



CITY OF COLUMBIA  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING &  
ZONING PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2009  
9:00 A.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR  
1737 MAIN STREET

The Columbia City Council met for an Executive Session at 8:45 a.m.; conducted a Regular Meeting at 9:16 a.m.; a Sidewalk Vending Public Hearing at 10:04 a.m. and a Zoning Public Hearing at 10:05 a.m. on Wednesday, March 25, 2009 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Mayor Robert D. Coble and the following members of Council were present: The Honorable E.W. Cromartie, II, The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine, The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann and The Honorable Belinda F. Gergel. The Honorable Sam Davis arrived during the first Executive Session discussion. The Honorable Kirkman Finlay III was absent. Also present were Mr. Steven Gantt, Interim City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Salley, City Clerk.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon motion by Mayor Coble, seconded by Mr. Cromartie, Council voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 8:45 a.m. for the discussion of **Items 1.** and **2.** as presented.

1.     \*\*Receipt of legal advice which relates to a matter covered by attorney-client privilege
    - Hotel Litigation

*This item was discussed in Executive Session. No action was taken.*
  2.     \*\*Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements
    - Request for Qualifications for Legal Counsel

*This item was discussed in Executive Session. No action was taken.*
- **Council adjourned the Executive Session at 9:15 a.m. to convene the Regular Meeting.**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

3.     Minutes of October 1, 2008 – *Approved as presented.*

Upon motion by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Cromartie, Council voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of October 1, 2008 as presented.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

4.     Introduction of the March 2009 Employee of the Month – Mr. Jim Gambrell, Director of Economic Development

Mr. Jim Gambrell, Director of Economic Development introduced Ms. Brenda Jones, Senior Administrative Secretary for Economic Development as the March 2009 Employee of the Month. Ms. Jones has been with the City of Columbia since May 2002. He described Ms. Jones as an employee with a beautiful smile, gracious manners and passion for her responsibilities. She is a people person and a diplomatic professional.

Mayor Coble presented Ms. Jones with a plaque and Mr. Gantt presented Ms. Jones with a token of appreciation for being selected as the March 2009 Employee of the Month.

5. Introduction of the New Executive Director - Ms. Haneez Zattam, Executive Director of Columbia World Affairs Council

Ms. Haneez Zattam, former Executive Director of the World Affairs Council thanked the members of City Council for supporting the World Affairs Council over the last five (5) years of her career as the Executive Director. She said that it is now time to hand off the torch to Ms. Sabrina Mandanas as the new Executive Director of the Columbia World Affairs Council. She added that Ms. Mandanas will continue the cooperation and shared vision of the World Affairs Council.

Ms. Sabrina Mandanas, Executive Director of the Columbia World Affairs Council said that she is excited, happy and ready to begin working.

6. Forrest L. Woods Fishing Tournament Event – Ms. Miriam Atria, President / CEO of Capital City Lake Murray Country

Ms. Miriam Atria, Chief Executive Officer of the Capital City Lake Murray Country provided an update on the 2008 Forest L. Woods Fishing Tournament. She reported that as of today the organization has generated over \$58.9 million in economic tourism revenue. The Forrest Wood Cup was a 14-day fishing tournament that was hosted in nine (9) venues surrounding Lake Murray. With 11,106 room nights booked, money was also spent on gas, food, rental facilities, parking, security, etc. It was the largest event ever held at the Convention Center. Several organizations received donations for participating in this event. The Forrest Wood Cup also known as the Super Bowl of fishing was nominated for the 2009 Governor's Cup Award for national media exposure, impact on increased visitors, tourism revenues and a 6% increase in room nights resulting in \$16,112,957 increased revenues. She presented a video with a special thank you message from Forrest L. Woods Outdoors. Ms. Atria announced that Capital City Lake Murray Country will be seeking to host the 2014 event as well. She noted that the Convention Center was not big enough to house the event in 2008.

Councilor Davis congratulated Ms. Atria on the event. He said that he is still hearing about it on sports radio stations. Capital City Lake Murray Country reached its goal; they did a good job of showing us off; and the partnership is well worth it. This is what it takes to keep Columbia in the spotlight.

