



CITY OF COLUMBIA  
CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2006  
10:00 A.M.  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1737 MAIN STREET

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The City of Columbia City Council conducted a Public Hearing on Wednesday, June 28, 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 10:08 a.m. The following members of Council were present: The Honorable E. W. Cromartie, The Honorable Anne M. Sinclair, The Honorable Sam Davis, The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine and The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann. Also present were Mr. Charles P. Austin, Sr., City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Salley, City Clerk.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Minutes of May 24, 2006

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Ms. Sinclair, Council voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of May 24, 2006 as presented.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

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

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

2. 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.

No one appeared in support of or in opposition to Resolution Number 2006-027.

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

Mr. Bill Musser, Bond Counsel / McNair Law Firm, P.A., explained that the Public Hearing is being held in connection with the issuance of the South Carolina Jobs – Economic Development Authority (JEDA) revenue bonds for the benefit of the Palmetto Health Foundation. He further explained that the Palmetto Health Foundation is a support entity for the Palmetto Health Alliance. The Foundation will buy three (3) buildings located at 1600 Marion Street, 1601 Bull Street and 1607 Bull Street. The proceeds of the sale of not exceeding \$4.5 million revenue bonds issued by JEDA will be loaned to the Foundation to acquire those three (3) buildings. State Law requires the Public Hearing and the Resolution.

Mr. Glenn Caulk, Counsel for the Palmetto Health Foundation / Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, L.L.P., told the members of Council that an application might be made to the Department of Revenue to remove the three (3) properties from the tax roll.

Councilor-Elect Kirkman Finlay III disclosed the fact that he is a member of the Palmetto Health Foundation Board of Directors. He noted that he is not involved with this particular matter.

Upon motion by Ms. Sinclair, seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to approve 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.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Upon motion by Ms. Sinclair, seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to approve on a single motion the **Consent Agenda Items 3., 3a., 3b., 5., 6. and 7.** as amended.

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

3. Council is asked to authorize Improvements to the Sidewalks and Retaining Wall at Finlay Park, as requested by the Parks and Recreation Department. Award to Boykin Contracting, the low *qualified* bidder, in the amount of \$19,200.00. This firm is located in West Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: GL-4039999-659300 and JL-PK005601-659300 - Approved*
- 3a. \*\*Council is asked to approve Improvements to the Valencia Park Youth Baseball Complex to include Grading, Irrigation and Grassing of the Ball Field, as requested by the Parks and Recreation Department. Award to AP Bowden, the lowest bidder, in the amount of \$32,695.00. This firm is located in Sumter, SC. *Funding Source: PK008101-6593 / GL-4039999-6593 - Approved*
- 3b. \*\*Council is asked to approve Improvements to the Valencia Park Youth Baseball Complex to include Fencing of the Ball Field, as requested by the Parks and Recreation Department. Award to All Steel Products, the lowest bidder, in the amount of \$54,157.75. This firm is located in West Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: PK008101-6593 / GL-4039999-6593 - Approved*

#### **ORDINANCES – SECOND READING**

4. 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 *First reading approval was given on June 21, 2006. – Approved on second reading.*

Upon motion by Mayor Coble, seconded by Ms. Sinclair, Council voted unanimously to give second 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.

5. 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 *First reading approval was given on June 21, 2006. – Approved on second reading.*
6. 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 *First reading approval was given on June 21, 2006. – Approved on second reading.*
7. Ordinance 2006-044 - Annexing 1100 Kinley Road and 1000 Gaillard Street, Richland County TMS No.: 05000-06-02 and 05000-06-03 *First reading approval was given on June 21, 2006. – Approved on second reading.*

8. 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 *First reading approval was given on June 21, 2006. - This item was withdrawn from the agenda.*
9. 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 *First reading approval was given on June 21, 2006. - This item was withdrawn from the agenda.*
10. 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 *First reading approval was given on June 21, 2006. This matter will be reconsidered by City Council in January 2007. – Approved on second reading.*

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to give second 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. For the record, once the digital boards are installed, a six-month evaluation period will begin and staff will determine measures for evaluating the brightness levels and traffic impacts. A report should be provided to Council after the 6-month period has passed.

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

11. 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*

Upon motion by Mayor Coble, seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously 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.

#### **ORDINANCES – FIRST READING**

12. 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 – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to 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. The University of South Carolina revised their proposal to include parallel parking instead of angled parking. The City does not have to accept ownership of the road.

13. Ordinance No.: 2006-052 – Annexing 87.10 acres, E/S Patton Circle, Richland County TMS# 09414-01-03 – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Ms. Sinclair, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2006-052 – Annexing 87.10 acres, E/S Patton Circle, Richland County TMS# 09414-01-03.

14. Ordinance No.: 2006-053 – Authorizing transfer of 3215 Makeway Drive, Richland County TMS#09107-07-19 to Heather N. Kish – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon motion by Ms. Sinclair, seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2006-053 – Authorizing transfer of 3215 Makeway Drive, Richland County TMS#09107-07-19 to Heather N. Kish.

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

Mr. Pete Mayer, Rosewood Community, expressed concerns about the Valencia Park Improvements. He requested additional information on the improvement project.

Mr. S. Allison Baker, Assistant City Manager for Public Services stated that the City is acting as General Contractor on the project. He said that grassing, site work and the construction of buildings will be outsourced, but the City will complete some in house work such as curbing. He said that the plan is to have it ready for baseball season next spring.

Councilor Anne M. Sinclair stated that this park has been one of the least attractive parks and that the Rosewood Community has worked closely with staff to move forward. She thanked staff for continuing to move forward and for keeping cost down.

Mr. Keith Costello, 1311 Suber Street, asked the members of Council to amend the Ordinance and to reduce the fines related to abandoned vehicles. He said that the City cited him for having an abandoned vehicle. He noted that everything was legit. He said that his situation was resolved, but he felt harassed.

- **Council adjourned the meeting at 10:52 a.m. to reconvene the Work Session.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Salley  
City Clerk