



CITY OF COLUMBIA  
CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2006  
10:00 A.M.  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1737 MAIN STREET

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The Columbia City Council conducted a Public Hearing on Wednesday, June 21, 2006 in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Mayor Robert D. Coble called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. The following members of City Council were present: The Honorable E.W. Cromartie, II, The Honorable Anne M. Sinclair and The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine. The Honorable Sam Davis and The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann were absent. Also present were Mr. Charles P. Austin, Sr., City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Salley, City Clerk.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Minutes of May 17, 2006

Upon motion by Ms. Sinclair, seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of May 17, 2006 as presented.

**\*\***Mayor Robert D. Coble recognized Grant Stockweather and his father. Grant is a member of the Shandon Presbyterian Church Boy Scout Troop and is working to earn two (2) Merit Badges.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

2. Recognition of the June 2006 Employee of the Month (Ms. Shannon E. Williams, School Resource Officer) – Mr. Dean Crisp, Chief of Police

Chief of Police Dean Crisp described Ms. Shannon Williams as person who is extremely well liked by her peers. She has served as a School Resource Officer at Gibbes Middle School for four (4) years and has been recently promoted to Corporal requiring her to leave that assignment. He received many calls from citizens wanting her to remain at that site.

Captain Estelle Young introduced Ms. Shannon Williams as the June 2006 Employee of the Month. She described Ms. Williams as a propitious person who acts lovingly each day. She has worked extremely hard with the Waverly Community and raises funds to help senior citizens.

Mayor Robert D. Coble and Mr. Charles P. Austin, Sr., City Manger presented Ms. Shannon Williams with tokens of appreciation for being recognized as the City of Columbia June 2006 Employee of the Month.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

- **Council opened the Public Hearing at 10:07 a.m.**

#### **ORDINANCE – FIRST READING**

3. Ordinance No.: 2006-040 – Establishing the City Center Business Improvement District – *Approved on first reading.*

No one appeared in support of or in opposition to Ordinance No.: 2006-040.

- **Council closed the Public Hearing at 10:09 a.m.**

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Ms. Sinclair, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2006-040 – Establishing the City Center Business Improvement District.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Upon motion by Ms. Devine, seconded by Ms. Sinclair, Council voted unanimously to approve on a single motion the **Consent Agenda Items 4.** through **9.** as presented.

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

4. Council is asked to approve the Waterproofing of Walls and the Sealing of Planter Walls at 1136 Washington Street. Award to Associated Contractors, the lowest bidder, in the amount of \$13,840.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: 5511219-638500 - Approved*
5. Council is asked to approve a Service / Maintenance Contract for the Automated Fleet Washer for Fiscal Year 2006/2007, as requested by Fleet Services. Award to Carolina Chemical, the low bidder, in the amount of \$25,440.00. This vendor is located in Charleston, SC. *Funding Source: 630897-672700 - Approved*
6. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Six (6) MSA Tactical Airpacs with Cylinders, as requested by the Columbia Police Department. Award to Aramsco, the only bidder, in the amount of \$30,488.06. This vendor is located in Thorofare, NJ. *Funding Source: GL-2659999-657400 and JL-9208000104-657400 - Approved*
7. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Light Bars, Sirens and Speakers for Police Cars, as requested by the Columbia Police Department. Award to Palmetto Distributors, using the SC State Contract, in the amount of \$37,120.14. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: 1012403-657300 - Approved*
8. Council is asked to approve a Contract to Furnish Recapped Tires to the City for Fiscal Year 2006/2007, as requested by Fleet Services. Award to Lugoff Tire Co., the lowest bidder, in the amount of \$37,919.91. This vendor is located in Lugoff, SC. *Funding Source: These tires will be charged to the departments when they are installed on vehicles by Fleet Services. - Approved*
9. Council is asked to approve a Professional Services Contract for the Design, Construction, Administration and Inspection Services for the Reinforcing System of the Historic Granite Retaining Wall along the West Side of the Esplanade Site, as requested by the Special Projects Administrator. Award to F&ME Consultants, Inc. in the amount of \$62,080.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: CP002311 - Approved*

**CONSIDERATION OF BIDS, AGREEMENTS AND CHANGE ORDERS**

Upon motion by Ms. Sinclair, seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve on a single motion **Items 10.** through **12.** and **15.** through **17.** as presented. **Item 13.** was approved by a separate motion and the consideration of **Item 14.** was deferred.

