



CITY OF COLUMBIA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2008
9:00 A.M.
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1737 MAIN STREET

The Columbia City Council conducted a Meeting on Wednesday, March 5, 2008 in the City Hall Council Chambers, located at 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina. Mayor Robert D. Coble called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. The following members of Council were present: 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. The Honorable E.W. Cromartie, II arrived at 9:21 a.m. Also present were Mr. Charles P. Austin, Sr., City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Salley, City Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of January 9, 2008

Upon motion by Ms. Sinclair, seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of January 9, 2008 as presented.

PRESENTATIONS

2. Introduction of the 2007 Employee of the Year – Ms. Melissa Gentry, P.E., Director of Public Works

Ms. Melissa Gentry, P.E., Director of Public Works, recognized Mr. Robert Anderson, Solid Waste Superintendent / Deputy Director of Public Works and Mr. Emmanuel Lawson, Assistant Superintendent for Solid Waste for their leadership and all they do for the City of Columbia. She stated that this is the second time in three years that an employee from the Solid Waste Division has been recognized as the Employee of the Year. She challenged all Division Heads under Public Works to recognize their employees' efforts.

Mr. Robert Anderson, Deputy Director of Public Works introduced Mr. Frank E. Myers, Solid Waste Worker as the 2007 Employee of the Year. Mr. Myers began working for the City of Columbia on October 1, 1975 and as a 32-year veteran he knows every street and route in Columbia. He has trained a lot of new hires and works on most Sunday mornings. He also recognized Mrs. Sharon Myers, the wife of Frank Myers.

Mayor Robert D. Coble and Mr. Charles P. Austin, Sr., City Manager presented Mr. Frank E. Myers with a plaque and tokens of appreciation for being selected as the 2007 Employee of the Year.

3. New Marketing Program and Update – Mr. Cal Watson, Board of Trustees Chairman / Historic Columbia Foundation

Mr. Cal Watson, Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Historic Columbia Foundation, provided a brief update on the activities and marketing efforts of the Historic Columbia Foundation. They developed a marketing strategy that focused on general web based marketing, which will allow them to send newsletters, invitations and updates to their database; promoting three (3) annual programs to include the Jubilee Celebration, Holiday Tour of Homes and the new Garden Symposium; and advertising through a billboard campaign to attract more visitors to the historic house museums.

▪ **Mr. Cromartie joined the meeting at 9:21 a.m.**

Mr. Cal Watson, Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Historic Columbia Foundation, stated that the goal of the billboards is to drive people to their website for additional information. By the end of February 2008, the visitation for 2007/2008 was up 5% from the previous year and group bookings for March and April are up 12% from last year.

Mr. Mel Hart, Historic Columbia Foundation, stated that the partnership with the Modjeska Simpkins House continues to go well and the partnership with Blue Cross Blue Shield continues to flourish. He said that we have an exciting spring ahead to include the Garden Symposium, a series of family days at the house museums, a partnership with Charlie's Back Yard Junior Ambassadors to install a kitchen garden at the Robert Mills House, tours of Main Street and a lot more. They continue to provide the highest level of stewardship for the historic properties.

4. Update on Activities at the Capital Senior Center – Mr. Larry Jordan, Executive Director / Capital Senior Center

Mr. Larry Jordan, Executive Director / Capital Senior Center, updated the Council on the activities of the Capital Senior Center, the premiere and only senior center in Columbia. They continue to maintain over 14 different exercise regimens and 16 different clubs and activities. The exercise programs focus on evidence based programs specifically targeting arthritis and osteoporosis. They have a new program through a grant provided by the Central Carolina Community Foundation that was developed by Palmetto Health and targets hypertension. This program is taken to the Oak/Read Street High Rise and Arrington Manor. The Five Points Wheels Program began with seven (7) volunteer drivers that transport seniors where they need and want to go. The plan is to expand the bus transportation into Northeast Columbia by next year. The bus was purchased through grant funding provided by the South Carolina Department of Transportation. The budget for the Capital Senior Center is seriously stressed and they are expecting a cut in funding from Richland County during fiscal year 2008/2009. He admitted that the Center was never properly budgeted to deal with depreciation, noting that the heating and air repair bill has exceeded \$13,000 and will need to be replaced soon at a cost of \$85,000. He formally requested that the City of Columbia increase their fiscal year 2008/2009 allotment by \$12,000. The Center has been looking for an event to help educate and communicate the value of seniors staying socially engaged, physically fit and civically engaged while raising revenue to augment what they have in public funding. He noted that their individual fund raising efforts always hit a glass ceiling, because many believe that the government should provide services to seniors. They are working with the Central Midlands Council of Governments (CMCOG) and the Vista Guild for a potential cycle race as part of the USA Cycling Series on May 3, 2008. It is anticipated that 200 professional cyclists will come to Columbia. He asked for assistance from the City of Columbia by approving the necessary street closings, being visible, helping with public relations, providing in-kind assistance with the stage and by appointing someone to the stakeholders committee.

