



CITY OF COLUMBIA
CITY COUNCIL
DISTRICT III EVENING MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2008
4:00 P.M.
HAND MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
2600 WHEAT STREET

The Columbia City Council held an Executive Session discussion at 4:18 p.m. and conducted a District III Evening Meeting on Wednesday, February 20, 2008 in the Hand Middle School Auditorium, located at 2600 Wheat Street, Columbia, South Carolina. Mayor Robert D. Coble called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. The following members of Council were present: The Honorable E.W. Cromartie, II, The Honorable Anne M. Sinclair, The Honorable Sam Davis, The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine, The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann and The Honorable Kirkman Finlay III. Also present were Mr. Charles P. Austin, Sr., City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Salley, City Clerk.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Mayor Coble, seconded by Ms. Sinclair, Council voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 4:19 p.m. for the discussion of **Items 1.** and **1a.** as amended.

1. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements
 - North Main Street Streetscape Project

This item was discussed in Executive Session. No action was taken.
- **Council recessed at 5:10 p.m. for a Media Event.**
- **Council reconvened the Executive Session discussion at 5:39 p.m.**
- 1a. ****Receipt of legal advice which relates to a matter covered by attorney-client privilege**
 - Kenny's Auto site

This item was discussed in Executive Session. No action was taken.
- **Council adjourned the Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. to convene the District III Evening Meeting.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Minutes of November 28 and December 12, 2007

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of November 28, 2007 and December 12, 2007 on a single motion and as presented.

PRESENTATIONS

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

Councilor Sinclair welcomed everyone to the quarterly District III Evening Meeting and the brand new auditorium at Hand Middle School, noting that this is an example of the community working together for improvement across the district.

Mr. James Poch, Director of the Carolina Plug-In Hybrid Coalition, stated that he drove a plug-in hybrid prototype to the meeting today. The vehicle consistently gets up to 100 miles per gallon for local commutes and utilizes a gas and electric engine for acceleration and long distance driving. He invited everyone to visit www.plugincarolina.com to see what opportunities the vehicles present. The prototype is being brought forth as a grassroots effort. He left information on some action steps for the City of Columbia to consider as it relates to making a difference in climate changes.

4. Welcome to Hand Middle School – Ms. Marisa Vickers, Principal

Ms. Marisa Vickers, Principal of Hand Middle School, welcomed everyone to Hand Middle School, noting that Councilor Sinclair is a three time parent at Hand Middle School. Hand Middle School is home of the Hand Hornets, the State Dance Educator of the Year, Regional Mock Trial Winner and the Palmetto Silver Award recipient. They promote academics, arts and athletics and they teach four (4) foreign languages. She stated that their community partners help to conquer challenges facing young people and to develop viable solutions.

5. Welcome to Shandon – Ms. Jacquelyn L. Bartley, President of the Shandon Neighborhood Council

Ms. Jacquelyn L. Bartley, President of the Shandon Neighborhood Council, thanked the City of Columbia for its on-going support of the Shandon Neighborhood. She invited the members of Council to attend their upcoming neighborhood association meeting on March 3, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church, 2501 Heyward Street. She introduced the incoming President, Mr. John Myrick.

Mr. Travis Wheeler, President of the Rosewood Community Council, thanked the members of Council for their support of the Rosewood Community Council. The Council will be hosting a meet and greet for the Council District Three and At Large candidates on Thursday, February 21, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

6. Introduction of the February 2008 Business Spotlight Recipient ([The Gillespie Agency](#)) – Mr. Tony Lawton, Director of the Office of Business Opportunities

Mr. Tony Lawton, Director of the Office of Business Opportunities, introduced Ms. Elaine Gillespie and The Gillespie Agency as the City of Columbia February 2008 Business Spotlight Honoree. This full service advertising, media and public relations firm provides services to a diverse group of clients. They believe in providing on target and quality advertising. Ms. Gillespie serves on various boards and commissions and they play an active role in the community through volunteer work.

Mayor Robert D. Coble presented a proclamation to Ms. Elaine Gillespie declaring The Gillespie Agency as the Business Spotlight Honoree for February 2008 in the City of Columbia.

Councilor Sinclair presented a gift certificate for the Fast Trac business growth program at Midlands Technical College.

Ms. Elaine Gillespie, Owner of The Gillespie Agency introduced employees of the firm and thanked the City of Columbia for their on-going support and cooperation.

