



CITY OF COLUMBIA  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2006  
10:00 A.M.  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1737 MAIN STREET

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The City of Columbia City Council conducted a Meeting on Wednesday, April 19, 2006 in the Council Chambers located at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina. Mayor Robert D. Coble called the meeting to order at 10:22 a.m. The following members of Council were present: The Honorable Anne M. Sinclair, The Honorable Sam Davis, The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine and The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann. The Honorable E.W. Cromartie, II, left prior to roll call. Also present were Mr. Charles P. Austin, Sr., City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Salley, City Clerk.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Minutes of March 1, 2006

Upon motion by Mr. Rickenmann, seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of March 1, 2006 as presented.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

2. Recognition of the March 2006 Employee of the Month – Mr. John Dooley, Director of Utilities and Engineering

Mr. John Dooley, Director of Utilities and Engineering introduced Mr. Randall Scovill, Engineering Tech Assistant as the March 2006 Employee of the Month. He described Mr. Scovill as a thirty-two year employee that is diligent and positive.

Mayor Robert D. Coble and Mr. Charles P. Austin, Sr., City Manager presented Mr. Randall Scovill with tokens of appreciation for being recognized as the City of Columbia March 2006 Employee of the Month.

3. Recognition of the April 2006 Employee of the Month – Mr. David Cummings, Support Services Administrator

Mr. David Cummings, Support Services Administrator introduced Mr. Terry McElveen, Maintenance Technician as the April 2006 Employee of the Month. He described Mr. McElveen as a twenty-six year employee that is a rare commodity.

Mayor Robert D. Coble and Mr. Charles P. Austin, Sr., City Manager presented Mr. Terry McElveen with tokens of appreciation for being recognized as the City of Columbia April 2006 Employee of the Month.

4. Recognition of a GET SET Program General Equivalency Diploma Recipient – Ms. Marshall Johnson, Training Administrator

Ms. Marshall Johnson, Training Administrator introduced Mr. Marion Robertson of the Solid Waste Division as the 18<sup>th</sup> GET SET Program General Equivalency Diploma Recipient. She described Mr. Robertson as a twenty-one year employee whose goal in life was to obtain a GED after leaving high school at the age of seventeen to enter the workforce. Mr. Robertson is forty-seven years old today.

Mayor Robert D. Coble and Mr. Charles P. Austin, Sr., City Manager presented Mr. Marion Robertson with tokens of appreciation for working diligently to obtain his General Equivalency Diploma.

5. Introduction of Park Rangers – Mr. S. Allison Baker, Assistant City Manager for Public Services

Mr. S. Allison Baker, Assistant City Manger for Public Services stated that he is excited because the Park Ranger Program was a dream and now because of the City's leadership, it is a reality. He noted that this signals a commitment for the City of Columbia to move the Parks and Recreation Department to another level and to provide services along the river that our residents deserve.

Ms. Karen Kustafik, Park Ranger Coordinator, introduced the new City of Columbia Park Rangers to the members of City Council. She stated that they are a hybrid staff with duties that are both traditional and non-traditional. They work night and weekends and are split into three rotating shifts allowing for Saturday and Sunday service in larger parks. The group has a combined sixty years of park experience, customer service, and backgrounds in education, hospitality, construction and technology. Granby Park serves as their home base and they are also responsible for the daily care of Riverfront Park. They cover Finlay Park, Owens Field and Memorial Park during evenings and weekends. Columbia Green donated hundreds of flats of Pansies that have been planted at Riverfront Park. She noted that a lot of invasive underbrush has been removed from Granby Park. Ms. Kustafik stated that the miles of trails is what children and adults need to encourage active and healthy lifestyles.

6. Crawfish Festival Update – Mr. Brian Dressler, Chairman of the Rosewood Merchants Association

Mr. Brian Dressler, Chairman of the Rosewood Merchants Association thanked the members of Council for their support of the Rosewood Community. He invited everyone out to the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Crawfish Festival on Saturday, May 6, 2006. He noted that this is a family event with over sixty crafts and activities for youth.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Upon motion by Mayor Coble, seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve the **Consent Agenda Items 7.** through **9., 11.** and **12.** on a single motion. **Item 10.** was approved by a separate motion.

