from the Sunbury, LeConte, Longleaf, Medway and Berkeley Neighborhoods to close Sunbury Lane from Medway to LeConte Court on Saturday, May 5, 2001, for their Annual Neighborhood Picnic, between the hours of 4:00 p.m. through 7:00 p.m. Contact Keller H. Barron.
2. Council approved the request from the University of South Carolina to close Greene Street between the Russell House gates for an event associated with the University's Earth Day activities, on Saturday, April 21, 2001, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. through 1:00 p.m. Contact Jerry T. Brewer.

**B. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND AGREEMENTS**

1. Council gave approval to purchase Two 23,000 GVWR Cabs & Chassis for the Solid Waste Division. Award contract to Love Chevrolet, a S.C. State Vehicle Contract procurement, at a cost of \$57,381.60.
2. Council gave approval to purchase nine (9) personal computers for Information Technology and thirteen (13) computers for the Fire Department. Award contract to Gateway, a S.C. State Contract procurement, at a cost of \$42,530.40.
3. Council gave approval to contract for Annual Safety Testing on Fire Truck Platforms and Ladders, Bucket Trucks, Crane Trucks, Vehicle Lifts for Fleet Services. Award contract to Structural Technology, Inc., the low bidder, at a cost of \$10,525.00.
4. Council gave approval to purchase a Tapping Machine with bits, cutters and case for the Water Division. Award contract to Hughes Supply Co., the low bidder, at a cost of \$15,000.09.
5. Council gave approval to purchase a special Patrol Sedan for the Police Department. Award contract to Love Chevrolet, a S.C. State Vehicle Contract procurement, at a cost of \$19,946.00.
6. Council gave approval to purchase two (2) Tehung Super Max Motors for the Centrifuges at the metro Wastewater Treatment Plant. Award contract to Hobgood Electric, the low bidder, at a cost of \$20,265.00.
7. Council held over approval to purchase one (1) 16" Altitude Valve; and one (1) 12" Pump Control Pressure Valve for Renovations to the Ballentine Standpipe and Pump Station Project #W920. Award contract to Ross Valve Mfg. Co., Inc., at a cost of \$17,849.00.
8. Council held over approval of entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement Between The City of Columbia and Richland County regarding the Township Auditorium.
9. Resolution - Designation of an High Speed Light Rail Corridor. This item was approved at the City Council Work Session for April 4, 2001.
10. Council approved entering into an Architectural Agreement with Thompson, Ventulett, Stainback & Associates, Inc., to provide professional design services for the Convention Center and the Infrastructure.
11. Council gave approval to contract for payment for disposal fees for various departments within the City for the Landfill. This is an extension of the original contract bid in October 2000. Award contract to Richland County Waste Management Landfill at a cost of \$30,000.00.

**C. ORDINANCES - SECOND READING**

1. Ordinance No. 2001-031 - Annexing 608 Oakland Avenue, Richland County TMS #11707-02-43.

Council gave second reading approval to Ordinance No. 2001-031 - Annexing 608 Oakland Avenue. The property is residential and will retain the current RS-2 zoning upon annexation. The property is located in Council District 1. First reading was given on March 28, 2001.

2. Ordinance No. 2001-032 - Annexing 2301 Apple Valley Road, TMS #07402-01-16.

Council gave second reading approval to Ordinance No. 2001-032 - Annexing 2301 Apple Valley Road. The property is rental residential and will retain the current RG-1 zoning upon annexation. The property is located in Council District 1. First reading was given on March 28, 2001.

3. Ordinance No. 2001-033 - Annexing 3307 Lyles Street TMS #09106-03-06.

Council gave second reading approval to Ordinance No. 2001-033 - Annexing 3307 Lyles Street. The property is rental residential and will retain the current RG-2 zoning upon annexation. The property is located in Council District 1. First reading was given on March 28, 2001.

4. Ordinance No. 2001-034 - Annexing 1114 Greenlawn and 1118 Greenlawn Drive TMS 16414-09-01 and 09.

Council gave second reading approval to Ordinance No. 2001-034 - Annexing 1114 Greenlawn and 118 Greenlawn Drive. The property is commercial rental and will retain the current C-1 and C-3 upon annexation. The property is located in Council District 4. First reading was given on March 28, 2001.

