



CITY OF COLUMBIA  
CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT III EVENING MEETING  
MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2007  
6:00 P.M.  
CAPITAL SENIOR CENTER  
1650 PARK CIRCLE

The Columbia City Council conducted a District III Evening Meeting on Wednesday, February 7, 2007 at the Capital Senior Center located at 1650 Park Circle, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Mayor Robert D. Coble called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. The following members of City Council were present: The Honorable E.W. Cromartie, II, The Honorable Anne M. Sinclair, The Honorable Sam Davis and The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine. The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann and The Honorable Kirkman Finlay III were absent. Also present were Mr. Charles P. Austin, City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Salley, City Clerk.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Minutes for January 17, 2007

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of January 17, 2007 as presented.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

2. Welcome to the District III Evening Meeting – The Honorable Anne M. Sinclair

The Honorable Anne M. Sinclair welcomed everyone to the District III Evening Meeting.

3. Welcome to the Capital Senior Center – Mr. Larry Jordan, Executive Director

Mr. Larry Jordan, Executive Director of the Capital Senior Center, welcomed everyone to the Capital Senior Center where they are endeavoring to become a premiere site leading the nation in healthy aging.

- 3a. \*\*Welcome Address from Neighborhood / Business Groups – The Honorable Anne M. Sinclair

Ms. Jackie Bartley, President of the Shandon Neighborhood Council, expressed concerns for the process of establishing their neighborhood as a Historic Designation. She said that the residents have expressed no objections. She said that that obtaining this designation is number one on her agenda during her last year as President.

Mr. Travis Wheeler, President of the Rosewood Community Council, thanked the members of Council for their support. He invited the Council to the next monthly meeting on Thursday, February 15, 2007 at 6:30 p.m., wherein Richland School District One would be presenting the final plans for the new track for Dreher High School.

Ms. Merritt Brewer, President of the Five Points Association, introduced a new concept from the Marketing Committee and the Five Points Association to focus on neighborhood retailers. It is called First Fridays and on the first Friday of each month retailers will remain open later so that patrons can have a late shopping experience along with entertainment. The next First Friday is March 2, 2007.

Mr. Matt Carroll, President of the Rosewood Merchants Association, thanked the members of Council for their support. He invited the members of Council to join them for the 2007 Crawfish Festival on May 5, 2007 and the upcoming Light Up Rosewood Event.

4. Youth Report on the National League of Cities Conference - Mr. Archie Maddox, Executive Director of the Commission on Children and Youth

Mr. Archie Maddox, Executive Director of the Commission on Children and Youth, stated that four (4) Youth from the City of Columbia accompanied City representatives to the 2006 National League of Cities Conference in Reno, Nevada. He introduced Deanna Chambers a 10<sup>th</sup> grade student at Dreher High School, Jordan Watson a 10<sup>th</sup> grader at Keenan High School, Charles West a 10<sup>th</sup> grader at Keenan High School and Fiona Carlisle a 10<sup>th</sup> grader at Dreher High School.

Miss Fiona Carlisle, Dreher High School Student, provided a report on behalf of the Youth Delegation. She stated that they talked a lot about gang violence, drugs, drunk driving and other youth problems. They served on a focus group for a webpage design that would allow the youth to communicate about problems through the use of blogs. They are looking forward to working more closely with local government as reported by other youth delegations.

5. 2007 Dream Keeper Essay Contest Winners – Mr. Durham Carter, President of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Neighborhood Association

Mr. Durham Carter President of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Neighborhood Association and Chair of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Foundation presented the following outstanding Youth as the 2007 Dream Keeper Award recipients. The award is now open to all students in the City of Columbia. Over \$23,000 in scholarships has been awarded to date.

Benjamin C. Allgood	Crayton Middle School	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	\$100
Megan Fulks	Spring Valley High School	12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	\$1,000
Jessica E. Stephens	Irmo High School	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	\$500
Adolfo Leon McQueen	A.C. Flora High School	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	\$250

Master Benjamin C. Allgood, Crayton Middle School Student, presented a letter of thanks to the members of City Council. He used his award to open a savings account and will purchase new lawn equipment this summer.