Ms. Miriam Atria, Chief Executive Officer of the Capital City Lake Murray Country she said that they are seeking funding through the Accommodations Tax Fund and was told that all advertisements had to bear the logo of the Famously Hot campaign. We are supportive of this, but it is going to put our organization in an awkward position if we have to put this in our 4-county ads; there would be seven to eight logos on the ads.

Councilor Rickenmann asked Ms. Atria to provide the Council with a copy of the ads to review. We are pushing this because we need to stand behind it.

### **MAP AMENDMENTS (REZONINGS) – SECOND READING**

7. 3907 Ridgewood Avenue, TMS# 09210-11-05; rezone from RG-2 (General Residential) to PUD-R (Residential Planned Unit Development). – *First reading approval was given on March 4, 2009. Second reading approval was deferred until April 15, 2009.*

Mr. Marc Mylott, Director of Planning and Development Services explained that during last week he circulated a list of conditions resulting from countless e-mails between him and Mr. Connelly.

Mr. Kevin Connelly, Developer said that they still needed to iron out some of the details and that he would like to defer the matter until the next Council Meeting.

Councilor Davis concurred, noting that he would work with them to obtain SCDOT approval on the front end.

Upon motion by Mr. Rickenmann, seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to defer second reading approval until April 15, 2009.

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

8. Council is asked for approval to enter into Contract Negotiations for the North Harden Street Phase II Project, as requested by Engineering Administration. Award to LPA Group as recommended by the Selection Committee. Note: *LPA Group is a Mentor Protégé Firm. – Approved with the understanding that the Protégé will work with the Mentor on this project from start to finish.*

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to authorize Contract Negotiations for the North Harden Street Phase II Project, as requested by Engineering Administration. Award to LPA Group as recommended by the Selection Committee.

9. Council is asked to approve an Agreement between the City of Columbia and Leisure Fun for an Online Calendar of Events in the amount of \$15,000. *Funding Source: Accommodations Tax Fund – **Note:** One half of cost (\$7,500) is due at the initiation of project. The balance will be due in monthly increments of \$750.00 beginning the third month of service. - Approved*

Upon motion by Ms. Devine, seconded by Dr. Gergel, Council voted unanimously to approve an Agreement between the City of Columbia and Leisure Fun for an Online Calendar of Events in the amount of \$15,000.

10. Council is asked to approve Project #SS7056(19); Purchase of one (1) Lot of Stainless Steel Hanger Bearing Parts for the Sludge Conveyor System at the Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to C&D Specialty Parts, the lowest bidder in the amount of \$30,656.00. This vendor is located in Florence, SC. *Funding Source: Sewer Improvement Fund 5529999-SS705619-851200 - Approved*

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to approve Project #SS7056(19); Purchase of one (1) Lot of Stainless Steel Hanger Bearing Parts for the Sludge Conveyor System at the Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to C&D Specialty Parts, the lowest bidder in the amount of \$30,656.00.

11. Council is asked to approve Project #WM4163; New 24" Pressure Reducing Valve (PRV) at Kennerly Road PRV Station, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to Ross Value of Troy, NY; as a sole source in the amount of \$32,982.00 and Mainline Supply Company of Columbia, SC in the amount of \$2,510.14 for a total amount of \$35,552.14. *Funding Source: Water Improvement Fund WM416301851500 - Approved*

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve Project #WM4163; New 24" Pressure Reducing Valve (PRV) at Kennerly Road PRV Station, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to Ross Value of Troy, NY; as a sole source in the amount of \$32,982.00 and Mainline Supply Company of Columbia, SC in the amount of \$2,510.14 for a total amount of \$35,552.14.

12. Council is asked to approve Project #WM4181; Emergency Repair of 30" Water Main Along Highland Drive, as requested by Utilities and Engineering in the amount of \$44,239.80. *Funding Source: Water Improvement Fund **Note:** Repairs will be completed through City Forces. - Approved*

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve Project #WM4181; Emergency Repair of 30" Water Main Along Highland Drive, as requested by Utilities and Engineering in the amount of \$44,239.80.

