

**CITY OF COLUMBIA
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 05, 2001
9:00 AM - City Council Conference Room
2nd Floor City Hall - 1737 Main Street**

The Columbia City Council met for a Work Session on Wednesday, September 5, 2001, in the City Hall Council Conference Room. Mayor Robert D. Coble called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m. Council members present were: The Honorable E.W. Cromartie, II, 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 Ms. Leona K. Plaugh, City Manager and Ms. Pamela J. Ferst, Acting City Clerk.

1. AGENDA REVIEW

Ms. Plaugh reviewed the agenda with Mayor and Council.

2. CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. Replacement of Memorial Park Bridge

Upon motion by Mayor Coble, seconded by Ms. Sinclair, Council voted unanimously to approve the design concept for the replacement of the Memorial Park Bridge as presented to Council. Council also asked that the design plans be presented to the DDRC for review.

B. Accommodations Tax and Community Promotion Funding

Upon motion by Ms. Sinclair, seconded by Mr. Cromartie, Council voted six (6) to one (1), to approve staff recommendations and the following additional requests for funding. Council Members voting aye: Mr. Davis, Mr. Osborne, Ms. Sinclair, Mr. Papadea, Mr. Cromartie, and Mayor Coble. Voting nay was Ms. Heizer.

Columbia World Affairs Council: \$10,000

Export Consortium: \$15,000

Columbia Action Council for Fall Concert Series: \$10,000

Historic Columbia Foundation for resurfacing floors: \$25,000

Urban League: \$25,000

Eugene Washington Productions for The Modjeska Simkins Story Play: \$5,000

Council asked the City Manager to review funding resources and to invite the World Affairs Council and the Export Consortium to either the September 12th or 26th work session meeting for a presentation of their intentions regarding the use city funds prior to appropriating funding.

No further action was taken on other requests.

C. Business Improvement District Agreements

1. Memorandum of Agreement

2. By Laws Revision

Upon motion by Mr. Papadea, seconded by Ms. Sinclair, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of 3 (three) Council Members and 2 (two) At-Large Members to the Business Improvement District.

D. FY 2001-2002 Budget Amendment

This item was held over, no action was taken.

E. Parking Garage Management RFP

This item was held over, no action was taken.

Council adjourned at 10:00 a.m. to the Regular Council Meeting in Council Chambers.

Mayor Coble reconvened the Work Session Meeting at 11:00 a.m.

F. Metro Plant Wastewater Treatment Plant Levee

Upon motion by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Papadea, Council voted unanimously to authorize Dr. Ken Humphries and city staff to explore and present levee options north of I-77 and directed city Staff to notify Heathwood School regarding the evaluation process.

G. Chestnut Hill Neighborhood Traffic Control

Upon motion by Ms. Sinclair, seconded by Mr. Cromartie, Council voted unanimously to approve a request from the Chestnut Hill Neighborhood for the installation of three (3) 4-way stop signs and one (1) 3 way stop sign at several intersections on Lost Creek Drive and that the speed limit be raised to 35 mph in the undeveloped portion of Lost Creek Drive.

H. Stormwater Utility Update

This item was held over, no action was taken.

I. Update on Ordinance No. 2000-039 - Amending Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter . (Public Nuisances).

This item was held over, no action was taken.

J. USC Columbia Campus Sumter Street Mall Development

Upon motion by Mayor Coble, seconded by Ms. Heizer, Council voted six (6) to one (1) to approve design plans for the USC Columbia Campus Sumter Street Mall Development subject to the following conditions:

- The traffic lanes (2) are to be no less than eleven feet in width.
- In the southern area where a median is to be constructed, there must be provisions for emergency vehicles to pass any standard car.
- A twelve foot travel lane with rolled curb and concrete apron was not clearly demonstrated in the drawing
- Maintenance of this high level of improvement will be the responsibility of the University
- City Council is concerned about continued vehicular access through the campus along public thoroughfares
- The use of the term "Mall" indicates a "pedestrian only" area and Council would prefer the term "Mall" be eliminated.

Council members voting aye were: Mr. Davis, Mr. Osborne, Ms. Sinclair, Mr. Papadea, Ms. Heizer, and Mayor Coble. Voting nay was Mr. Cromartie.

K. USC Neighborhood Association Traffic and Parking Study

Upon motion by Ms. Sinclair, seconded by Mayor Coble, Council voted to amend the approval of a request that was granted on August 1, 2001, adjusting the speed limit to 25 mph.

Upon motion by Mayor Coble, seconded by Mr. Cromartie, Council voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 12:55 p.m. to discuss the Tapps Building and a contractual matter.

3. APPOINTMENTS

A. TERM LIMITS

1. Midlands Regional Convention Center Authority

This item was held over, no action was taken.

B. NOMINATIONS

1. The Planning Commission

Upon motion by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Papadea, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Ms. Isabella Mandell, to serve a 3 year term to expire on March 1, 2004.

2. The Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority

This item was held over, no action was taken.

4. Legal Briefings and Contracts *

Development Bridge Loan for the Tapps Building

Upon motion by Mayor Coble, seconded by Mr. Cromartie, Council voted unanimously to approve a one (1) year extension of the loan to Mainstream Development and authorize staff to consider and implement emergency procurement of the Tapps and Vogue buildings, if necessary.

The meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Pamela J. Ferst, CPS
Acting City Clerk