7. Introduction of the Green Business Inductees – Ms. Melissa Gentry, P.E., Director of Public Works

Ms. Melissa Gentry, P.E., Director of Public Works recognized WLTX and The Print Machine of Columbia as Green Business Members, noting that The Gillespie Agency created the Green Business seal and the Climate Protection Action Committee's (CPAC) logo. She stated that The Print Machine uses all energy efficient lighting in their facility; they also recycle their plans and ask that others turn their plans into TPM for recycling. She stated that WLTX has always been supportive of CPAC, they have purchased hybrid vehicles and they recycle as much as possible.

Mayor Robert D. Coble presented WLTX and The Print Machine with their seals and congratulated them on their efforts to become Green Business Members.

8. Introduction of Mr. Terry Brown, Chairman of the City Center Partnership Board of Directors – Mr. Matt Kennell, President and CEO of the City Center Partnership

Mr. Matt Kennell, President and CEO of the City Center Partnership introduced Mr. Terry Brown as the new Chairman of the City Center Partnership Board of Directors. Mr. Brown is the Chief Executive Officer of Edens and Avant and is a City of Columbia resident.

Terry Brown, Chairman of the City Center Partnership Board of Directors, recognized staff and executives from the City Center Partnership. He relocated from Atlanta six (6) years ago to become the CEO of Edens and Avant. He said that over the years they have made significant investments within the City Center and chose to stay here because they love this city. The City Center Partnership will be focusing on executing the retail initiative and enhancing its role in the city.

9. Big Eddie Health Initiative - Ms. Catherine Horne, President and CEO of EdVenture Children's Museum

Ms. Catherine Horne, President and CEO of EdVenture Children's Museum invited the members of Council to become members of the Big Eddie Health Team. They will be taking Big Eddie and Corn on the Cob across the community starting March 1, 2008 as part of a brand new health initiative designed to get Columbia's families up and moving over the next twelve (12) weeks. She thanked the city's Parks and Recreation Department for their leadership and participation as part of the collaborative team that made this possible.

Ms. Tara Robertson, EdVenture Board of Trustees, said that the objective is to build life long learners of tomorrow. She stated that EdVenture appreciates the city's continued support.

- 9a. ***Legends of Concert – Ms. Karen Alexander, Auntie Karen Foundation President - This item was deferred.*

- 9b. **Introduction of the 2008 Dream Keeper Winners – Reverend Preston Winkler, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Greater Columbia Community Relations Council

Reverend Preston Winkler, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Greater Columbia Community Relations Council appeared on behalf of Mr. Durham Carter and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Foundation to introduce the 2008 Dream Keeper Award winners: Dominique Jordan, Harrell “Hal” Wade, Danielle Wright and Andre Talkish. These individuals put Martin Luther King’s dreams of unity into action and fulfilled the requirement of the service award. He also recognized the following financial contributors: Mr. Nathaniel Spells of Construction Dynamics, Mr. Tom Jackson of the Palmetto Candy Company and Councilor E.W. Cromartie, II of The Cromartie Law Firm. Reverend Winkler presented plaques to those that helped to raise \$10,000 worth of food for the Harvest Hope Food Bank: City of Columbia Parks and Recreation winners are the First Tee Golf Center, Woodland Park and first place goes to the Booker Washington Heights Cultural Arts Center and Richland One School District winners are AC Moore Elementary School, Southeast Middle School and first place goes to Carver Lyon Elementary. The total food collected will feed more than 3,125 people.

Mr. Nate Spells, Construction Dynamics, said that he has been in business for 20 years and he asked to be blessed so that he could be a blessing. He has done a number of projects throughout this area and is pleased to be a part of this, because nothing is more important than education.

Councilor Cromartie thanked the sponsors of the Dream Keeper Award. He said that Construction Dynamics contributes \$1,000, Palmetto Tobacco and Candy contributes \$500 and the Cromartie Law Firm contributes \$250 each year. He agreed that education is most important.

UPDATES AND REPORTS

- 9c. **Appointment of the City Attorney – Mayor Robert D. Coble

Upon motion by Mayor Coble, seconded by Mr. Cromartie, Council voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Ken E. Gaines as the City Attorney for the City of Columbia.

**Councilor Cromartie introduced Miss Elizabeth Dykes, a high school student that is shadowing him for the day. At least 150 young adults have shadowed him over the past 15 years.