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to approve **Items 13.** through **16.** with a single motion.

13. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of DuoDote Auto Injectors and DuoDote Trainers, as requested by the Homeland Security / EOC. Award to Meridian Medical Technologies Inc., the lowest bidder in the amount of \$62,760.85. This vendor is located in Columbia, MD. *Funding Source: 2549999-624900 JL9601000207-624900 – MMRS 2007 EPA Grant – **Note:** A Duo-Dote is a single unit auto injector and training kit. It assists first responders and emergency department personnel to treat persons who are affected by Nerve Agent of Insecticide Intoxication. This is a reimbursable grant. - Approved*
14. Council is asked to approve Change Order #1 WM4169; Water Main Construction Along Taylor Street from Wayne to Main Street and Along Hampton Street from Lincoln to Park Street, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to DS Utilities, Inc., in the amount of \$67,790.00. This vendor is located in Little Mountain, SC. *Funding Source: Water Improvement Fund WM416901 851500 - Approved*
15. Council is asked to approve Project #SS7088; Agreement for a Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Study (SSES) and Flow Monitoring, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to Brown and Caldwell, Inc., in the amount of \$358,000.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: 2008 / 2009 Capital Improvement Program Budget SS708801 636600 - Approved*
16. Council is asked to approve a Contract Extension for Professional Accounting Services, as requested by the Finance Department. Award to the Municipal Association of South Carolina from January 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009 at a rate of \$120.00 per hour. *Funding Source: 1011401, 1011402 and 551409 - Approved*

#### **ORDINANCES – SECOND READING**

17. Ordinance No.: 2008-108 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of The City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 8, Environmental Health and Sanitation, Article IV, Pollution Control, Division 5, Regulations and Requirements Relating to Smoking of Tobacco Products, to delete Sec. 8-219 and renumber subsequent sections – *First reading approval was given on March 4, 2009. – Approved on second reading.*

Councilor Gergel asked if other cities have removed the signage requirement from their ordinances.

Mr. Ken Gaines, City Attorney said that he doesn't know.

Councilor Devine said that she received a letter about the sign requirement and then she began to think about how adding a sign to her small business would take away from the aesthetics. She said that the signage is not necessary, because the law is the law.

Councilor Rickenmann said that having to post the "no smoking" sign within the entranceway poses additional requirements.

Mayor Coble agreed that the sign isn't needed.

Councilor Davis added that it would be an undue burden on both small and large businesses.

Upon motion by Mr. Rickenmann, seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted five (5) to one (1) to give second reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2008-108 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of The City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 8, Environmental Health and Sanitation, Article IV, Pollution Control, Division 5, Regulations and Requirements Relating to Smoking of Tobacco Products, to delete Sec. 8-219 and renumber subsequent sections. Voting aye were Mr. Cromartie, Mr. Davis, Ms. Devine, Mr. Rickenmann and Mayor Coble. Dr. Gergel voted nay.

18. Ordinance No.: 2009-015 – Granting encroachment to Michael Drennan for installation and maintenance of landscaping, an irrigation system, two flagstone pavers walking paths, an arbor and a bench within the right of way area of the 2300 block of Blossom Street adjacent to his property at 2227 Terrace Way (*Mr. Chip Land, Long Range Planner: Recommends approval*) – *First reading approval was given on March 4, 2009. – Approved on second reading.*

Upon motion by Ms. Devine, seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to give second reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2009-015 – Granting encroachment to Michael Drennan for installation and maintenance of landscaping, an irrigation system, two flagstone pavers walking paths, an arbor and a bench within the right of way area of the 2300 block of Blossom Street adjacent to his property at 2227 Terrace Way.