Councilor Cromartie said that he appreciates the things Mr. Jordan talked about. He said that mature citizens have a substantial voting block that is not cohesive in the community. He urged his peers to cohesively identify and energize that voting block by having incumbents for the upcoming election come to the Center to talk with these individuals.

UPDATES AND REPORTS

5. City Manager's Report – Mr. Charles P. Austin, Sr., City Manager

Mr. Charles P. Austin, Sr., City Manager reported on the following matters: Disparity Study, Financial Update, Information Technology procurement of hardware/software for the city's Online Payment Program and the Police Chief search. This was received as information and no action was taken.

6. Staff Reports

- Enhancement Grants – Mr. Steve Gantt, Senior Assistant City Manager for Operations

Upon motion by Ms. Sinclair, seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to authorize staff to submit two (2) Enhancement Grants to the Central Midlands Council of Governments for the following projects: 1) Sidewalks on Pinehurst Road from Forest Drive to Harrison Road and 2) Jackson Avenue from Monticello Road to Abingdon Road; Bike racks/lockers at city garages and city buildings; bike lanes/striping along Ft. Jackson Boulevard from Devine Street/Sumter Highway to the entrance of Fort Jackson to connect to a portion of the Palmetto Trail; and Jim Hamilton Boulevard from Airport Boulevard to Ott Road.

- Fines and Collections – Ms. Gladys Brown, Assistant City Manager for Administration

Upon motion by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Cromartie, Council voted unanimously to direct staff to draft a Request for Proposals / Request for Qualifications for assistance with debt collections for fines and parking tickets. All collection methods should be considered to include reimplementing of the boot program.

- **Request for Proposal for Five Points Parking – Mr. John Spade, Director of Parking Services

Mr. John Spade, Director of Parking Services, explained that at the direction of Council, in November 2007 staff prepared a Request for Proposals (RFP) for property acquisition for parking in the Five Points area. The RFP was advertised in newspapers and on the city's website. Two (2) responses were received from The Inn at Claussen's, LLC and the developers at the Kenny's Auto site. A three (3)-person committee scored the responses and HR Developers, LLC (Five Points South Project) scored 244 and The Inn at Claussen's, LLC scored 175 points. Those committee members were: Mr. Peter Flotz, lead author of the current Columbia Parking Master Plan; Mr. William Baker, current Parking Director for the State Budget and Control Board; and Mr. John Spade, current Director of Parking Services for the City of Columbia. Parking Systems should be run as a business and should promote and support economic development; encourage private investment; increase tax revenues; provide a high level of customer service; and ensure accessible and convenient parking.

Councilor Rickenmann asked about the traffic flow from each site.

Mr. John Spade, Director of Parking Services, explained that Five Points is unique from a parking perspective, because there is not a large concentration of office space. The traffic continuously flows throughout the day. He noted that people riding around the block looking for parking space causes traffic congestion.

Councilor Finlay asked why wasn't a pro-forma done on both responses, noting that the financial comparisons would remove some subjectivity from the proposals.

Councilor Devine asked how one site scored favorably on the cost of parking and the other scored more favorably on revenue generation. She asked about the committee's discussion and decision-making processes.

Mr. John Spade, Director of Parking Services, explained that the committee looked at the cost per space and total cost. Both projects are the same on total cost, but the Claussen's project provides an extra 59 spaces; therefore, it scored better. They considered the potential for revenue generation; where people are currently parking; where the existing demand is; the pedestrian friendly aspect in terms of walking from and to the garage; and the visibility of each site.

Councilor Sinclair asked why the RFP asked for 100-spaces per level. She asked Mr. Spade to explain how the parking system works when it comes to revenue streams and bonds.

Mr. John Spade, Director of Parking Services, explained that the standard for a parking garage is to make it easily accessible and more convenient for motorists. He noted that the higher the structure the more it would cost to construct. He explained that the Parking Fund is self sufficient to include payment of bonds, operating expenses, personnel cost, postage and all other expenditures. It also includes a \$1 million transfer from the Parking Fund to the General Fund.