10. City Manager’s Report – Mr. Charles P. Austin, Sr., City Manager

Mr. Charles P. Austin, Sr., City Manager provided an update on the following matters: Water/Sewer Infrastructure and the Gills Creek Watershed, North Main Street Streetscape Project, Chief of Police Search, the Disparity Study, Hospitality Tax Collections and a Financial Update.

11. Staff Reports

- Disparity Study – Mr. Tony Lawton, Director of the Office of Business Opportunities - *This item was withdrawn from the agenda.*

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION / ACTION

12. Avalon Place Apartments Request for Sidewalks – Ms. Veronica Edwards, Resident

Ms. Veronica Edwards, Chairperson for the Avalon Place Apartments, provided an update on what has occurred with the request for sidewalks from 1030 Atlas Road to Garners Ferry Road and Garners Ferry Road to Patterson Road near the Wal-Mart. The item was first discussed with City Council on January 23, 2008. She stated that it is necessary for the project to move forward, but the timeline for the city to construct the sidewalks is unacceptable.

Ms. Melissa Gentry, P.E., Director of Public Works recommended that an outside contractor perform the work once a funding source is identified due to the city's current workload. The construction of sidewalks from Avalon Place Apartments to Garners Ferry Road is estimated at \$90,000. This is a state maintained road and SCDOT has recommended that sidewalks be expanded on Garners Ferry Road to the Wal-Mart, but denied the request for funding assistance.

Councilor Cromartie asked where the funding would come from.

Mr. Charles P. Austin, Sr., City Manager stated that funding would come from the Land Acquisition Fund.

Councilor Finlay asked the residents of the Avalon Place Apartments to raise their hands. He said that the need to get people out on the streets and into places / businesses is vitally important.

Councilor Devine who would complete the other half of the sidewalk construction?

Ms. Veronica Edwards, Chairperson for the Avalon Place Apartments, said that in the meantime they will utilize the Sears parking lot to go through the rest of the block. They also need to adjust the timing on the traffic light at Garners Ferry Road and Patterson Road to allow enough time for disabled individuals to get through. She urged the Council to see to it that sidewalks are installed while developments are being constructed.

Councilor Cromartie said that he will support the request, noting that he has told his constituents that funding was not available for sidewalks in District Two. He said that citizens in other areas of the city have the same needs and he hopes those requests will be supported as well.

Councilor Devine is supportive, but realizes that the list of requests needs to be prioritized before additional requests are received.

Ms. Melissa Gentry, P.E., Director of Public Works reported that there have always been criteria in place, but it is being re-evaluated. There will be a priority assigned to each request.

Councilor Sinclair asked when the priority matrix for sidewalks would be available, because there are areas whose requests have been on the list for a long, long time.

Ms. Melissa Gentry, P.E., Director of Public Works stated that the list would be available by the end of March.

Upon motion by Mr. Finlay, seconded by Mr. Cromartie, Council voted unanimously to transfer \$90,000 from the Land Acquisition Fund for the construction of sidewalks from the Avalon Place Apartments at 1030 Atlas Road to Garners Ferry Road. An outside contractor will complete this construction once the plans are approved by SCDOT.

An unidentified resident of Avalon Place Apartments urged the Council to support the request, because she has a disabled daughter and they need the help.

13. Accommodations Tax Surplus Funding Recommendations – Ms. Libby Gober, Ombudsman

Ms. Libby Gober, Ombudsman, presented a spreadsheet with recommendations from the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee for Councils consideration.

Upon motion by Mr. Rickenmann, seconded by Ms. Sinclair, Council voted unanimously to approve funding in the total amount of \$13,000 from the Accommodations Tax 2005-2006 Surplus Funding. (*See chart below*)

Accommodations Tax Funding (surplus 2005-2006)

Organization	Project Name	Request	Committee Recommendation
January 2008			
USC Dept of Physics and Astronomy	International Conference on Hyperons	\$5,000	\$3,000
Columbia Regional Sports Council	2008 Vista Grand Prix (bicycle road race)	\$46,700	\$5,000
The Alliance for Women at Columbia College	SC Summit on Women	\$35,000	\$5,000
TOTAL			\$13,000

- 13a. **Palmetto Capital City Classic Request for Funding – Mr. Charles P. Austin, Sr., City Manager

Councilor Devine stated that her questions about the request have been answered, but she wants to make sure the city receives a regular report from the Palmetto Capital City Classic to ensure that things are happening as they should. She suggested that Mr. S. Allison Baker, Assistant City Manager for Public Services receive the financial information on a regular basis as well.