19. Ordinance No.: 2009-016 – Annexing 5212 Farrow Road a/k/a 5206 Busby Street, 1738 Busby Street, 1736 Busby Street, 1734 Busby Street, 1730 Busby Street, 1722 Busby Street, 1722A Busby Street, 1714 Busby Street, 1706 Busby Street, 1705 Busby Street, 1709 Busby Street, 1713 Busby Street, 1721 Busby Street, 1725 Busby Street, 1731 Busby Street, 1733 Busby Street, 1735 Busby Street, and 1745 Busby Street, Richland County TMS: 11607-08-06, 11611-06-13, 11611-06-12, 11611-06-11, 11611-06-10, 11611-06-08, 11611-06-06, 11611-06-05, 11611-06-03, 11611-06-02, 11611-06-01, 11607-08-13, 11607-08-14, 11607-08-12, 11607-08-11, and 11607-08-10 (*Mr. Marc Mylott, Director of Planning and Development Services: Recommends approval*) – *First reading approval was given on March 4, 2009. – Approved on second reading.*

Upon motion by Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to give second reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2009-016 – Annexing 5212 Farrow Road a/k/a 5206 Busby Street, 1738 Busby Street, 1736 Busby Street, 1734 Busby Street, 1730 Busby Street, 1722 Busby Street, 1722A Busby Street, 1714 Busby Street, 1706 Busby Street, 1705 Busby Street, 1709 Busby Street, 1713 Busby Street, 1721 Busby Street, 1725 Busby Street, 1731 Busby Street, 1733 Busby Street, 1735 Busby Street, and 1745 Busby Street, Richland County TMS: 11607-08-06, 11611-06-13, 11611-06-12, 11611-06-11, 11611-06-10, 11611-06-08, 11611-06-06, 11611-06-05, 11611-06-03, 11611-06-02, 11611-06-01, 11607-08-13, 11607-08-14, 11607-08-12, 11607-08-11, and 11607-08-10.

20. Ordinance No.: 2009-017 – Annexing 1019 Darlington Street and 1023 Darlington Street, Richland County TMS #09106-03-10 (*Mr. Marc Mylott, Director of Planning and Development Services: Recommends approval*) – *First reading approval was given on March 4, 2009. – Approved on second reading.*

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to give second reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2009-017 – Annexing 1019 Darlington Street and 1023 Darlington Street, Richland County TMS #09106-03-10.

21. Ordinance No.: 2009-019 – Annexing 0.76 acres, SE/S Wildewood Centre Drive, Richland County TMS #25608-10-11 (*Mr. Marc Mylott, Director of Planning and Development Services: Recommends approval*) – *First reading approval was given on March 4, 2009. – Approved on second reading.*

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to give second reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2009-019 – Annexing 0.76 acres, SE/S Wildewood Centre Drive, Richland County TMS #25608-10-11.

### **ORDINANCES- FIRST READING**

Councilor Gergel asked Mr. Mylott to explain the concerns that staff have as it relates to **Item 22**.

Mr. Marc Mylott, Director of Planning and Development Services said that his staff concurs with the concerns expressed by Ms. Sara Hollar as the Superintendent of Forestry and Beautification. He added that Ms. Hollar and Mr. Clark reached a solution on her concerns about how the fence might impact potential trees. Everyone is comfortable that with these conditions the encroachment should be approved.

Councilor Rickenmann said that he did not speak with the applicant, but as he understands it this is about the safety of children. The applicant went through a lot to get to this stage and that's not a good thing. He asked that this process be reviewed to determine how to simplify it in the future.

Mr. Marc Mylott, Director of Planning and Development Services asked if this could be done at the staff level like street closings. He said that he would meet with the City Attorney.

Upon motion by Mr. Rickenmann, seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to **Items 22**. and **23**. with a single motion.

22. Ordinance No.: 2009-004 – Granting an encroachment to Norman V. Clark for installation and maintenance of fencing and columns at 420 Edisto Avenue (*Mr. Chip Land, Long Range Planner: Recommends approval*) – *Approved on second reading.*
23. Ordinance No.: 2009-027 – Granting an encroachment to City Center Partnership for placement and maintenance of two (2) cigarette butt receptacle in front of 1508 Main Street and one (1) cigarette butt receptacles in front of 1649 Main Street (*Mr. Chip Land, Long Range Planner: Recommends approval*) – *Approved on second reading.*

### **RESOLUTIONS**

24. Resolution No.: R-2009-001 – Authorizing consumption of beer and wine at Cinco de Mayo 2009 in Finlay Park - *Approved*

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2009-001 – Authorizing consumption of beer and wine at Cinco de Mayo 2009 in Finlay Park.