#### IV. ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Mr. Papadea, Council voted unanimously to approve Items IV. 1 and 2 on a single motion.

1. Ordinance No. 2001-036 - Amending Ordinance No. 2001-023 (Annexing 148 Harbison Boulevard).

Council gave first reading approval to Ordinance No. 2001-036 - Amending Ordinance No. 2001-023 (Annexing 148 Harbison Boulevard) amending to reflect the effective date of annexation of the subject property into the City of Columbia as of December 31, 2001.

2. Ordinance No. 2001-037 - Approving the Second Amendment to the Tax Redevelopment Project Area.

Council gave first reading approval to Ordinance No. 2001-037 - Approving the Second Amendment to the Tax Redevelopment Project Area.

#### V. RESOLUTIONS AND AGREEMENTS

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Mr. Papadea, Council voted unanimously to approve Items V. 1,2, 3, 4, 5,6, and 7 on a single motion. Note: Item V. 8 was approved at the April 4, 2001 work session meeting.

1. Resolution No. 2001-019 - Condemnation - Easement Acquisition for Sanitary Sewer to Serve Heritage Hills, Phase II along Richland County TMS #12200-03-09; CF#247-01A.

Council approved Resolution No. 2001-019 - Condemnation for an easement acquisition for sanitary sewer to serve Heritage Hills, Phase II development in north Columbia.

2. Resolution No. 2001-022 - Supporting Historic Homeownership Assistance Act.

Council approved Resolution No. 2001-022 - Supporting Historic Homeownership Assistance Act.

3. Resolution No. 2001-023 - Providing for the Notice of a "Public Hearing" regarding the second amendment to the Tax Increment Financing Plan, as amended, for the Redevelopment of the Congaree Vista Area.

Council approved Resolution No. 2001-023 - providing for the notice of a public hearing regarding the seconding amendment to the Tax Increment Financing Plan, as amended, for the Redevelopment of the Congaree Vista Area.

4. Change Order #2 to Agreement for Consulting Services with AMEC Earth & Environmental, Inc. to Develop and Implement a Stormwater Utility.

Council approved a change order in the amount of \$102,450.00 for the contract with AMEC Earth & Environmental, Inc. This change order will add funds for implementing a public education program for the Storm Water Utility. The City's current contractual agreement included development of a Public Education Plan but specifically excluded tasks involved in implementing the Plan.

5. Pay Difference Agreement for 18" Water Main Extension Along Summit Ridge Parkway to Serve Hidden Pines Subdivision.

Council approved entering into a pay difference agreement with Atkins Brothers for 18" Water Main Extension Along Summit Ridge Parkway to Serve Hidden Pines Subdivision. This project will provide additional conveyance of Lake Murray water to the northeast service area to support existing customers and future growth.

6. Change Order #1; Project #W461(92); Atlas Road Area Water Systems Improvements.

Council approved a change order to the Atlas Road Water Main project in the amount of \$64,575.15. The request is being made to allow the contractor for the project (Lake Murray Utilities) to construct 840 linear feet of water main along Chester Street. The change order is requested in lieu of advertising and bidding the project due to the extent of water quality problems being experienced and the time involved in preparing all necessary documents required for advertisement. Advertisement of this project will delay construction by several months, during which time the residents of the area will continue to experience water quality problems.

7. Change Order #1; Project #W935; Resurfacing City Streets; S. Wakayama, Collation, Oakland and Vernon Streets.

Council approved a change order to authorize additional resurfacing, milling and/or painting of streets, specifically S. Wakayama, Collation, Oakland and Vernon Streets in the amount of \$124,276.00. These areas are in need of immediate resurfacing as a result of water and/or sanitary sewer construction.

8. Resolution No. 2001-026 - Supporting the Southeast High-Speed Rail Corridor and requesting a Charlotte-Columbia-Charleston Segment.

Council approved Resolution No. 2001-026 - Supporting the Southeast High-Speed Rail Corridor and requesting a Charlotte-Columbia-Charleston Segment.