Mr. Charles P. Austin, Sr., City Manager stated that the Palmetto Capital City Classic will be asked to submit one request for all of their funding needs going forward.

Councilor Devine said that she would like for the original Classic to be restored between Benedict College and South Carolina State. She heard that the two teams are playing in Orangeburg, South Carolina this year, but she hopes they will play a Classic game in Columbia next year.

Mr. Charles P. Austin, Sr., City Manager has agreed to meet with representatives of both entities in hopes of resolving the issues that ended the Palmetto Capital City Classic between the two.

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to allocate \$25,000 from the Accommodations Tax Fund for a Marketing and Promotions Director for the Palmetto Capital City Classic. Staff was directed to receive regular reports on the activities and finances of the Palmetto Capital City Classic.

ZONING PUBLIC HEARING – Continued from January 23, 2008.

ANNEXATIONS WITH REZONING – FIRST READING

14. **Brevard and Jefferson Allen Streets (Saluda Ridge)**, TMS# 07306-04-01, -05, -16, -19, -20, -21; 07306-05-15, -17(p), -18; 07305-05-03, -04; rezone from Richland County RS-1 (Single-Family Residential) to PUD-R (Residential Planned Unit Development). *The Zoning Public Hearing was continued on January 23, 2008 and February 6, 2008.*

Ordinance No.: 2008-011 - Annexing 919 Brevard Street; 827, 829, and 833 Brevard Street; Lots 6, 7, & 8, Jefferson Allen Drive; 912 Brevard Street; Lots 10 & 13, Jefferson Allen Drive; 1002 Brevard Street; 1003 Brevard Street; NX207 Saluda River Road; and Jefferson Allen Drive, Richland County TMS No: 07306-05-17, 07306-05-18, 07306-04-16, 07306-04-20, 07305-05-03, 07306-04-19, 07305-05-04, 07306-04-01, 07306-04-05, 07306-04-21, and 07306-05-15

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to defer this matter until March 19, 2008, which is the next scheduled Zoning Public Hearing, as requested by the applicant.

MAP AMENDMENTS / REZONINGS – FIRST READING

15. **3400 Margrave Road**, TMS# 09112-03-08; rezone from RS-2 (Single-Family Residential) and RG-1 (General Residential) to PUD-R (Residential Planned Unit Development). *The Zoning Public Hearing was continued on January 23, 2008 and February 6, 2008.*

Upon motion by Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the *Map Amendment / Rezoning* of 3400 Margrave Road, TMS# 09112-03-08; rezone from RS-2 (Single-Family Residential) and RG-1 (General Residential) to PUD-R (Residential Planned Unit Development) subject to incorporating the Memorandum of Understanding dated January 25, 2008 and provided that **1)** The applicant complies with the revised site plan submitted at the December 2007 Planning Commission meeting [included within packet]; and **2)** By 1/11/08, the applicant and the Hyatt Park Neighborhood Association reach agreement upon the 7 points outlined within the 12/3/07 letter from the Hyatt Park Neighborhood Association [included within packet; emphasis added].

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to approve the **Consent Agenda Items 16.** through **23.** and **25.** through **29.** as presented.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS, AGREEMENTS and CHANGE ORDERS

16. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Medical Supplies and Equipment, as requested by the Emergency Operations Center. Award to the lowest bidder Southeastern Emergency Equipment of Wake Forest, N.C. in the amount of \$13,419.37. *Funding Source: 2059999-627100 / 9061000102-627100 Grant Funds from the MMR US Department of Health and Human Services - Approved*
17. Council is asked to approve a Telecommunications Facilities Exchange and Construction Agreement, as requested by Parking Services. Award to SCANA Communications in an amount not to exceed \$15,290.00. This agreement will enable the Information Technology Department to provide direct network service (fiber optic) to three (3) City locations, resulting in a savings of at least \$6,600.00 per year. *Funding Source: 5326366-PG001111 - Approved*