- 10. Council is asked to approve Project 3766; Proposed 4" and 6" Water Main along Clement Road and Ardincaple Drive, as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to Carolina Tap and Bore, the lowest bidder, in the amount of \$97,258.00. This firm is located in West Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: GL-5529999-851500 and JL-WM376601-851500 - Approved*
- 11. Council is asked to approve Project SS7006; Emergency Sanitary Sewer Repair at Laurel Street and Barnwell Street, as requested by Engineering Administration. Award to Trussell Brothers Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$128,388.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Sewer Improvement Fund - Approved*
- 12. Council is asked to approve the Fiscal Year 2006/2007 Testing by Independent Laboratories for Environmental Monitoring Programs Required by the City's Code of Ordinances and State and Federal Regulations. Award to the lowest responsive bidder for a total amount of \$136,079.00. *Funding Source: Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant, Columbia Canal Water Treatment Plant, Lake Murray Treatment Plant and Operations Division Fiscal Year 2006/2007 Operating Budgets - Approved*

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Shealy Environmental Services, Inc.	Cayce, SC	\$51,625.00
Data Resources, Inc.	Columbia, SC	\$3,216.00
Davis & Floyd, Inc.	Columbia, SC	\$7,568.00
SE AUS, Inc.	Irmo, SC	\$7,200.00
Underwriters Laboratories	South Bend, IN	\$26,920.00
MWH Laboratories	Pasadena, CA	\$28,210.00
Aqua Pennsylvania	Bryn Mawr, PA	\$11,340.00

- 13. Council is asked to approve Change Order #3 for Project WM838; Improvements to Lake Murray Water Treatment Plant, as requested by Engineering Operations. Award to M.B. Kahn Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of 160,182.71. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Water and Sewer Bond Fund - Approved*

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Ms. Sinclair, Council voted unanimously to approve Change Order #3 for Project WM838; Improvements to Lake Murray Water Treatment Plant, as requested by Engineering Operations. Award to M.B. Kahn Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of 160,182.71.

- 14. Council is asked to approve Change Order #1 for Project SS6996; Emergency Sewer Main Repair of 54" Between I-77 and the Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant, as requested by Engineering Administration. Award to Trussell Brothers Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$393,730.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Sewer Improvement Fund - Consideration of this item was deferred to allow staff an opportunity to provide an explanation of why this project has to be done as an emergency procurement instead of going through the normal bidding process. Upon receipt of that explanation, Council can decide if they want to accept the emergency bid or request that this go through the normal bid process. Mr. Charles P. Austin, Sr., City Manager was asked to develop criteria for the procurement of emergency services.*

15. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Water Meters for Fiscal Year 2006/2007, as requested by the Water Distribution Division. Award to National Meter Works, the lowest bidder, in the amount of \$511,950.85. This vendor is located in Sumter, SC. *Funding Source: 5516203-625600 - Approved*
16. Council is asked to approve an Agreement for Engineering Services for Upgrading the High Service Pump Station at the Columbia Canal Water Treatment Plant, as requested by Engineering Operations. Award to B.P. Barber and Associates, in an amount not exceed \$1,108,000.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Capital Improvements Program - Approved*
17. Council is asked to approve an Agreement for Engineering Services for the Design and Construction of a New Raw Water Pump Station at the Columbia Canal Water Treatment Plant, as requested by Engineering Operations. Award to B.P. Barber and Associates, in an amount not to exceed \$1,408,000.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Capital Improvements Program - Approved*

### **ORDINANCES – SECOND READING**

18. Ordinance No.: 2006-042 - To Raise Revenue and Adopt the Budget for the City of Columbia, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2007 *First reading approval was given on June 14, 2006. – Approved on second reading.*

Upon motion by Ms. Sinclair, seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to give second reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2006-042 - To Raise Revenue and Adopt the Budget for the City of Columbia, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2007.

### **ORDINANCES – FIRST READING**

19. Ordinance No.: 2006-030 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 15, Parks and Recreation, Sec. 15-1, Prohibited acts in parks – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon motion by Ms. Sinclair, seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2006-030 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 15, Parks and Recreation, Sec. 15-1, Prohibited acts in parks.

20. Ordinance No.: 2006-031 – Granting encroachment to Ardis M. Savory for installation and maintenance of a brick retaining wall and landscaping at 1712 Catawba Street – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Ms. Sinclair, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2006-031 – Granting encroachment to Ardis M. Savory for installation and maintenance of a brick retaining wall and landscaping at 1712 Catawba Street.

21. Ordinance No.: 2006-034 – Granting encroachment to the University of South Carolina for installation and maintenance of conduit paths and handholes along the 1300 and 1400 blocks of Greene Street – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2006-034 – Granting encroachment to the University of South Carolina for installation and maintenance of conduit paths and handholes along the 1300 and 1400 blocks of Greene Street.