The following corporate sponsors provided the scholarships:

Mr. Nate Spell of Construction Dynamics  
Mr. Tom Jackson of Palmetto Candy and Tobacco Company  
Mr. Ernest W. Cromartie, II of the Cromartie Law Firm, LLC

6. Fast Forward Quarterly Update – Ms. Dee Albritton, Executive Director of Fast Forward

Ms. Dee Albritton, Executive Director provided an update on Fast Forward and their recent accomplishments. She announced that the South Carolina Department of Commerce awarded Fast Forward a grant to train Veterans as they return from the War on Iraq. The program is in effect and referrals are welcome. They are in need of committed employers. On April 2, 2007, Fast Forward will be highlighted on “Live With Lucas” and will be announcing their summer camps, which have expanded. They are applying for funding to ensure the site is compliant with the American Disabilities Act.

6a. \*\*South Carolina Philharmonic Update – Ms. Rhonda Hunsinger, Executive Director

Ms. Rhonda Hunsinger, Executive Director of the South Carolina Philharmonic, reported on the progress of the organization's search for a new conductor, which has been narrowed down from over 200 applicants to 7 finalists. She said that the Orchestra has gained a lot of national attention lately due to their innovative programming. She expressed her deep appreciation for the City Council's support.

7. Collaborative Project to Align Economic Development Initiatives with Neighborhood Initiatives – Dr. Maire Dugan, Consultant

Dr. Maire Dugan, Consultant, appeared before the members of Council on behalf of the Columbia Council of Neighborhoods to present the concept of the Columbia in the Future Fair. She stated that discussions began immediately following the 2006 State of the City Address, which emphasized moving toward a new base for the economy in Columbia. The purpose of the project is to educate community leaders and allow them to educate their respective neighborhoods on economic development activities within the City of Columbia, especially the Fuel Cell Coalition and Innovista. The idea is to have each neighborhood send two (2) representatives to the fair and envisioning sessions. There will be three (3) follow-ups to the initial invitation and the opportunity for Dr. Dugan to attend neighborhood meetings to discuss the concept. In addition, leaders from the major sectors of Columbia will be invited to participate in hopes of creating better connections between the sectors and neighborhoods. A final report will be prepared for the City Council. She stated that the current budget is approximately \$30,000 and requested an allocation from the City of Columbia in the amount of \$15,000 with the intent of raising matching funds in the amount of \$15,000.

Councilor Devine strongly suggested that they involve Engenuity in this process.

Dr. Maire Dugan, Consultant, said that this process would reach the constituency base that has not been reached. She said that Engenuity would be asked to present at the Columbia in the Fair.

Councilor Davis suggested that Ms. Dugan serve as a conduit for Engenuity, since they are not reaching the residents of North Columbia.

Councilor Sinclair expressed concerns for the procurement process. She suggested that the City issue a Request for Proposals or a Request for Qualifications if they are interested in pursuing such services.

Mayor Coble suggested that they begin raising the match funding if the Council believes that the proposal has merit.

Councilor Cromartie said that he supports the concept, but if the City is paying a firm to do this they should conduct the seminar for the neighborhoods at no additional cost.

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to authorize the City Manager to develop a concept for working with the Columbia Council of Neighborhoods, educational institutions and businesses to provide information on fuel cell development and the Innovista project with the full cooperation of the existing consultants (at the request of City Council). Council requested a timeline for the process within 30-days. Mr. Austin will provide a progress report to the Council on February 21, 2007.

8. Five Points Future Five Plan Update – Mr. Chip Land, Annexation Coordinator

Mr. Chip Land, Annexation Coordinator, stated that significant changes are coming to Five Points and we need to make sure there are opportunities for input on the process. He said that City staff has developed two (2) options, but based on the input from Senior Management a third approach was developed. He proposed that the City hire a new Planner to work on the City's upcoming Comprehensive Plan that must be adopted by November 2008. This would allow existing staff to work on the implementation of the Five Points Future Five Plan and other pending matters. He noted that funding has not been identified for the position.