18. Council is asked to approve an Agreement for Engineering Services for a Study and Recommendations for Disinfection Options at the Lake Murray, Columbia Canal and Metro Wastewater Treatment Plants, as requested by Engineering Operations. Award to Black & Veatch in an amount not to exceed \$18,500.00. This firm is located in Greenville, SC. *Funding Source: Fiscal Year 2007/2008 Operating Budgets for each plant - Approved*
19. Council is asked to approve an Agreement for Engineering Services for US Army Corps of Engineers Permitting and Geotechnical Services, as requested by Engineering Operations. Award to MACTEC Engineering in an amount not to exceed \$20,800.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Fiscal Year 2007/2008 Capital Improvements Program* – This agreement provides for revalidating a Nationwide Permit 12 and providing subsurface geotechnical information for the construction of a 48" water line in northeast Columbia. - *Approved*
20. Council is asked to approve a Sanitary Sewer Main Extension Agreement for the Magnolia Pointe Subdivision along Weed Drive west of Lake Murray Boulevard (SC Highway 60), Lexington County, as requested by Engineering Operations. Award to Essex Homes Southeast, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$45,400.00. *Construction of approximately 1,908.81 linear feet of 10-inch sewer main is required to service the subject property consisting of 71 lots. - Approved*
21. Council is asked to approve a Funding Request for Drainage Improvements in the Gills Creek Watershed; SD8319, as requested by Engineering Operations. Award to the Gills Creek Watershed Association in the amount of \$100,000.00. This will help fund the completion of a management/technical plan and initial stormwater restoration projects. *Funding Source: Fiscal Year 2008/2009 Stormwater Utility Budget - Approved*
22. Council is asked to approve an Agreement for Engineering Services for Design and Construction Phase services for Improvements to the City's North 21 Water Standpipe, as requested by Engineering Operations. Award to Black & Veatch in the amount of \$57,000.00. This firm is located in Greenville, SC. *Funding Source: Fiscal Year 2007/2008 Capital Improvements Program - Approved*
23. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of One (1) Front Loader Garbage Truck, as requested by Fleet Services. Award to the low bidder, Heil Environmental in the amount of \$203,196.00. This vendor is located in Chattanooga, TN. *Funding Source: 6308972-658500 - Approved*
24. Council is asked to approve a Contract to Install a Spray Pad and Restroom at Drew Park, as requested by the Parks and Recreation Department. Award to Hobbs Architectural Fountains of Atlanta, Georgia in the amount of \$347,000.00. *Funding Source: PK004302-659300 – Consideration of this item was deferred.*

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

25. Ordinance No.: 2007-085 – Granting encroachment to the University of South Carolina for installation and maintenance of brick walkways, brick planters, landscaping and an irrigation system within the right of way areas of the 1200 and 1300 block of Greene Street *First reading approval was given on January 23, 2008. – Approved on second reading.*
26. Ordinance No.: 2007-108 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 5, Buildings and Building Regulations, Article III, Building Permits, Sec. 5-204, Fee Schedule *First reading approval was given on February 6, 2008. – Approved on second reading.*

CONFIRM ZONING OF PREVIOUSLY ANNEXED PROPERTIES – SECOND READING

27. **36.48 acres, Clemson Frontage Road;** TMS# 25700-02-04 & 10; confirm C-3 zoning. *First reading approval was given on February 6, 2008. – Approved on second reading.*

MAP AMENDMENTS / REZONING – SECOND READING

28. **4630, 4628 and 4626 North Main Street & 1304, 1308 and 1312 Columbia College Drive,** TMS# 09215-09-01, 09215-09-03 and 11603-01-01 (p); rezone from C-3 (General Commercial) and RG-2 (General Residential) to PUD-C (Commercial Planned Unit Development). *First reading approval was given on January 23, 2008. Second reading approval was deferred on February 6, 2008. – Approved on second reading, provided that pervious pavement or surface is only allowed within the parking lot where it is necessary to promote tree preservation, 9-0 (12/03/07).*
29. **3601 Ridgewood Avenue,** TMS# 9209-24-04; rezone from RS-2 (Single-Family Residential) to PUD-R (Residential Planned Unit Development). *First reading approval was given on January 23, 2008. Second reading approval was deferred on February 6, 2008. – Approved on second reading, including relief necessary to allow vehicles to back from parking spaces into ROW, 7-2 (12/03/07).*

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND AGREEMENTS

30. Council is asked to approve Project North Main Street Streetscape, as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to the second lowest bidder meeting specifications, L-J, Inc. of Columbia, S.C., in the amount of \$12,973,446.75. *Funding Source: WM395901-851500*

Mr. Tom Jackson, Attorney for Trussell Brothers Construction Co., Inc. appeared before the members of Council, because Trussell Brothers was the low bidder on this project and they are concerned about not being awarded the bid. He wants to make sure the Council is aware of all options in regard to accepting this bid. He noted that Trussell's bid is almost \$1 million lower than the second bid that is being approved. The bid from Trussell was considered non-responsive so they filed a bid protest with the City Manager. He said that the issues involved with the non-responsiveness has to do with an scrivener's error that Mr. Trussell made when he added the name of a new low bidder and then struck through that same name instead of the old name. They believe that the City, based on its own rules and regulations, has the right to waive any irregularities or accept/reject any and all bids. They believe that the factual circumstances surrounding this bid are the type of things in which the city could exercise that discretion and even allow the firm to correct their bid based on this type of mistake. He noted that it is very important to have a very level playing field in the procurement process.