### **CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND AGREEMENTS**

7. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Software and Services for Additional Storage for the Storage Area Network (SAN) System, as requested by the Geographic Information Systems Division and the Information Technology Department. Award to MCPC Computer Products, as a sole source procurement, in the amount of \$28,752.50. This firm is located in Fountain Inn, SC. *Funding Source: 1011120-658600 - Approved*

## ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

8. Ordinance No.: 2006-023 – Authorizing transfer of 5.834 +/- acres, NE corner of Heyward Street and Wayne Street, being a portion of Richland County TMS# 08816-09-01 to Heyward Street Associates, LLC – *Approved on second reading.*

## CONSIDERATION OF BIDS, AGREEMENTS AND CHANGE ORDERS

9. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Three Trash Collection Trucks, as requested by the Solid Waste Division. Award to Burns Automotive, the lowest responsive bidder, in the amount of \$142,686.00. This vendor is located in Rock Hill, SC. *Funding Source: 6308972-658500 - Approved*
10. Council is asked to approve Change Order#13 for Harden Street / Five Points Redevelopment; CIP# SS819/WM1069, as requested by Engineering Administration. Award to L-J. Inc., the current contractor, in the amount of \$336,744.75. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. This change order is necessary to compensate the contractor for additional work to replace existing water mains and services along Devine Street between Harden Street and Saluda Avenue and at various locations along Harden Street and Greene Street. *Funding Source: Water Improvement Fund - Approved*

Upon motion by Ms. Devine, seconded by Ms. Sinclair, Council voted unanimously to approve Change Order#13 for Harden Street / Five Points Redevelopment; CIP# SS819/WM1069, as requested by Engineering Administration. Award to L-J. Inc., the current contractor, in the amount of \$336,744.75. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. This change order is necessary to compensate the contractor for additional work to replace existing water mains and services along Devine Street between Harden Street and Saluda Avenue and at various locations along Harden Street and Greene Street.

11. Council is asked to approve a Supplemental Agreement Number 1 for the Harden Street Streetscaping Project. The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) is providing an additional \$992,000.00 to the City of Columbia for the Harden Street Streetscaping Project. - *Approved*
12. Council is asked to approve an Agreement between the City of Columbia and Palmetto Health Alliance for the Use of the Charles R. Drew Wellness Center, as requested by the Department of Parks and Recreation. The Palmetto Health Alliance, through its Department of Geriatrics will offer community programs and classes at the Wellness Center. The Palmetto Health Alliance shall pay to the City of Columbia \$6,250.00 on a quarterly basis for a total annual amount of \$25,000.00. *Approved*

## ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

13. Ordinance No.: 2005-104 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 12, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article I, In General, to add Sec. 12-18, Advertising vehicles - *Consideration of this item was deferred.*

## **RESOLUTIONS**

14. Resolution No.: R-2006-015 – Authorizing Condemnation for Right of Way Acquisition for the North Main Street Streetscape Project; Richland County TMS# 09016-12-15 (Tract 4); TMS# 09016-12-16 (Tract 5) and TMS# 09016-12-17 (Tract 6); CF# 250-169 - *Approved*

Upon motion by Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Sinclair, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2006-015 – Authorizing Condemnation for Right of Way Acquisition for the North Main Street Streetscape Project; Richland County TMS# 09016-12-15 (Tract 4); TMS# 09016-12-16 (Tract 5) and TMS# 09016-12-17 (Tract 6); CF# 250-169.

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

Mr. Temple Ligon, The Columbia Star, represented a \$100 check to the City of Columbia for the reupholstering of a pew where he spilled coffee during last weeks meeting.

- **Council adjourned the meeting at 11:21 a.m. to reconvene the Work Session.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Salley  
City Clerk