25. Resolution No.: R-2009-012 – Adopting City of Columbia Use of Force Policy (*Conductive Energy Weapon*) - *Approved*

Councilor Devine asked when the Police Department would receive the equipment.

Mr. Steve Gantt, Interim City Manager said that they already have some Tasers.

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2009-012 – Adopting City of Columbia Use of Force Policy (*Conductive Energy Weapon*).

26. Resolution No.: R-2009-015 – Permitting the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's WVOC Radiothon to collect money at the corner of Greystone Boulevard and Stoneridge Drive – *Approved*

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2009-015 – Permitting the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's WVOC Radiothon to collect money at the corner of Greystone Boulevard and Stoneridge Drive.

27. Resolution No.: R-2009-016 – Authorizing change of signatures on checking accounts - *Approved*

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2009-016 – Authorizing change of signatures on checking accounts.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

28. Complete Count Committees Census 2010

Mr. Marc Mylott, Director of Planning and Development Services explained that the City of Columbia is forming a joint committee with Richland County in an effort to get the word out that Census 2010 is coming and we want to make sure that we count as many people as possible in the City limits.

Councilor Davis asked that Columbia College be added to the list.

Councilor Gergel asked how we ensured the best possible count in the past.

Mr. Marc Mylott, Director of Planning and Development Services said that there was a committee for the last count, but not a joint committee.

Councilor Cromartie confirmed that there was a Census Committee and it is important, because we have had a real problem getting an accurate count in the past.

Councilor Devine asked if there would be staff appointees. She asked that they involve Public Relations. She said that the Columbia Council of Neighborhoods should decide who they want to appoint and so should the Richland County neighborhood organization.

Councilor Cromartie said that he would support that. We need diversity and should include representatives from Benedict College, Allen University and Columbia College, because we want to ensure that those students are included in the count, if possible.

There was a consensus of Council to finalize the appointments on April 1, 2009 and to present a proclamation on April 15, 2009.

## **SIDEWALK VENDING PUBLIC HEARING**

- **Council opened the Sidewalk Vending Public Hearing at 10:04 a.m.**

### **RESOLUTION**

29. Resolution No.: R-2009-009 – Amending Sidewalk Vending Locations and Authorized Merchandise - *Approved*

No one appeared in support of or in opposition to **Item 29**.

Upon motion by Mr. Rickenmann, seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2009-009 – Amending Sidewalk Vending Locations and Authorized Merchandise.

#### ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

30. Mid-block pad near 1333 Main Street

Ordinance No.: 2009-021 – Granting a Franchise to Regina Doster and Kylin Doster d/b/a Carolina Dawgs for operation of a stationary sidewalk vending cart within the mid-block pad near 1333 Main Street – **Note:** *This is a renewal. – Approved on first reading.*

No one appeared in support of or in opposition to **Item 30.**

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2009-021 – Granting a Franchise to Regina Doster and Kylin Doster d/b/a Carolina Dawgs for operation of a stationary sidewalk vending cart within the mid-block pad near 1333 Main Street.

31. Mid-block pad, end of College Street, east side of Sumter Street (USC Horseshoe).

Ordinance No.: 2009-022 – Granting a Franchise to Tiffany Rockholz d/b/a Be Cool for operation of a stationary sidewalk vending cart within the mid-block pad end of College Street, E/S of Sumter Street at the USC Horseshoe – **Note:** *This is a new application. – Approved on first reading.*

No one appeared in support of or in opposition to **Item 31.**

Upon motion by Mr. Rickenmann, seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2009-022 – Granting a Franchise to Tiffany Rockholz d/b/a Be Cool for operation of a stationary sidewalk vending cart within the mid-block pad end of College Street, E/S of Sumter Street at the USC Horseshoe.