Mayor Coble thanked Mr. Jackson for his presentation noting that the Council has already been briefed on the matter. He did ask Mr. Ken Gaines, City Attorney to provide another update based on Mr. Jackson's comments, if needed.

Upon motion by Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Sinclair, Council voted six (6) to one (1) to approve Project North Main Street Streetscape, as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to the second lowest bidder meeting specifications, L-J, Inc. of Columbia, S.C., in the amount of \$12,973,446.75. Voting aye were Mr. Cromartie, Ms. Sinclair, Mr. Davis, Ms. Devine, Mr. Rickenmann and Mayor Coble. Mr. Finlay voted nay.

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

31. Ordinance No.: 2008-012 – Authorizing transfer of approximately 0.236 acres (10,280 square feet) of an unused portion of the Heyward Street right of way between South Main Street and South Evans Street to F & M E Consultants, Inc.

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Ms. Sinclair, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2008-012 – Authorizing transfer of approximately 0.236 acres (10,280 square feet) of an unused portion of the Heyward Street right of way between South Main Street and South Evans Street to F & M E Consultants, Inc.

- A. Ordinance No.: 2008-001 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Land Development and Zoning, Article III, Zoning, Division 9, Supplemental District Regulations to add a new Sec. 17-322, Interim Measures for Community Character Protection – *Consideration of this item was deferred.*

Upon motion by Mr. Rickenmann, seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval on a single motion to **Item A1**. Ordinance No.: 2008-023 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 11, Licenses, Permits and Miscellaneous Business Regulations, Article IX, Prevention of Discrimination in the Rental or Sale of Housing **and Item A2**. Ordinance No.: 2008-024 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 11, Licenses, Permits and Miscellaneous Business Regulations, to add Article X, Equal Enjoyment and Privileges to Public Accommodations.

- A1. **Ordinance No.: 2008-023 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 11, Licenses, Permits and Miscellaneous Business Regulations, Article IX, Prevention of Discrimination in the Rental or Sale of Housing – *Approved on first reading.*
- A2. **Ordinance No.: 2008-024 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 11, Licenses, Permits and Miscellaneous Business Regulations, to add Article X, Equal Enjoyment and Privileges to Public Accommodations – *Approved on first reading.*

RESOLUTIONS

- B. Resolution No.: R-2008-006 – Authorizing consumption of beer and wine and Chords for Kids / Charity Fundraiser for the Nurturing Center at Finlay Park - *Approved*

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Ms. Sinclair, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2008-006 – Authorizing consumption of beer and wine and Chords for Kids / Charity Fundraiser for the Nurturing Center at Finlay Park.

CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

- C. Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Development
Consideration of this item was deferred.
- D. Code Enforcement Taskforce

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Ms. Robin Davis of Davis Paint and Body and the Two Notch Road Merchants Association as a representative of the Two Notch Road Corridor.

- E. Columbia Parks and Recreation Foundation Board of Directors
Consideration of this item was deferred.
- F. Mini Grant Committee
Consideration of this item was deferred.

APPEARANCE OF PUBLIC HAVING BUSINESS WITH CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Keith Costello, Rosewood Community Resident, appeared before the members of Council to discuss concerns about information he received in the mail regarding all the building that's going on. He recalled that sometime ago Mayor Coble passed a Green Law to save trees. He can't keep count of the houses that have been built in the Rosewood Community. He said that this may increase property taxes, but it runs people out of the neighborhood, because houses are being built so close. He stated that the Ordinances being passed are not fair to a lot of people, because the builder and the city benefits. He asked why the Rosewood Community wasn't on the flyer.

Councilor Sinclair explained that the mailing was sent out several weeks ago as it relates to the interim measures. She stated that an amendment is coming forth that would allow the Rosewood Community to opt in. She cited the motion that was made several weeks ago to allow the Rosewood Neighborhood to go through the process. She noted that the mailing did not come from the City of Columbia.

- **Council adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Salley
City Clerk