There was a consensus of Council to direct the City Manager to bring back the job description along with an outline of specific goals for the new Planner on February 21, 2007. Consideration of the recommendation was deferred until such time.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND AGREEMENTS**

9. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of One (1) Lot of Imprinted Promotional Materials, as requested by the Solid Waste Division. Award to TMAS, Inc., the lowest bidder, in the amount of \$10,398.50. This vendor is located in NC. *Funding Source: GL-1014407-621000 - Approved*
10. Council is asked to approve CIP# WM4108; Pay Difference Agreement for a 12" Water Main along Chapin Road for Tec Stone Marble Plant; CF#274-02, as requested by Engineering Administration. Award to Patriot Construction Co., Inc., the lowest bidder, in the amount of \$16,154.81. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Water Improvements Fund - Approved*
11. Council is asked to approve Project Devine Street Landscape Improvements, as requested by the Department of Utilities and Engineering. Award to L-J, Inc., the lowest responsive bidder in the amount of \$19,800.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: CP003001 - Approved*
12. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Eight (8) Toshiba Notebooks, as requested by the Fire Department. Award to OM Office Supply, Inc., the lowest bidder, in the amount of \$23,752.48. This vendor is located in Mechanicsburg, PA. *Funding Source: 1012301-627500 - Approved*
13. Council is asked to approve the Purchase and Installation of a ChlorKing "Saline Chlorinator" System for the Drew Wellness Center, as requested by the Parks and Recreation Department. Award to Atlantic Pool & Water Features, the lowest bidder, in the amount of \$30,743.59. This vendor is located in Lugoff, SC. *Funding Source: 1015115-63600 - Approved*

14. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Recliners and Recliner Sofas for Various Fire Stations, as requested by the Fire Department. Award to Whit-Ash Furniture, the lowest bidder, in the amount of \$36,204.30. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Sources: 1012303-627100 (Fire Suppression \$17,740.11), 2082314-627100 (Dentsville Station \$2,534.30), 2082319-627100 (Gadsden Station \$1,810.20), 2082320-627100 (Ballentine Station \$724.09), 2082322-627100 (Lower Richland Station \$724.09), 2082323-627100 (Hopkins Station \$1,448.17), 2082324-627100 (Sandhill Station \$2,534.30), 2082325-627100 (Bear Creek Crossing Station \$1,448.17), 2082327-627100 (Killian Station \$1,810.22), 2082328-627100 (Eastover Station \$1,448.17), 2082329 (Millwood Congaree Station \$1,448.17), 2082330-627100 (Capital View Station \$1,810.22) and 2082331-627100 (Leesburg Station \$724.09) - Approved*
15. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Vehicles, as requested by Various Departments and Divisions. Award to the following vendors in the total amount of \$36,663.95. - *Approved*

Type	Department	Funding Source	Vendor	Amount
Ford Ranger	Construction Mgmt.	5511128-658500	Vic Bailey	\$9,638.00
Ford Focus	Construction Mgmt.	5511128-658500	Benson Ford Mercury	\$11,856.00
Chevy Impala	Administrative Svcs.	1011110-658500	Capitol Chevrolet	\$15,169.95

16. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Light Bars and Accessories, as requested by the Police Department. Award to Palmetto Distributors using the SC State Light Bar Contract, in the amount of \$44,827.40. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: 1012403-657300 - Approved*
17. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Mobile Radios, as requested by the Police Department. Award to Motorola C&E, Inc., using the SC State Mobile Radio Contract, in the amount of \$77,837.92. This vendor is located in Sumter, SC. *Funding Source: 1012401-657800 - Approved*
18. Council is asked to approve the Renewal of the Annual RMS and Mobile Software Maintenance, as requested by the Police Department. Award to VisionAir in the amount of \$99,292.20. This firm is located in Castle Hayne, NC. *Funding Source: 1012405-638200 - Approved*
19. Council is asked to approve the Renewal of the Annual CAD Software Maintenance Contract, as requested by the 911/311 Communications Center. Award to Cross Current Corporation in the amount of \$99,500.00. This firm is located in New Hope, PA. *Funding Source: 10112701-638200 (City \$49,750.00) and 2082702-638200 (County \$49,750.00) - Approved*
20. Council is asked to approve Roof Repairs at Nine (9) Parks and Recreation Facilities, as requested by the Parks and Recreation Department. Award to Heritage Roofing Company, Inc., the lowest bidder, in the amount of \$116,932.00. This firm is located in Lexington, SC. *Funding Source: 4039999-638300 / PK008501 - Approved*

21. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Vehicles, as requested by Various Departments and Divisions. Award to the following vendors in the total amount of \$144,288.00. - *Approved*

Quantity	Type	Department	Funding Source	Vendor	Amount
1	Ford F-150	Development Svcs.	6308972-658500	Vic Bailey Ford	\$12,569.00
7	Ford F-250	Water Dist. & Maint.	5516203-658500	Vic Bailey Ford	\$112,378.00
1	Ford F-250	Water Dist. & Maint.	5516203-658500	Burns Automotive	\$19,341.00

22. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Two (2) Tandem Dump Trucks, as requested by the Water Distribution Division and the Wastewater Maintenance Division. Award to Christopher Trucks, the lowest bidder meeting specifications, in the amount of \$225,368.00. This firm is located in Greenville, SC. *Funding Sources: GL-5516203-658500 (\$112,219.00) and 5516205-658500 (\$113,149.00) - Approved*

CONFIRM ZONING OF PREVIOUSLY ANNEXED PROPERTIES - SECOND READING

23. N/S Saluda River near W/S Interstate 26, Richland County TMS#07208-03-09 and Lexington County TMS#003697-09-004; zoned Richland County RU and Lexington County ID; confirm D-1 zoning (Richland County parcel) and C-3 zoning (Lexington County parcel). *First reading approval was given on January 17, 2007. – Approved on second reading.*
24. 1310 Bush River Road (6.387+/-acres), Richland County TMS#05916-10-02 and Lexington County TMS#003697-07-025, 043; the properties are zoned Richland County C-3 and Lexington County C-2; confirm C-3 zoning. *First reading approval was given on January 17, 2007. – Approved on second reading.*
25. 1550 Bush River Road (26.966+/-acres), Richland County TMS#05916-10-02 and Lexington County TMS#003697-07-045 thru 047; the properties are zoned Richland County C-3 and Lexington County C-2; confirm C-3 zoning. *First reading approval was given on January 17, 2007. – Approved on second reading.*

MAP AMENDMENTS / REZONINGS – SECOND READING

26. 1.86 acres, W/S Planters Road (Veterans Park), TMS#16405-01-04; rezone from C-2 to PUD-R. First reading approval was given on January 17, 2007. – *Approved on second reading, provided (1) the setbacks shown on the site plan control, rather than those listed within the descriptive statement, and (2) the townhouses and condominiums that do not have street frontage cannot be subdivided into fee-simple lots.*
27. 2513 Haskell Avenue, TMS#11412-12-09; rezone from RG-2 to C-1. *First reading approval was given on January 17, 2007. – Approved on second reading.*
28. 528 Queen Street, TMS#11312-08-05; rezone from RG-1 to PUD-R. First reading approval was given on January 17, 2007. – *Approved on second reading, provided (1) no employees and no on-premise sales, and (2) shall conform to all provisions of Sec. 17-317, Home Occupations, except nos. 2 and 4.*
29. 1200 Block Devine and Blossom Streets, 600 Block Main and Sumter Streets (USC Honors Residence Hall), TMS#11303-12-01; rezone from C-1, -DD to PUD-C, -DD. *First reading approval was given on January 17, 2007. – Approved on second reading.*

