



CITY OF COLUMBIA  
CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT I EVENING MEETING  
MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2007  
6:00 P.M.  
EAU CLAIRE PRINT BUILDING  
3901 ENSOR AVENUE

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The Columbia City Council conducted a District I Evening Meeting on Wednesday, August 1, 2007 at the Eau Claire Print Building at 3901 Ensor Avenue, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Mayor Robert D. Coble called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. The following members of Council were present: The Honorable E.W. Cromartie, II, The Honorable Sam Davis, The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine, The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann and The Honorable Kirkman Finlay III. The Honorable Anne M. Sinclair was absent. Also present were Mr. Charles P. Austin, Sr., City Manager and Ms. Schinikia Richburg, City Clerk Assistant.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Minutes of June 12, 2007, June 13, 2007, June 20, 2007 and June 27, 2007

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of June 12, 2007, June 13, 2007, June 20, 2007 and June 27, 2007 on a single motion and as presented.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

2. Welcome to the District I Evening Meeting – The Honorable Sam Davis

Mr. Henry Hopkins, President of the Eau Claire Community Council welcomed everyone to the District I Evening Meeting and to the Eau Claire/North Columbia area. He said that the community needed Council's help with redevelopment and education.

3. Recognition of the Richland Northeast Gospel and Praise (GAP) Choir – Ms. Joyce Abel, Choir Director

Ms. Joyce Abel, GAP Choir Director, thanked the City of Columbia for inviting the choir to the meeting. She introduced the Richland Northeast Gospel and Praise (GAP) Choir. They won 13 of the 17 awards presented at the Black Music Caucus' National Gospel Choir Competition in Brooklyn, New York on March 23, 2007. A few members of the GAP Choir rendered an awesome acappella selection.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve the **Consent Agenda Items 4.** through **23.** on a single motion and as amended.

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

4. Council is asked to approve Maintenance at the Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant. Award to C & D Specialty Parts, the lowest bidder, in the amount of \$13,550.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: 5516208 631800 - Approved*

5. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Trailers, as requested by the Emergency Operations Department. Award to Kraftsman Inc, the lowest bidder, in the amount of \$17,580.10. This firm is located in Ramseur, NC. *Funding Source: Emergency Operations Department (2059999 / 658500) and MMRS US Dept of Health & Human Grant Funds (9601000102 / 658500) - Approved*
6. Council is asked to approve Change Order # 1 to the Agreement for Consulting Services for a Return on Equity and Economic Development Survey, as requested by the Budget Director. Award to Black and Veatch Corporation in the amount of \$38,000.00 to include a Contingency Fee of \$10,000. The maximum compensation provided for in this change order is \$48,000.00. This firm is located in Greenville, SC. *Funding Source: 5511409 - Approved*
7. Council is asked to approve the Sub-Lease of Office Space at 1225 Lady Street, as requested by Administration. Award to Congressman James L. Clyburn of the United States House of Representatives effective August 1, 2007 through January 1, 2009 and in the annual amount of \$56,234.00, paid in monthly installments of \$4,686.17. - *Approved*
8. Council is asked to approve a Professional Services Contract for International Business Development, as requested by Economic Development. Award to Global Consulting & Affiliates in the amount of \$20,000 plus a maximum of \$5,000 for approved reimbursable expenses. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Economic Development Budget – Approved*
9. Council is asked to approve a Professional Services Contract for a Consultant to Organize and Operate a Washington Office for the City's Washington Assistant under the supervision of the City Manager. Award to Barbara T. McCall Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$60,420.00 for 12 months plus reimbursable expenses not to exceed \$5,000.00. This firm is located in Washington, DC. *Funding Source: 1011103/638300 - Approved*
10. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Recapped Tires for Fiscal Year 2007/2008 as requested by Fleet Services Division. Award to the lowest bidders, Bray's Recapping Service located in Mount Airy, NC and Snider Tire, Inc. located in Columbia, SC in the total amount of \$45,171.90. *This will be charged as follows: - Approved*