Mr. John Brian, Managing Partner of the Inn at Claussen's, LLC, asked the Council to postpone a vote on this matter today, noting that several neighborhood associations (including Martin Luther King, Waverly, Hollywood-Rosehill, Wheeler Hill, Wales Garden and Terrace Way) and the Devine Street Merchants Association oppose the Five Points South project. He stated that more than 400 individuals signed a petition stating their opposition. He explained that the staff evaluation doesn't consider **1)** whether the taxpaying, Five Points shopping public wants a garage; **2)** the criteria seriously under weigh the cost and never compare the cost of each new parking space; **3)** which site would alleviate or cause traffic congestion and thereby impact the pedestrian friendly character of Five Points; **4)** the site conditions at the Kenny's site; and **5)** the location. He further stated that the Claussen's design could easily be adjusted in negotiation with the city if desired.

Mr. Stan Harpe, II, Authorized Member of HR Developers, LLC, stated that the zoning has been in place since December 2007 and he urged the members of Council to vote on the matter since it has been going on for two (2) years now.

Mr. Andrew Marion said that he was not aware that this matter was going to be on the public agenda until yesterday afternoon. He commended Mr. Finlay for his comments and noted that he too finds it astounding that the City Council would vote on this matter without the pro-forma and financial information. He said that the 2002 Columbia Parking Master Plan explicitly stated that there was not a need for a parking garage in Five Points. He recommended that Council consider the financial information and study the matter more carefully before making a decision.

Mr. Ronald Swinson, Jr., Authorized Member of HR Developers, LLC, stated that they have been working on this project for a couple of years now and that there is not much more that can be said. He concurred with Mr. Finlay about the fiscal responsibility for this project. He noted that it would be difficult to do an exact study on this. Based on the committee's study they know that one area would be used more than the other. He said that a lot of misinformation has been provided regarding the number of net spaces and congestion. He said that they have continually delayed this project and now it is time to proceed.

Councilor Finlay said that he is sure a pro forma was done for the Five Points South project, noting that he doesn't expect exact numbers. He stated that it is very hard to make a financial comparison if no math has been done. In terms of the process, he feels that Mr. Swinson is being disingenuous by saying that the city is the cause for the delay since the city did not receive the engineering documents on the storm drains until recently. He urged the merchants in Five Points to step forward and support one garage or another and then lease spaces for employee parking to free up more short-term parking. He said that if a number of spaces were rented on a long-term basis then it would be easier to compare the financials.

Ms. Caroline Watson, 516 Congaree Avenue, stated that the city staff recommendation was posted last week not providing enough time to digest what was in the report. She stated that the agenda was posted on Friday in a way that provided no notice that this matter was being considered for public action today. She noted that as of yesterday the Clerk's Office stated that it would be a staff report and that no public comment or vote would take place. She said that without notice the concerned individuals and businesses have not had a legal opportunity to give Council their concerns. She is concerned about the congestion in the area immediately around Kenny's and asked if the city knew how much congestion would increase. She urged the Council not to take action today.

Upon motion by Ms. Sinclair, seconded by Mr. Cromartie, Council voted six (6) to one (1) to authorize staff to meet with Mr. Brent Robertson, Financial Advisor and Mr. Peter Flotz, Parking Consultant to obtain financial information relating to the proposed parking garages in Five Points; to proceed with contract negotiations for Five Points South; and to post the draft contract on the city's website for two (2) weeks prior to a scheduled Public Hearing. Voting aye were Mr. Cromartie, Ms. Sinclair, Mr. Davis, Ms. Devine, Mr. Rickenmann and Mayor Coble. Mr. Finlay voted nay.

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION / ACTION

- 7. Community Promotions Monthly Funding Recommendations – The Honorable Mildred McDuffie, Committee Chair

The Honorable Judge Mildred McDuffie presented the Community Promotions monthly funding recommendations for February 2008. She noted that the committee has \$75,000 remaining for this fiscal year and requested that the Community Promotions Advisory Committee be authorized to carry forward any overages from this year to next year.