30. 600 Block East Exchange Boulevard, TMS#16308-07-01(p); rezone from PUD-R to PUD-C. *First reading approval was given on January 17, 2007. – Approved on second reading.*
31. South Side Heyward Street, TMS13806-11-01; rezone from RG-1 to PUD-R. *First reading approval was given on January 17, 2007. – Approved on second reading, provided (1) substantial compliance with proposed site plan, (2) where descriptive statement silent, RS-3 zoning requirements shall apply, and (3) the applicant shall submit clear answers to the questions posed by the neighbor by 12/13/06 [This condition satisfied; see packet].*
  - A. 900 Block Piney Grove Road (Spring Haven Subdivision), TMS#06200-01-06; rezone from RS-3 to PUD-R. *First reading approval was given on January 17, 2007. – Approved on second reading.*
  - B. 1817 and 1817 ½ York Drive, TMS# 11513-06-31; rezone from RS-2 to PUD-R. *First reading approval was given on January 17, 2007. – Approved on second reading.*
  - C. 2000 Block of Harden Street (Celia Saxon Commercial Parcel), TMS#11505-15-01(p); rezone from PUD-R to amended PUD-R. *First reading approval was given on January 17, 2007. – Approved on second reading, provided lighting is shielded away from residential and directed downward.*

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

Upon motion by Ms. Sinclair, seconded by Mr. Cromartie, Council voted unanimously to approve **Items D.** and **E.** on a single motion and as presented.

- D. Council is asked to approve Project #SS7003; 8" Sanitary Sewer Main along Balsam Road from Canal Drive to Means Avenue, as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to Trussell Bros., the lowest bidder, in the amount of \$96,885.83. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: GL-5529999-851600 and JL-SS700301-851600 - Approved*
- E. Council is asked to approve Project #WM3864; Water System Upgrade in Highland Park, as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to Ideal Construction, the low bidder, in the amount of \$657,704.00. This firm is located in White Rock, SC. *Funding Source: GL-5529999-851500 and JL-WM386401-851500 - Approved*

#### **ORDINANCES – FIRST READING**

- F. Ordinance No.: 2007-003 – Authorizing transfer of Falling Springs Court to Land Holdings Two, LLC – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Ms. Sinclair, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2007-003 – Authorizing transfer of Falling Springs Court to Land Holdings Two, LLC.

- G. Ordinance No.: 2007-005 – Authorizing transfer of 1404 Oak Street, Richland County TMS# 11407-15-09 to Ray Lynne Gray – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Ms. Sinclair, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2007-005 – Authorizing transfer of 1404 Oak Street, Richland County TMS# 11407-15-09 to Ray Lynne Gray.

- H. Ordinance No.: 2007-006 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 22, Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places, Article VIII, Festivals or Others Public Events to add Sec. 22-302, Allowable beverage containers – *Approved on first reading, subject to staff contacting the appropriate representatives to schedule meetings to discuss the impact this Ordinance may have on the business community.*

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Ms. Sinclair, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2007-006 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 22, Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places, Article VIII, Festivals or Others Public Events to add Sec. 22-302, Allowable beverage containers, subject to staff contacting the appropriate business representatives to schedule meetings to discuss the impact this Ordinance may have on the business community.

- I. Ordinance No.: 2007-007 – Approving the form, terms and provisions of an amended and restated Master Intergovernmental Agreement by and between the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Richland County and the University of South Carolina with respect to certain parking facilities for the University’s Research Campus Projects; approving the forms, terms and provisions of certain Ground Leases and the absolute assignments thereof relating to such parking facilities; authorizing the execution of such agreements; and other matters relating thereto – *Approved on first reading. Mayor Robert D. Coble abstained from discussions and voting due to a conflict of interest.*

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Ms. Sinclair, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2007-007 – Approving the form, terms and provisions of an amended and restated Master Intergovernmental Agreement by and between the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Richland County and the University of South Carolina with respect to certain parking facilities for the University’s Research Campus Projects; approving the forms, terms and provisions of certain Ground Leases and the absolute assignments thereof relating to such parking facilities; authorizing the execution of such agreements; and other matters relating thereto. Mayor Robert D. Coble abstained from discussions and voting due to a conflict of interest.

- J. Ordinance No.: 2007-008 – Authorizing transfer of 0.109 acre (4,750 square feet) of the Liberty Street Extension right of way area adjacent to Richland County Tax Map 09116-05-01 and 09116-05-02 to The Dutch Fork Trading Company, LLC – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Ms. Sinclair, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2007-008 – Authorizing transfer of 0.109 acre (4,750 square feet) of the Liberty Street Extension right of way area adjacent to Richland County Tax Map 09116-05-01 and 09116-05-02 to The Dutch Fork Trading Company, LLC.