6308970 / 672500	Fleet Services	\$43,241.64	Bray's Recapping Service
6308970 / 672500	Fleet Services	\$ 1,930.26	Snider Tire Inc.
11. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Tire for Fiscal Year 2007/2008, as requested by the Fleet Services Division. Award to three (3) lowest bidders, Bray's Recapping Service, located in Mount Airy, NC, Snider Tire Inc and Frasier Tire Service, both located in Columbia, SC in the total amount of \$251,826.51. *This will be charged as follows: - Approved*

6308970 / 672500	Fleet Services	\$162,946.96	Bray's Recapping Service
6308970 / 672500	Fleet Services	\$78,975.25	Snider Tire Inc.
6308970 / 672500	Fleet Services	\$5,994.30	Frasier Tire Service
6308970 / 672500	Fleet Services	\$3,910.00	Disposal Tax Fee
12. Council is asked to approve Purchase Grit, Ash, Sludge Hauling and Container Rental Fiscal Year 07-08 as requested by the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Award to Palmetto Environmental Solutions, the lowest bidder, in the amount of \$118,950.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: (GL) 5516208 638300 - Approved*

- 12a. **\*\*Council is asked to approve the Purchase Net Backup Software / Maintenance as requested by Information Technology. This is an emergency request. Award to Symantec in the amount of \$16,144.00. *Funding Source: (GL) 1011120-638200 - Approved***
- 12b. **\*\*Council is asked to approve the Purchase SPAM Filter as requested by Information Technology. This is an emergency request. Award to Solarcom / Presidio in the amount of \$54,936.40. This firm is located in Norcross, GA. *Funding Source: (GL) 1011120-27510 - Approved***

**CONFIRM ZONING OF PREVIOUSLY ANNEXED PROPERTIES / SECOND READING**

13. 13.09 acres S/S South Beltline Boulevard, TMS# 13605-02-01(p), previously zoned M-within Richland County. *First reading approval was given on July 18, 2007. – Approved on second reading.*
14. 4111 Beecliff Road, TMS# 13809-04-09, previously zoned RS-2 within Richland County. *First reading approval was given on July 18, 2007. – Approved on second reading.*
15. 4653 Broad River Road, TMS# 06267-02-04, previously zoned C-3 within Richland County. *First reading approval was given on July 18, 2007. – Approved on second reading.*
16. 594 Spears Creek Church Road, TMS# 28802-01-01, previously zoned M-1 within Richland County. *First reading approval was given on July 18, 2007. – Approved on second reading.*
17. 1037 Market Street (Stadium Village Lofts Parking Lot), TMS# 11206-04-04, previously zoned M-2 within Richland County. *First reading approval was given on July 18, 2007. – Approved on second reading.*

**MAP AMENDMENTS / REZONINGS – SECOND READING**

18. 264 Harbison Boulevard, Building E, Suite 16 (Harbison Court Shopping Center), TMS# 002763-01-01(p); rezone from PUD-C to amended PUD-C. *First reading approval was given on July 18, 2007. – Approved on second reading, provided no outdoor displays or storage of merchandise.*
19. 701 thru 729 Lady Street, 704 and 718 Lady Street, 1320 thru 1332 Wayne Street, 704 thru 716 Washington Street, and 1315 Gadsden Street (Lady Street Shoppes), TMS# 09009-08-01, -04, -08, -09 and -10, and 08912-07-01 and -02; rezone from PUD-C to amended PUD-C. *First reading approval was given on July 18, 2007. Approved on second reading, subject to conformance with the following Planning Commission recommendations:*
1. *Allocation for restaurants, nightclubs, and drinking establishments within PUD is increased from 30,000 sq. ft. to 31,000 sq. ft.;*
  2. *Applicant/developer shall use the existing curb cut at Lady Street;*
  3. *Applicant/developer shall provide to the Fire Department the location of the FDC and the height of the building; and*
  4. *Applicant/developer must provide any needed upgrade, extension, or relocation of City utilities. Must meet State and City of Columbia sedimentation & storm drainage regulations. Any privately owned/maintained utilities cannot be located inside exclusive City of Columbia utility easements.*