- **Council adjourned the Sidewalk Vending Public Hearing at 10:05 a.m.**

#### ZONING PUBLIC HEARING

- **Council opened the Zoning Public Hearing at 10:05 a.m.**

#### MAP AMENDMENTS (REZONINGS) – FIRST READING

- A. 6808 N. Main Street, TMS# 11716-02-02 (p); rezone property from D-1 (Development District) to C-1 (Office and Institutional). – *Approved on first reading.*

No one appeared in support of or in opposition to **Item A.**

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the *Map Amendment* for 6808 N. Main Street, TMS# 11716-02-02 (p); rezone property from D-1 (Development District) to C-1 (Office and Institutional).

TEXT AMENDMENTS – FIRST READING

- B. Amend §17-55 and §17-258 regarding the regulation of microbreweries.

Ordinance No.: 2009-023 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Development and Zoning, Article III, Zoning, Division I, Generally, Sec. 17-55, Definitions to add Microbrewery; and Division 8, District Descriptions; Use and Dimensional Regulations, Sec. 17-258, Table of permitted uses, Division D, Manufacturing to add SIC 206; and to add Sec. 17-290 Microbrewery – *Approved on first reading.*

Councilor Devine asked if this amendment would allow onsite consumption.

Mr. Marc Mylott, Director of Planning and Development Services said no; this is not related to a bar. A tour would be accessory to the principle use.

Councilor Cromartie inquired about the odor emanating into the community.

Mr. Marc Mylott, Director of Planning and Development Services explained that the production levels have been scaled back to reduce the odor. It is the strictest limit we found on microbreweries.

No one appeared in support of or in opposition to **Item B.**

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2009-023 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Development and Zoning, Article III, Zoning, Division I, Generally, Sec. 17-55, Definitions to add Microbrewery; and Division 8, District Descriptions; Use and Dimensional Regulations, Sec. 17-258, Table of permitted uses, Division D, Manufacturing to add SIC 206; and to add Sec. 17-290 Microbrewery.

- C. Amend §17-258 the regulation of food crops and aquaponics.

Ordinance No.: 2009-024 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Land Development and Zoning, Article III, Zoning, Division 7, General Regulations, Sec. 17-258 Table of permitted uses, Division A, Agricultural, Forestry and Fishing, 1 Agricultural production - Crops, 18 Horticultural Specialties, to add SIC 182 Food crops grown within an enclosure, SEC 183 Aquaponics and to delete SEC 189 Horticultural specialties not elsewhere classified – *Approved on first reading.*

Ms. Krista Hampton, Development Center Coordinator explained that aquaponics is the relationship between growing fish and growing plants.

No one appeared in support of or in opposition to **Item C.**

Upon motion by Mr. Rickenmann, seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2009-024 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Land Development and Zoning, Article III, Zoning, Division 7, General Regulations, Sec. 17-258 Table of permitted uses, Division A, Agricultural, Forestry and Fishing, 1 Agricultural production - Crops, 18 Horticultural Specialties, to add SIC 182 Food crops grown within an enclosure, SEC 183 Aquaponics and to delete SEC 189 Horticultural specialties not elsewhere classified.

- D. Amend Chapter 17, Article 3, Division 12 (Signs), §17-401 and §17-407 of the Zoning Ordinance to prohibit the use of festoons and inflatable signs. *This item was deferred on February 18, 2009.*

Ordinance No.: 2009-008 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Development and Zoning, Article III, Zoning, Division 12, Signs, Sec. 17-401 Definitions to add Festoons and Signs, inflatable; and Sec. 17-404, Prohibited signs to add (f) Festoons and inflatable signs

Councilor Cromartie asked if staff had talked with the auto dealerships about this amendment.

Mr. Marc Mylott, Director of Planning and Development Services said that they did not think it was prudent yet, but they do have the database and mailing list for auto dealers.

Councilor Cromartie said that dealerships use festoons more than anybody else and he wants them to have knowledge of this amendment.

Councilor Rickenmann said that we wanted the Code Enforcement Taskforce to look at it so as to not go back and forth.

No one appeared in support of or in opposition to **Item D**.