Upon motion by Ms. Devine, seconded by Ms. Sinclair, council voted unanimously to approve the Community Promotions monthly funding recommendations for February 2008 in the total amount of \$2,500. The Community Promotions Advisory Committee is authorized to carry forward any remaining balance in the Community Promotions Fund from fiscal year 2007-2008 to fiscal year 2008-2009. *(Please see below)*

Community Promotions Monthly Funding 2007-2008

Organization	Project Name	Request	Amount Funded
February 2008			
Carolina Children's Home	21st Annual BBQ Cook-Off Festival	2,500	2,500
Chief Corner Stone World Vision <i>*Denied /Religious Organization and Duplication of Services.</i>	Hope for the Family Children &Single Parents	22,000	0
The SC Multicultural Arts Center, Inc <i>*Refer to Hospitality Funding.</i>	Dimensions: the SCC Dance Festival	3,000	0
Totals		27,500	2,500

PRESENTATIONS

7a. **Introduction of Project Unity – Mr. Bruce Trezvant

Mr. Bruce Trezvant stated that he was late because a long time friend went into a coma over the weekend. He presented Project Unity USA, an organization with the goal of going out into high crime communities to reduce crime. They have existed since 2006 and have done such things as thwarting efforts by gangs to kill many youth at once. They work mainly in the North Main area, uptown Columbia, North Charleston, SC and Charlotte, NC. In Columbia, they work with several apartment complexes where they are credited for having two (2) homicide suspects turn themselves in. He is proud of Project Meet Me Where I Am, where four (4) men go out into the high crime communities at 2:00 a.m. to search out criminals and those that don't belong. They directly engage these individuals into speaking about the things they are currently doing, why they are doing those things and what can be done to help them become productive citizens. The individuals are given two (2) months to straighten up and then the information is passed onto law enforcement personnel. They work hard to make this a better city. They conduct community meetings and try to inform citizens of their role in reducing crime. He noted that one consistent problem in high crime communities is the lack of fathers being involved in their kid's lives. They are planning the Turning Point Fatherhood Summit on April 12, 2008 to help fathers re-engage their kids. He stated that he is donating a kidney to his friend and he thanked Mr. Rickenmann and Mr. Davis for their donations to the party. He acknowledged Gold's Gym for supplying a one-year membership to himself and Mr. Warren Wilson after their recuperation time.

The Mayor and members of Council presented Mr. Bruce Trezvant with a proclamation recognizing him for outstanding community leadership and for unselfishly donating a kidney to a friend.

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION / ACTION

8. Council is asked to approve an Application for Detective's License, as requested by the Business License Division. Award to Ms. Chandra Cleveland doing business as Palmetto Protection Agency located at 2601 Read Street, Suite I-8, Columbia, South Carolina, 29204. - *Approved*

Upon motion by Mr. Finlay, seconded by Mr. Cromartie, Council voted unanimously to approve an Application for Detective's License, as requested by the Business License Division. Award to Ms. Chandra Cleveland doing business as Palmetto Protection Agency located at 2601 Read Street, Suite I-8, Columbia, South Carolina, 29204.

9. Four-Way Stop Request – Duncan Street and Sims Avenue

Upon motion by Ms. Sinclair, seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve the installation of a four-way stop control at the intersection of Duncan Street and Sims Avenue as requested by the Shandon Neighborhood Council. Mr. Davis was not present for the vote.

10. Lorick Avenue Speed Hump Request

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted six (6) to one (1) to approve the installation of Two (2) Speed Humps on Lorick Avenue in the section of the road between the bridge to the east and the railroad to the west. Voting aye were Mr. Cromartie, Mr. Davis, Ms. Devine, Mr. Rickenmann, Mr. Finlay and Mayor Coble. Ms. Sinclair voted nay.

Upon motion by Mr. Rickenmann, seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to give second reading approval on a single motion to **Item 10a.** and **Item 10b.**

- 10a. **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 *First reading approval was given on February 20, 2008. – Approved on second reading.*
- 10b. **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 *First reading approval was given on February 20, 2008. – Approved on second reading.*

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion by Ms. Sinclair, seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve the **Consent Agenda Items 11.** through **21.**, **23.** through **C.** and **F.** on a single motion. Mr. Cromartie was not present for the vote.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS, AGREEMENTS and CHANGE ORDERS

11. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Annual Maintenance for Network Hardware, as requested by the Information Technology Department. Award to Pomeroy IT Solutions Sales Company, Inc. of Columbia, SC, using the SC State Contract, in the amount of \$13,239.32. *Funding Source: 1011120-658600 - Approved*
12. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Oracle Licenses for Two (2) Application Servers for the City's Online Payment Project, as requested by Information Technology. Award to Oracle Mythics, using the SC State Contract, in the amount of \$29,307.10. This firm is located in Virginia Beach, VA. *Funding Source: 6218950627510 - Approved*
13. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Two (2) Foundry Load Balancing Appliances, as requested by the Information Technology Department. Award to Foundry, as a Sole Source Procurement, in the amount of \$40,477.57. This firm is located in San Jose, CA. *Funding Source: 6218950-658600 - Approved*
14. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Four (4) Web Servers for the City's Online Payment Project, as requested by Information Technology. Award to Dimension Data Sun of Charlotte, NC, using the SC State Contract, in the amount of \$44,130.05. *Funding Source: 6218950-658600 - Approved*
15. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of 78 Dell 745 Optiplex Computers for Phase Four of the Dell Rollout, as requested by the Information Technology Department. Award to Dell of Round Rock, TX using the SC State Contract, in the amount of \$88,884.90. *Funding Source: 6218950-657600 - Approved*
16. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Ventyx Customer Web Access Professional Services, as requested by Information Technology. Award to Ventyx of Atlanta, GA, as a Sole Source Procurement, in the amount of \$122,814.60. *Funding Source: 6218950-636600 - Approved*
17. Council is asked for approval to Purchase Annual Safety Tests and Inspections for Trucks / Equipment, as requested by the Fleet Services Division. Award to the American

- Test Center, the lowest bidder, in the amount of \$13,720.00. This firm is located in River Falls, WI. *Funding Source: 6308970-672800 - Approved*
18. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Two (2) Hydraulic Base Power Units and Two (2) Tapmate Motors and ½” Hoses, as requested by water Distribution. Award to Mainline Supply Co. of Columbia, SC, as the lowest bidder in the amount of \$17,034.44. *Funding Source: 5516203-658400 - Approved*
 19. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Gas Masks and Accessories, as requested by the Fire Department. Award to Aramsco, Inc., the lowest bidder, in the amount of \$20,313.65. This firm is located in Durham, NC. *Funding Source: 2549999-627100 - Approved*
 20. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Labor Only for Riverfront Park Deck and Bridge Repairs, as requested by the Parks and Recreation Department. Award to Boykin Contracting, Inc. of West Columbia, SC as the lowest bidder in the amount of \$23,200.00. *Funding Source: GL-4019999-636600 / JL-CP103201-636600 - Approved*
 21. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Traffic System Components, as requested by Traffic and Engineering. Award to West Virginia Signal and Light of Kenna, West Virginia, as a sole source procurement, in the amount of \$29,377.92. *Funding Source: 2529999-623600 - Approved*
 22. Council is asked to approve Asphalt Repair Services, as requested by the Street Division. Award to Carolina Construction of Columbia, SC, as the lowest bidder, in the amount of \$41,122.24. *Funding Source: 5513202-623500 - This item was withdrawn from the agenda.*
 23. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Vehicles, as requested by the Street Division. Award to the following vendors in the total amount of \$54,574.00. - *Approved*

Vehicle	Account	Vendor	Location	Amount
Ford F-350 w/ Utility Body	5513202-658500	Benson ford Mercury	Easley, SC	\$30,728.00
Ford F-250 w/ Utility Body	5513202-658500	Burns Automotive	Rock Hill, SC	\$23,846.00

24. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of an Air Compressor Truck, as requested by Water Distribution. Award to Burns Automotive of Rock Hill, SC, as the lowest bidder, in the amount of \$65,065.00. *Funding Source: 5516203-658500 - Approved*
25. Council is asked to approve a Water Main Extension Agreement for Hunter's Run Subdivision along Langford Road between Abell and Paschal Roads in Richland County, as requested by Engineering Operations. Award to Blythewood Residential Developer, Inc. in the maximum amount of \$85,250.00. *Funding Source: Proposed Water Improvement Fund - Approved*
26. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of 141 Triton TL-2 Portable Vehicle Barriers, as requested by the Street Division. Award to Wilson-Finley Company, the lowest bidder meeting all specifications, in the amount of \$101,865.50. This vendor is located in Raleigh, NC. *Funding Source: 5549999-656200 - Approved*
27. Council is asked to approve Project #R44; Adger Road Resurfacing and Drainage Improvements, as requested by the Department of Utilities and Engineering. Award to Carolina Tap & bore, the lowest bidder, in the amount of \$186,971.00. This firm is located in West Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: SR804401-656200 - Approved*

28. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Two (2) Dump Trucks, as requested by the Wastewater Maintenance and Water Distribution Divisions. Award to Columbia Truck Center of Columbia, SC, as the lowest bidder, in the total amount of \$219,534.00. - *Approved*

Vehicle	Account	Amount
Dump Truck w/ Auto Transmission	5516203-658500	\$108,717.00
Dump Truck w/ Auto Transmission & Hydraulic Lift gate	5513202-658500	\$23,846.00