20. 519 Huger Street, TMS# 08910-03-03; rezone from M-2, -PD, to M-1, -PD. *First reading approval was given on July 18, 2007. – Approved on second reading.*
21. 205 thru 215 South Saluda Avenue, 206 thru 214 South Gregg Street, TMS# 11309-02-01; rezone from RS-3 to PUD-R. *First reading approval was given on July 18, 2007. – Approved on second reading, subject to conformance with the following Planning Commission recommendations:*
  1. *City will not enforce any claims regarding the interior upfit; and*
  2. *Where the descriptive statement is silent, RG-2 (General Residential) zoning requirements shall apply.*
22. 801 thru 807, 809 thru 815, 817 thru 819 Sunset Drive, TMS# 09112-13-14, -15, -16, -17, and -18; rezone from RG-1 to PUD-R. *First reading approval was given on July 18, 2007. – Approved on second reading, subject to conformance with the following Planning Commission recommendations:*
  1. *City will not enforce any claims regarding the interior upfit; and*
  2. *Notwithstanding the landscape ordinance, those trees listed within “Tree Protection, Tree Removal, and Landscaping” section of the PUD-R descriptive statement may not be removed without written consent by the Landscape Planner of the City of Columbia. Where removal deemed appropriate by Landscape Planner, replacement shall be per landscape ordinance.*
23. 621 Gadsden Street, TMS# 08914-03-03; rezone from M-2, -PD, -DD to C-2, -PD, -DD. *First reading approval was given on July 18, 2007. – Approved on second reading.*
24. 1104 Miller Street, TMS# 09209-22-03; rezone from C-1 to C-3: - *This item was withdrawn from the agenda. The request to rezone was denied on July 18, 2007.*

### **ORDINANCES – FIRST READING**

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to **Items 25.** through **28.** as presented.

25. Ordinance No.: 2007-055 – Annexing 51 Redbay Road Richland County TMS # 28812-02-07 – *Approved on first reading.*
26. Ordinance No.: 2007-056 – Annexing 64 Redbay Road Richland County TMS # 28812-02-11 – *Approved on first reading.*
27. Ordinance No.: 2007-057 – Annexing 1021 Clemson Frontage Road Richland County TMS # 25608-01-35 – *Approved on first reading.*
28. Ordinance No.: 2007-058 – Annexing NE / S Saint Andrews Road and 124 Harbison Boulevard (portion) Lexington County TMS # 002797-01-011 and 002797-01-012 – *Approved on first reading.*

### **CONFIRM ZONING OF PREVIOUSLY ANNEXED PROPERTIES - FIRST READING**

29. 156 Preserve Lane, TMS# 13715-01-26; rezone from PUD-R to amended PUD-R. – *This item was withdrawn from the agenda. The Public Hearing and first reading consideration are deferred until September 5, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.*

## **RESOLUTIONS**

Upon motion by Mr. Rickenmann, seconded by Mr. Cromartie, Council voted unanimously to approve **Items 30.** through **C.** on a single motion.