## VI. TRAFFIC

1. Wales Garden Neighborhood Traffic Control\*

Council approved the request for the installation of a multi-way stop at the intersections of Wateree/Catawba, Saluda/Catawba, and Edisto/Seneca and the installation of a four-way stop at Saluda/Seneca. The neighborhood has indicated they do not wish to proceed with the Edisto/Seneca changes due to the potential location of a stop sign in a resident's walkway. The neighborhood wishes to have a four-way stop at Saluda/Seneca instead of at Saluda/Catawba.

Additionally, a request to change payment marking in order to affect speeds on Wakayama Avenue. In this section, parking one side of the street and a double yellow line is recommended.

\*This item was approved by Council at its April 4, 2001 work session meeting.

## VII. REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

1. Donald Wane Havird, OED Fly Inc.

Council held over approval for a request for the operation of a Limousine Service with Donald Wane Havird, OED Fly Inc., DBA Capitol City Cab Company, 415 South Assembly Street, Columbia, SC 29201.

## VIII. APPOINTMENTS

- A. Convention Center Board of Directors

Council is asked to appoint five (5) Directors to the Convention Center Board of Directors to a 3 year term with a maximum of 2 terms. Note one of each government's appointments must be from the hospitality industry.

Upon motion by Mayor Coble, seconded by Mr. Cromartie, Council voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Bill Dukes as Chairman and Mr. Charles Cole to the Convention Center Board of Directors.

- B. DDRC

Upon by Ms. Sinclair, seconded by Mr. Cromartie, Council voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Robbie McClam to the DDRC.

**IX. OTHER MATTERS**

**A. Request from Cheryse Tapp - IRS Forms**

Upon motion by Mayor Coble, seconded by Mr. Cromartie, Council voted unanimously to approve a request from Cheryse Tapp regarding IRS Form asking the City sign excepting the 42' Foot Long Mural painted by Gilmer Petroff, currently on the wall of the first floor of the Tapps Building. This form will provide Tapps with the appropriate documentation for a tax credit.

**IX. APPEARANCE OF PUBLIC HAVING BUSINESS WITH CITY COUNCIL**

Mayor Coble opened the meeting for public comment concerning the proposed property maintenance ordinances.

Mr. John Stucker, resident of 911 Laurens Street and President of the University Neighborhood Association, appeared before council in favor of the proposed property maintenance ordinances.

Mr. John Riddle, resident of Eau Claire Community, at 1411 Mueller Avenue, appeared in favor of the proposed ordinances. Mr. Riddle presented Council with photos of boarded up houses in the community.

Mr. Christi Sowell, resident of the Bradley Community, appeared before Council and expressed her concern regarding the presence of a metal bike ramp, platforms, profanity, and other concerns for herself and neighbors surrounding this property.

Council asked Ms. Dana Turner to review and immediately address these concerns.

Mr. Ronald Taylor, resident of 1814 Forest Hill Court, appeared before Council and opposes the Boarded Up Houses and Public Nuisance Ordinances. Mr. Taylor stated that he does not feel it is the land lord is responsible for the actions of the tenants. He asked Council to consider a rehabilitation program for boarded up houses.

Mr. John Hobbs, boy scout with Troop 10, appeared before Council and expressed his concern regarding a friend who was injured at a bike ramp in the Bradley neighborhood.

Mr. Mel Jenkins, appeared before Council to express his concerns regarding enforcement of the proposed property maintenance ordinances. Mr. Jenkins also expressed concern regarding cars parked in the tree zone.

Mr. Todd Dunbar, appeared before Council and is in favor of the proposed ordinances. Mr. Dunbar asked that Council ensure the enforcement of these ordinances. He also asked Council to consider supporting or funding for the renovation of boarded up homes in the communities of the City.

Ms. Lynn Dempsey, a resident of Melrose Heights and a land lord, appeared before Council in favor of the proposed ordinances.

Mr. L.W. Brown, a resident of the Bradley Community, appeared before Council in favor of the Public Nuisance Ordinances. Mr. Brown expressed his concern regarding a metal bike ramp located directly behind his property.

Ms. Dee Antley, appeared before Council with a request to support a performing artists event, Laugh Riot, in the amount of \$1500.00.

Council took this as information and asked that it be placed on the next work session agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

*Peggy S. Breeland*

Peggy S. Breeland,  
City Clerk