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to defer first reading approval of Ordinance No.: 2009-008 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Development and Zoning, Article III, Zoning, Division 12, Signs, Sec. 17-401 Definitions to add Festoons and Signs, inflatable; and Sec. 17-404, Prohibited signs to add (f) Festoons and inflatable signs until May 20, 2009.

- **Council adjourned the Zoning Public Hearing at 10:13 a.m.**

- E. Board of Zoning Appeals

There was a consensus of Council to defer the appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals. The list of applicants needs to be updated; a list of the current members should be provided; and we need an appointee from Council District One.

- F. Accommodations Tax / Community Promotions / Hospitality Tax Advisory Committees

Upon motion by Ms. Devine, seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to approve the following reappointments and appointments to the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee. *(Please refer to chart below.)*

Upon motion by Mr. Rickenmann, seconded by Mr. Cromartie, Council voted unanimously to approve the following reappointments and appointments to the Community Promotions Advisory Committee. *(Please refer to chart below.)*

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to approve the following reappointments and appointments to the Hospitality Tax Advisory Committee. *(Please refer to chart below.)*

<b>New Appointments</b>	<b>Reappointments</b>
<b>Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee</b>	
Bill Ellen	Wendi Nance
Jim Masek	Ron Jones
	Tony Tam
	Dianne Light
	Ken May
<b>Hospitality Tax Advisory Committee</b>	
Cynthia Hardy	Steve MacDougall
John Whitehead	Richard Burts
Marlin Fludd	Susan Douglas
Kelly Glynn	David Martin
	Bobby Williams
	Bill Murphy
<b>Community Promotions Advisory Committee</b>	
Aaron Franklin Johnson	Mildred McDuffie
	Candy Waites
	Connie Jenkins
	Harold White
	Sheila Clause
	Emma McGraw Myers
	Sarah Walker
	Patricia Durkin

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

Retirees and off-duty employees appeared before the Council to express their concerns related to the proposed increase in contributions towards healthcare benefits.

- **Council adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.**

**COLUMBIA PARKING FACILITIES CORPORATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING – ACTION REPORT  
MARCH 25, 2009  
CITY HALL - 1737 MAIN STREET**

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Columbia Parking Facilities Corporation (the "Corporation") will hold a meeting on Wednesday, March 25, 2009 in the Council Chambers, on the third floor of City Hall, located at 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201. The meeting shall be open to the public, except for such matters as may be permitted to be held in closed session pursuant to the South Carolina Code. The Columbia Parking Facilities Corporation Board of Directors called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m. The following members were present: Mr. Robert D. Coble, Mr. E.W. Cromartie, II, Mr. Sam Davis and Ms. Tameika Isaac Devine. Also present were Mr. Steven Gantt, Interim City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Salley, City Clerk.

- I. BB&T Resolution and Agreement for Deposit Form
- II. Certificate of Secretary of Columbia Parking Facilities Corporation

Upon motion by Mayor Coble, seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve the BB&T Resolution and Agreement for Deposit Form **and** to authorize Mr. E.W. Cromartie, II to execute the Certificate of Secretary of the Columbia Parking Facilities Corporation with a single motion.

- **The Columbia Parking Facilities Corporation Board of Directors adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.**

Upon motion by Mayor Coble, seconded by Mr. Cromartie, Council voted unanimously to go into Executive Session for the discussion of **Items G.** through **I.** after a recess at 12:10 p.m.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- **Council convened the Executive Session at 1:45 p.m.**

- G. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements
  - Project Spider
  - City Manager's Retirement
  - Coliseum Rental (RCSDI)
  - Richland School District One School Resource Officer (SRO) Contracts
  - Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority (CMRTA) IGA

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

- H. Receipt of legal advice which relates to matter covered by attorney-client privilege
  - Legal issues related to Retiree Benefits

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

- Columbia Action Council

*This item was not discussed in Executive Session.*

- I. Receipt of legal advice which relates to pending, threatened or potential claim
  - Stella Chappelle, et. al., 1914 Wiley Street, TMS# 11212-16-03

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

- **Mayor Coble left the meeting at 4:10 p.m.**

- **Council adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Salley  
City Clerk