30. Resolution No.: 2007-033 – Authorizing acceptance of Richland County TMS # 13705-11-01; 13705-11-02; 13705-11-03; 13705-11-04; 13705-11-08; 13705-11-09; 13705-11-10; 13709-03-06; 13709-03-07; 13709-03-08; 13612-01-01; 13612-01-02; 13612-01-03; 13612-01-04; 13612-01-05; 13612-01-06; 13612-01-07; 13612-01-08 and 13612-01-09 adjacent to Gills Creek from Van M. McAlister, Charles W. McAlister, J.T. McAlister, Jr. and A. Keith McAlister - *Approved*
31. Resolution No.: 2007-039 – Authorizing consumption of beer and wine at Main Street Latin Festival - *Approved*
  - A. Resolution No.: 2007-040 – Authorizing execution of an Agreement for Design of the City of Columbia / Richland County Animal Shelter - *Approved*
  - B. Resolution No.: 2007-041 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Agreement with Richland County School District Two for a water line easement on Richland County TMS #26100-04-01 to serve Richland County School District Two Elementary School 16; CF#297-14 - *Approved*
  - C. Resolution No.: 2007-023 - Authorizing Condemnation to acquire a 15" Water Main Easement on Richland County TMS#26100-04-01, N/F Krolewicz for water main to serve Richland School District Two Elementary School 16; CF#297-14 - *Approved*

## **OTHER MATTERS**

- D. \*\*Council is asked to approve Payment to Fund the Teen Drug Court and a Special Prosecutor, as requested by Administration. Award to the Fifth Circuit Solicitor's Office in the total amount of \$93,999.96. - *Approved*

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve the fiscal year 2007-2008 payment to fund the Teen Drug Court and a Special Prosecutor, as requested by Administration. Award to the Fifth Circuit Solicitor's Office in the total amount of \$93,999.96.

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

Mr. Mel Jenkins, Rosewood Community Resident, thanked the members of Council for having the discussion on the subdivision of lots.

Ms. Ruth Thomas said that subdividing lots is a problem in her neighborhood. She said that trees are being cut and they are losing shade. She will be submitting her questions and concerns to Mr. Marc Mylott, Director of Development Services.

Ms. Christie Savage, Northwood Hills President, said that she met with the Army Corp of Engineers in regard to the serious drainage problems they are having. She complained about mosquitoes, snakes, not being able to play in back yards, noise, the lack of an acoustical engineer, fumes and dust from the industrial park, the traffic light, the streetscaping project, etc. She will be forwarding documentation to the members of Council. The Army Corp of Engineers will be attending the Northwoods Hills Neighborhood Association Meeting on Monday, September 10, 2007.

Mr. Charles P. Austin, Sr., City Manager said that it was inappropriate to do business with the proposed acoustical engineer that did not want to purchase a City business license. He added that the City is contracting with Mr. Jim Hardee to deal with SCDOT and streetscaping issues and that the streetlight at the intersection of North Main and Fairfield Road will be addressed. A series of meetings are being scheduled in Washington to discuss infrastructure and streetscaping issues. He stated that while it may appear that nothing is taking place, there are a number of steps that staff has been taking to address the concerns.

Ms. Carolyn Yvonne Murphy Taylor asked questions relating to abandoned vehicles. She distributed a brochure that she personally prepared and entitled "The Laws Used by the City of Columbia to Violate Your Rights".

Ms. Jessica Taylor appeared on behalf of Bennie Crawford about the sale of the property at 3219 Kilbourne Road. She stated that the property is 2.37 acres and is listed for sale at \$2.85 million. They have encouraged the City to purchase the property for recreation purposes because of its size and the number of mature trees.

Pastor Wilson appeared in support of Ms. Christie Savage, President of the Northwood Hills Neighborhood Association.

Mr. Henry Hopkins, President of the Eau Claire Community Council, asked the Council to review the CANDO Program, how it is disbursed and the bureaucratic process. He said that most communities don't have the start up funding needed to begin projects and then wait for reimbursements. He asked the City to help with the A Plus Program as well. He asked if Council had anything on the homeless.

Ms. Regina Doster appeared before the members of Council to discuss concerns related to operating a hotdog cart in the City of Columbia. She acquired a business license in January 2007, received clearance from the Department of Revenue and DHEC and started operating a cart on Main Street at Gervais Street. The City informed her that she did not have a valid license. She said there was a miscommunication on the City's part and now it may be December before she is fully operational.

- **Council adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Salley  
City Clerk