22. Ordinance No.: 2006-036 – Granting encroachment to the University of South Carolina for installation and maintenance of bicycle lanes, landscaping and automatic irrigation system, bus pull-offs, electrical conduit, handholes and benches in the 1100, 1200, 1300, 1400 and 1500 blocks of Wheat Street - *Consideration of this matter was deferred to allow staff an opportunity to review the transfer of ownership of Wheat Street to the City from SCDOT and the legal issues related to this matter.*
23. Ordinance 2006-044 - Annexing 1100 Kinley Road and 1000 Gaillard Street, Richland County TMS No.: 05000-06-02 and 05000-06-03 – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Ms. Sinclair, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance 2006-044 - Annexing 1100 Kinley Road and 1000 Gaillard Street, Richland County TMS No.: 05000-06-02 and 05000-06-03

Upon motion by Mayor Coble, seconded by Ms. Sinclair, Council voted unanimously to direct the Affordable Housing Taskforce to review the suggestions of the Homebuilders Association to reduce water meter and sewer tap fees when the development of affordable housing is involved. They are asked to present recommendations to Council for consideration.

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Ms. Sinclair, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to **Items 24.** through **27.** as presented.

24. Ordinance No.: 2006-046 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 23, Utilities and Engineering, Article V, Water and Sewer Rates, Sec. 23-143 Water service rates and Sec. 23-149 Sewer service rates – *Approved on first reading.*
25. Ordinances No.: 2006-048 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 23, Utilities and Engineering, Article V, Water and Sewer Rates, Sec. 23-145, Installation of water meters and cross connection control devices. – *Approved on first reading.*
26. Ordinances No.: 2006-049 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 23, Utilities and Engineering, Article V, Water and Sewer Rates, Sec. 23-148, Sewer tapping fees – *Approved on first reading.*
27. Ordinances No.: 2006-050 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 23, Utilities and Engineering, Article V, Water and Sewer Rates, Sec. 23-152, Sewer plant expansion fee – *Approved on first reading.*
28. Ordinances No.: 2006-051 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 23, Utilities and Engineering, Article V, Water and Sewer Rates, to repeal Sec. 23-147, Meter installation fees for Chapin water service area in its entirety – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinances No.: 2006-051 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 23, Utilities and Engineering, Article V, Water and Sewer Rates, to repeal Sec. 23-147, Meter installation fees for Chapin water service area in its entirety.

#### **TEXT AMENDMENT – FIRST READING**

29. Ordinance No.: 2006-047 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Land Development and Zoning, Article III, Zoning, Division 12, Signs - *Approved on first reading to include a 300 feet residential setback. This matter will be reconsidered by City Council in January 2007.*

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2006-047 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Land Development and Zoning, Article III, Zoning, Division 12, Signs to include a 300 feet residential setback.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve **Items 30.** through **31a.** on a single motion and as amended.

30. Resolution No.: R-2006-025 – Authorizing street closing for National Strongman Championships After Party - *Approved*
31. Resolution No.: R-2006-027 – In support of the Issuance by the South Carolina Jobs – Economic Development Authority of its not Exceeding \$4,500,000 Revenue Bonds (Palmetto Health Foundation Project), in One or More Series, Pursuant to the Provisions of Title 41, Chapter 43, of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as Amended. - *Approved*
- 31a. \*Resolution R-2006-028 - Adopting the All Natural Hazards Risk Assessment and Mitigation Plan for the Central Midlands Region of South Carolina - *Approved*

## **OTHER MATTERS**

- A. Council is asked to approve a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for the Operation of a Pedicab Business, as requested by the Business License Division. Award to Ms. Kelly Cuoco doing business as Carolina Pedicabs, 205 Fields Lane, Lexington, SC. - *Approved*

Upon motion by Ms. Sinclair, seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for the Operation of a Pedicab Business, as requested by the Business License Division. Award to Ms. Kelly Cuoco doing business as Carolina Pedicabs, 205 Fields Lane, Lexington, SC.

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

Ms. Edwina Lisbon appeared before the members of Council to express concerns with the Water Customer Service Division. She stated that oftentimes citizens have special circumstances that should be considered prior to their water being disconnected. She said that if a bill is paid there should be a mechanism in place to call someone in the field to cancel the disconnection order. Another alternative would be to reconnect within 12 to 24 hours. She further recommended that managers be made available to speak with customers at all times.

Mr. Sheldon Rice, 26 Newport Drive, appeared before the members of Council to express concerns with voting. He urged the members of Council to reduce electoral confusion by educating the constituency on voting rules and regulations.

- **Council adjourned the meeting at 1:05 p.m. to reconvene the Work Session.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Salley  
City Clerk