29. Council is asked to approve a Contract Renewal for Sanitary Sewer Root Removal, as requested by Engineering Administration. Award to Duke's Root Control, Inc. in the amount of \$229,135.12. This firm is located in Syracuse, NY. *Funding Source: Sewer Improvement Fund - Approved*
30. Council is asked to approve Maintenance at the Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant, as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to McClam & Associates, Inc., the lowest bidder, in the amount of \$378,756.89. This firm is located in Little Mountain, SC. *Funding Source: SS704801-851200 - Approved*
31. Council is asked to approve Change Order #1 for CIP WM3823 Phase I; Blanding Street Water Main, as requested by Engineering Administration. Award to D.S. Utilities of Little Mountain, SC in the amount of \$573,000.00. *Funding Source: Water Improvement Fund - Approved*
- A. Council is asked to approve Project Esplanade at Canalside, as requested by Construction Management. Award to Cherokee Construction, the lowest bidder, in an amount not to exceed \$4,140,460.61. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: CP002311 - Approved*
- B. Council is asked to approve Project Main Street Beautification Phase II, as requested by Construction Management. Award to AOS Specialty Contractors, Inc., the lowest bidder, in an amount not to exceed \$4,681,256.16. This firm is located in Irmo, SC. *Funding Source: CP003402 - Approved*

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

- C. 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. *First reading approval was given on February 20, 2008. – Approved on second reading.*
- D. 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 *First reading approval was given on February 20, 2008. – Approved on second reading. Please refer to Item 10a.*
- E. 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 *First reading approval was given on February 20, 2008. – Approved on second reading. – Please refer to Item 10b.*

MAP AMENDMENTS / REZONINGS – SECOND READING

- F. **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. First reading approval was given on February 20, 2008. – Approved on second reading, provided: 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].*

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

Upon motion by Ms. Sinclair, seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval on a single motion to **Items G.** through **J.** as presented. Mr. Cromartie and Ms. Devine were not present for the vote.

- G. Ordinance No. 2008-014 - Annexing 942 Broad River Road, 938 Broad River Road, 934 Broad River Road and 810 Broad River Road, Richland County TMS #07311-05-01, 07311-05-11, 07311-05-10 and 07310-02-01 – *Approved on first reading.*
- H. Ordinance No. 2008-015 - Annexing 1103 Hazelwood Road, Richland County TMS #19103-01-05 – *Approved on first reading.*
- I. Ordinance No.: 2008-016 - Annexing 21 Bayleaf Court, 22 Bayleaf Court, 25 Bayleaf Court, 60 Redbay Road, 66 Redbay Road and 68 Redbay Road – *Approved on first reading.*
- J. Ordinance No.: 2008-017 - Annexing 611 and 615 Suber Street, Richland County TMS #13708-04-02 – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon motion by Mr. Finlay, seconded by Ms. Sinclair, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to **Items K.** through **M.** subject to a financial analysis being prepared prior to second reading approval.

- K. Ordinance No.: 2008-018 - Annexing 2712 Atlas Road, 2717 Harlem Street, 2721 Harlem Street, 2725 Harlem Street, 2800 Atlas Road, 2716 Atlas Road, 2504 Atlas Road, 2440 Atlas Road, 2533 Harlem Street, 2603 Harlem Street, 2605 Harlem Street, 2613 Harlem Street, 2617 Harlem Street, 2625 Harlem Street, 2629 Harlem Street, 2628 Atlas Road, 2612 Atlas Road, 2608 Atlas Road, 2604 Atlas Road, 2600 Atlas Road, 2532 Atlas Road, 2528 Atlas Road, 2524 Atlas Road, 2520 Atlas Road, 2440 Atlas Road, 2440 Atlas Road, Atlas Road, 2700 Atlas Road, 2704 Atlas Road, 2708 Atlas Road 2700 Atlas Road, 2440 Atlas Road, Atlas Road, 2440 Atlas Road, 2416 Atlas Road, 2412 Atlas Road, 2408 Atlas Road, 2501 Harlem Street, 2501 Harlem Street, 2505 Harlem Street, 2513 Harlem Street, 2513 Harlem Street, 2517 Harlem Street, 2404 Atlas Road, Atlas Road, 2328 Atlas Road, and 2324 Atlas Road, Richland County TMS # 13509-01-01, 13509-01-05, 13509-01-06, 13509-01-07, 13509-01-17, 13509-01-18, 13510-02-01, 13510-02-02, 13510-02-03, 13510-02-04, 13510-02-05, 13510-02-06, 13510-02-07, 13510-02-08, 13510-02-09, 13510-02-11, 13510-02-12, 13510-02-13, 13510-02-14, 13510-02-15, 13510-02-16, 13510-02-17, 13510-02-18, 13510-02-19, 13510-02-20, 13510-02-21, 13510-02-22, 13510-04-01, 13510-04-02,