## **MAP AMENDMENTS / REZONINGS – FIRST READING**

- K. 406 Hillcrest Avenue, TMS#09206-05-02; rezone from RS-1 to PUD-R. *The Public Hearing was held on January 17, 2007. Consideration of the matter was deferred.*

Councilor Devine stated that the lot is fairly large and that it would be appropriate to subdivide the lot as proposed, provided that the house is pulled up to the level of the other houses.

Councilor Davis said that we should be consistent with implementing the Ordinance. He asked for clarification on the setback.

Ms. Tina Stoia, Applicant, explained that the lot would be re-subdivided so that it is a triangular lot and would be set back to the same consistency of the structures on opposite sides of it. She agreed to present a new drawing prior to second reading approval.

Mr. Marc Mylott, Director of Development Services, explained that State Statute does not allow the requestor to deviate from what the Planning Commission recommended for approval. He noted that he has not reviewed the new proposal and encouraged the Council to defer the matter back to the Planning Commission to consider the realignment of the house.

Upon motion by Ms. Devine, seconded by Ms. Sinclair, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the *Map Amendment / Rezoning* of 406 Hillcrest Avenue, TMS#09206-05-02; rezone from RS-1 to PUD-R, provided **(1)** substantial compliance with proposed elevations, **(2)** where descriptive statement silent, RS-1 zoning requirements shall apply, **(3)** subdivision plat to be reviewed and approved by staff and recorded prior to issuance of building permit, 8-0 (12/4/06). There was a consensus of Council to direct the Planning Commission to review the changes and provide a recommendation prior to second reading approval.

\*\*Councilor Sinclair recognized Ms. Bessie Watson, President of the South Edisto Court Neighborhood Association.

## **MAP AMENDMENTS / REZONINGS / TEXT AMENDMENTS – FIRST READING**

- L. 1414 Gregg Street, TMS#11406-02-22; rezone from C-1 to C-1, -DP. *The Public Hearing was held on January 17, 2007. Approved on first reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2007-004 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Land Development and Zoning, Article V, Historic Preservation and Architectural Review, Division 4, Landmarks, Sec. 17-691, Buildings and site list, (c) Group II, add 1414 Gregg Street - *Approved on first reading.*

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the *Map Amendment / Rezoning* of 1414 Gregg Street, TMS#11406-02-22; rezone from C-1 to C-1, -DP **and** Ordinance No.: 2007-004 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Land Development and Zoning, Article V, Historic Preservation and Architectural Review, Division 4, Landmarks, Sec. 17-691, Buildings and site list, (c) Group II on a single motion and as presented.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

- M. Resolution No.: R-2007-002 – Authorizing Acceptance and Dedication of Street Known as Riverland Drive, “Harbison Road A Connection” to the City of Columbia; Richland County TMS# 05005-01-01 (portion); CF# 268-08 - *Approved*

Upon motion by Ms. Sinclair, seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2007-002 – Authorizing Acceptance and Dedication of Street Known as Riverland Drive, “Harbison Road A Connection” to the City of Columbia; Richland County TMS# 05005-01-01 (portion); CF# 268-08.

- M1. \*\*Funding for Allen University and Columbia College – The Honorable E.W. Cromartie, II

Councilor Cromartie proposed an Oral Resolution to authorize the City Manager to identify and pay for tourism development in accordance with State law and a timetable established by the City Manager according to State Law and good financial practice to allocate one million dollars to the Educational Fund of Allen University and one million dollars to the Educational Fund of Columbia College for tourism development.

Mr. Charles P. Austin, Sr., City Manager, explained that funding has been identified and will be transferred from Hospitality Tax Funds that would have otherwise been transferred to debt service. The money will be allocated over a three (3) year period through three (3) installments. He stated that the other issue is that the money cannot go directly to the institutions, but will have to go to the foundations.

Councilor Devine advised staff to be clear to the Foundations that the Hospitality Tax dollars must be used for allowable expenses.

Councilor Sinclair expressed that she has real concerns about this proposal, since it came out of the blue and nothing was presented in writing.