13510-04-03, 13510-04-04, 13514-01-01, 13514-01-03, 13514-01-04, 13514-01-05, 13514-01-06, 13514-01-07, 13514-01-08, 13514-01-09, 13514-01-10, 13514-01-11A, 13514-01-11B, 13514-01-12, 13515-06-01, 13515-06-02, 13515-06-03, and 13515-06-36 – *Approved on first reading, subject to a financial analysis being prepared prior to second reading approval.*

- L. Ordinance No.: 2008-019 - Annexing Saskatoon Drive, Lingonberry Drive, 161 Saskatoon Drive, 153 Saskatoon Drive, 149 Saskatoon Drive, 145 Saskatoon Drive, 141 Saskatoon Drive, 137 Saskatoon Drive, 133 Saskatoon Drive, 129 Saskatoon Drive, 125 Saskatoon Drive, 121 Saskatoon Drive, 117 Saskatoon Drive, 113 Saskatoon Drive, 109 Saskatoon Drive, 105 Saskatoon Drive, 101 Saskatoon Drive, 114 Saskatoon Drive, 118 Saskatoon Drive, 122 Saskatoon Drive, 126 Saskatoon Drive, 329 Lingonberry Drive, 325 Lingonberry Drive, 321 Lingonberry Drive, 317 Lingonberry Drive, 313 Lingonberry Drive, 309 Lingonberry Drive, 305 Lingonberry Drive, 200 Saskatoon Drive, 204 Saskatoon Drive, 208 Saskatoon Drive, 2 Aronia Court, 6 Aronia Court, 10 Aronia Court, 11 Aronia Court, 9 Aronia Court, 5 Aronia Court, 1 Aronia Court, 222 Saskatoon Drive, 226 Saskatoon Drive, 20 Wishmore Court, 24 Wishmore Court, 28 Wishmore Court, 29 Wishmore Court, 25 Wishmore Court, 21 Wishmore Court, 242 Saskatoon Drive, 241 Saskatoon Drive, 237 Saskatoon Drive, 233 Saskatoon Drive, 229 Saskatoon Drive, 225 Saskatoon Drive, 221 Saskatoon Drive, 217 Saskatoon Drive, 213 Saskatoon Drive, 177 Saskatoon Drive, 173 Saskatoon Drive, 169 Saskatoon Drive, 300 Lingonberry Drive, 178 Saskatoon Drive, 170 Saskatoon Drive, 166 Saskatoon Drive, 162 Saskatoon Drive, 154 Saskatoon Drive, and 144 Saskatoon Drive; Richland County TMS #22016-01-53, 22016-01-43, 22015-01-56, 22016-03-01, 22015-02-09, 22015-02-11, 22015-02-12, 22015-02-13, 22016-01-55, 22016-01-54, 22016-01-52, 22016-01-51, 22016-01-50, 22016-01-49, 22016-01-48, 22016-01-47, 22016-01-46, 22016-01-45, 22016-01-44, 22016-01-42, 22016-01-41, 22016-01-40, 22016-01-39, 22016-01-38, 22016-01-37, 22016-01-36, 22016-01-35, 22016-01-34, 22016-01-33, 22016-01-32, 22016-01-31, 22016-01-30, 22016-01-29, 22016-01-28, 22016-01-27, 22016-01-26, 22016-01-25, 22016-01-24, 22016-01-23, 22016-01-22, 22016-01-21, 22016-01-20, 22016-01-19, 22016-01-18, 22016-01-17, 22016-01-16, 22016-01-15, 22016-01-14, 22016-01-13, 22016-02-01, 22016-02-02, 22016-02-03, 22016-02-04, 22016-02-05, 22016-02-06, 22016-02-07, 22016-02-08, 22015-01-57, 22015-01-58, 22015-01-59, 22015-07-01, 22015-07-02, 22015-07-03, 22015-07-04, 22015-07-05, 22015-07-06, and 22015-07-07 – *Approved on first reading, subject to a financial analysis being prepared prior to second reading approval.*
- M. Ordinance No.: 2008-020 - Annexing 144 Island View Circle, 148 Island View Circle, 160 Island View Circle, 164 Island View Circle, 172 Island View Circle, 176 Island View Circle, 180 Island View Circle, 184 Island View Circle, 190 Island View Circle, 179 Island View Circle, 163 Island View Circle, 157 Island View Circle, 147 Island View Circle, 143 Island View Circle, and Island View Circle, Richland County #28907-01-06, 28907-01-07, 28907-01-10, 28912-01-07, 28912-01-05, 28912-01-04, 28912-01-03, 28912-01-02, 28912-01-01, 2808-02-08, 2808-02-11, 2808-02-12, 2808-02-05, 2808-02-06 and 28912-01-08 – *Approved on first reading, subject to a financial analysis being prepared prior to second reading approval.*
- N. Ordinance No.: 2008-021 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 5, Buildings and Land Regulations, Article IV, Demolition of Structures, Sec. 5-235, Penalty bond – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon motion by Mr. Finlay, seconded by Ms. Sinclair, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2008-021 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 5, Buildings and Land Regulations, Article IV, Demolition of Structures, Sec. 5-235, Penalty bond.

RESOLUTIONS

- O. Resolution No.: R-2008-007 – Authorizing consumption of alcoholic beverages at The Crawfish Festival - *Approved*

Upon motion by Mr. Finlay, seconded by Ms. Sinclair, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2008-007 - Authorizing consumption of alcoholic beverages at The Crawfish Festival.

CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

- P. Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Development

Upon motion by Ms. Sinclair, seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Ms. Yolanda Jones Bell (*Mr. Davis*) and Ms. Danielle Holley-Walker (*Mayor Coble*) to the Citizens Advisory Committee for a four (4) year term.

APPEARANCE OF PUBLIC HAVING BUSINESS WITH CITY COUNCIL

Dr. Marie Faltas appeared before the members of Council to request that the City Council meet with her in Executive Session and if not, then why. She asked when it would be possible and under what conditions would she be able to speak with the Council. She asked if the Council has been informed about her issue. She asked them to remember that the request involves her intellectual properties and that she is in the process of putting together a cooperative proposal, but she must be careful about putting her intellectual property and invention out to the public. She stated that she has met all of the Council's conditions.

Mayor Coble stated that the Council would be briefed by the City Attorney and would ask the City Attorney to inform her of the answer.

Mr. Christopher Ray appeared before the members of Council to thank them for their support of the two (2) human rights Ordinances that were approved earlier today. He said that when history books are written people will look back and see that the small steps taken today moved Columbia from a good city to a great city.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Mr. Finlay, seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 12:50 p.m. for the discussion of **Items Q.** through **W.** as amended.

- Q. Receipt of legal advice as it relates to matters covered by attorney-client privilege
- Community Character Protection Ordinance

This item was discussed in Executive Session. No action was taken.

- Five Points Parking Request for Proposals

*This item was removed from the Executive Session list and discussed in public session.
(See Staff Reports)*

- Panhandling and Aggressive Begging
- Lower Richland Sewer Service
- **Water / Sewer Rates

These items were discussed in Executive Session. No action was taken.

- R. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements
- City / County Fire Service Contract Extension

This item was discussed in Executive Session. No action was taken.

S. Discussion of negotiations incident to the proposed sale of property
This item was discussed in Executive Session. No action was taken.

- **Council adjourned the Executive Session discussion at 1:40 p.m.**

T. Request for Emergency Procurement

Upon motion by Mr. Finlay, seconded by Ms. Sinclair, Council voted unanimously to approve Asbestos Debris Removal Services at 3615 North Main Street. Award to Asbestos and Demolition Inc. of Columbia, SC in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.

U. Oral Resolution

Upon motion by Ms. Devine, seconded by Ms. Sinclair, Council voted unanimously to approve an Oral Resolution authorizing the consumption of alcohol at the "Fight Like a Girl" Breast Cancer Benefit on Saturday, March 7, 2008 from 6:30 p.m. until 12:00 a.m. on Lincoln Street between Gervais Street and Lady Street.

- **Council reconvened the Executive Session discussion at 1:41 p.m.**
- **Mr. Finlay left the meeting at 2:10 p.m.**
- **Mr. Cromartie left the meeting at 2:38 p.m.**

V. **Discussion of employment of an employee
This item was discussed in Executive Session. No action was taken.

W. **Investigative proceedings regarding allegations of criminal misconduct
This item was discussed in Executive Session. No action was taken.

- **Council adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Salley
City Clerk