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted four (4) to one (1) to authorize Mr. Charles P. Austin, Sr., City Manager to identify and pay for tourism development in accordance with State law and a timetable established by the City Manager according to State Law and good financial practice to allocate one million dollars to the Educational Fund of Allen University and one million dollars to the Educational Fund of Columbia College for tourism development. Voting aye were Mr. Cromartie, Mr. Davis, Ms. Devine and Mayor Coble. Ms. Sinclair voted nay.

## **TRAFFIC AND ENGINEERING**

- N. Four Way Stop Request / Intersection of Waites Road at Tremain Road

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve a request from the Jones-McDonald Neighborhood Association to install a Four-Way Stop Control at the Intersection of Waites Road and Tremain Road.

## OTHER MATTERS

O. Community Promotions Funding Recommendations – Ms. Libby Gober, Ombudsman

Upon motion by Mayor Coble, seconded by Mr. Cromartie, Council voted unanimously to approve the Community Promotions Advisory Committee's funding recommendations for applications received during January 2007. (See chart below)

### **Community Promotions Monthly Funding 2006-2007**

Organization	Project Name	Request	Amount Funded
<b>Jan-07</b>			
Columbia High School Band of Gold <small>*New application, concern of funding bands, and limited funds</small>	Trip to Atlanta Hawks Game	4,200	0
Palmetto Roundball Association <small>*Not within the City Limits</small>	Basketball Program	5,000	0

\*Indicates reasons projects were not funded

P. Council is asked to approve the Destruction of Two Hundred Forty One (241) Narcotics to include Drug Paraphernalia, as requested by the Police Department's Property Room.

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve the Destruction of Two Hundred Forty One (241) Narcotics to include Drug Paraphernalia, as requested by the Columbia Police Department's Property Room.

Q. City Council Evening Meeting Schedule – The Honorable Anne M. Sinclair

Councilor Sinclair asked the members of Council to reconsider the decision to conduct evening meetings on the first Wednesday of each month. She said that the intent was to increase community participation, but that has not happened. She noted that a lot of people are watching the meetings on Channel 2 and suggested that Council conduct quarterly district evening meetings instead.

Councilor Cromartie stated that we should maintain the current schedule and continue having the monthly evening meetings. He said that it is good to be accessible to the people.

Councilor Davis said that he initially supported the evening meetings, but he admitted that attendance has not been what they expected. He is willing to test it a little longer, but hopes that the audience shows up.

Councilor Devine said that she was a proponent for the evening meetings, but we do need to consider the fact that we began airing the meetings on Channel 2 around the same time. She further noted that we shorten the evening meeting agendas so that we are not meeting too late and she questioned if we will be able to get business done with two meetings per month. She also addressed concerns about the amount of time staff has to take out to be at the meetings. She supports Ms. Sinclair's recommendation to conduct quarterly evening meetings.

Further discussion of the matter was deferred to February 21, 2007.

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

Mr. Bruce Sanders, 3505 Magrath Street, appeared before the members of Council to address several concerns. He stated that evening meetings are important and it would be a good idea to continue having the meetings. He referred to a meeting from January 17, 2007, in which there were questions about neighborhood organizations speaking for the neighborhood. He is the President of the Colonial Heights Neighborhood Organization and is authorized to speak for the neighborhood organization, realizing that it doesn't mean that he speaks for all of the residents. He makes it a point to clarify if a statement is of his personal opinion or a representation of the neighborhood organization. Mr. Sanders stated that the City should not be conducting criminal background checks on the people staying at the homeless shelters. He said that they should check for weapons, but it's mean to run these checks on people seeking help. He asked when the City would start on North Main Street. He knows several people with money that wanted to start a business in the area, but changed their minds because of the anticipated project.

Mr. Bill Manley, Abingdon Road Resident, agreed with a lot of remarks made by Mr. Sanders. He said that the neighborhoods have great people, but they don't go to the neighbors that are directly impacted by the issues.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. for the discussion of **Item R.** as outlined.

R. Receipt of legal advice, which relates to pending, threatened or potential claim  
*Items were discussed in Executive Session. No action was taken.*

- **Council adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by:

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