



CITY OF COLUMBIA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2009
6:00 P.M.
CARVER-LYON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
2100 WAVERLY STREET

The Columbia City Council conducted a District II Evening Meeting on Wednesday, October 21, 2009 at Carver-Lyon Elementary School located at 2100 Waverly Street, Columbia, SC 29201. The Honorable Mayor Robert D. Coble called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. The following members of Council were present: The Honorable E.W. Cromartie, II, The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, The Honorable Kirkman Finlay III and The Honorable Belinda F. Gergel. The Honorable Sam Davis arrived at 6:07 p.m. and The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine arrived at 6:12 p.m. Also present were Mr. Steven A. Gantt, Interim City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Salley, City Clerk.

INVOCATION

Reverend Johnny Ray Noble, Ph.D., Pastor of Second Nazareth Baptist Church offered the Invocation.

APPEARANCE OF PUBLIC HAVING BUSINESS RELATED TO THE AGENDA ITEMS

No one appeared at this time.

MINUTES

1. Minutes of March 4, March 11, March 18 and March 25, 2009 – *Approved as presented.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Cromartie and seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of March 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2009 with a single motion.

PRESENTATIONS

2. Welcome to the District II Evening Meeting – The Honorable E.W. Cromartie, II

The Honorable E.W. Cromartie, II welcomed everyone to the District II Evening Meeting.

- Greetings from the Jones McDonald Community Club - Ms. Alexzena Furgess, President and Vice President of the Columbia Council of Neighborhoods

Ms. Alexzena Furgess, President of the Jones McDonald Community Club and Vice President of the Columbia Council of Neighborhoods welcomed everyone to the Edgewood Community.

3. Welcome to Carver Lyon Elementary School – Dr. Dorothy Gallman, Principal

Dr. Dorothy Gallman, Principal welcomed everyone to Carver-Lyon Elementary School.

- Carver Lyon Singers – Ms. Anne Forrest-Bowers, Music Instructor
- Carver Lyon Dance Expressions – Ms. Sharon Hanks, Dance Coordinator

The Carver Lyon Singers and Dance Expressions performed for the audience.

4. Double Dutch Force Performance – Ms. Joy Holman, Athletic Specialist

The members of Council presented a Proclamation to the Double Dutch Force for 25-years of service.

5. Recognition of the Greenview Dolphins Swim Team – The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine

The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine recognized the success of the Greenview Dolphins Swim Team. Coaches McIntosh and Young thanked the Council for their continued support.

6. Introduction of the Winners of the Citywide Wellness Challenge - The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine

The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine recognized the participants, winners, partners and sponsors of the 2nd Citywide Wellness Challenge.

7. Richland School District Two Russian Educators and Leaders Event – Ms. Elaine R. Delk, J.D., Executive Director of Community Relations for Richland School District Two

Ms. Elaine Delk, Executive Director of Community Relations for Richland School District Two introduced the following members of the Russian Delegation of Educators: Yelena Kashina, Yelena Kipriyanova, Tatyana Komogortseva, Natalya Petrova, Olga Zhuravleva and Margarita Balamakova (Facilitator).

8. Columbia Talent Magnet Project – Mr. Greg Hilton and Ms. Courtney Herring / Engenuity SC

Mr. Greg Hilton, Engenuity SC and Ms. Courtney Herring, Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce presented the Columbia Talent Magnet Survey results and recommendations to the members of Council.

- 8a. **Firefighters' Efficiency Study Recommendations - Mr. Mike Cosola, Columbia Fire Department

Mr. Mike Cosola, Columbia Fire Department / Firefighters Association appeared before the Columbia City Council to express their concerns with the budget reductions resulting in Fire Engines 8 & 9 being taken out of service and their objections to a proposed efficiency study and the implementation of a Tax Increment Financing District.

The Honorable Belinda F. Gergel directed the Interim City Manager to identify available resources within the Fire Department's budget to be used to reopen Fire Engines 8 and 9 and to provide a timeline for doing so.

SIDEWALK VENDING PUBLIC HEARING

RESOLUTIONS

9. Resolution No.: R-2009-066 – Amending Sidewalk Vending Locations and Authorized Merchandise – *This item was deferred on October 7, 2009. - Consideration of this item was deferred at the request of the applicant.*

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

10. **Mid-Block Pad near 1426 Main Street**

Ordinance No.: 2009-101 – Granting a Franchise to Dale Nunn d/b/a Dale’s Hot Dogs and Gyros for operation of a stationary sidewalk vending cart in the mid-block pad near 1426 Main Street – *This item was deferred on October 7, 2009. - Consideration of this item was deferred at the request of the applicant.*

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION / ACTION

11. Plug In Carolina Request for Letter of Intent – Mr. James Poch, Executive Director - *Consideration of this item was deferred.*

12. Ordinance No.: 2009-113 - Amending the Code of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Land Development and Zoning to add a new Article IX entitled “Columbia Housing Fund” – The Honorable Mayor Robert D. Coble

There was a consensus of Council to direct the City Attorney to meet with Mr. Kyle Michel, Mr. Mark Cox and Ms. Clanitra Stewart to discuss any recommended technical changes to the ordinance and report back to Council within 2-weeks.

12a. ****Bull Street Property Advisory Committee – The Honorable Belinda F. Gergel**

There was a consensus of Council to direct the Interim City Manager to provide staff nominations for appointment to the Bull Street Advisory Committee and to draft a Development Agreement for the Bull Street property in conjunction with the full advisory committee. The members of Council are to provide the nominations for neighborhood leaders to the Mayor.

13. Council is asked to approve an Application for Certificate of Convenience and Necessity, as requested by the Business License Division. Award to Abdul R. Mughal doing business as Liberty Cab Company located at 1701 Horseshoe Drive, Columbia, SC. - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Rickenmann and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve an Application for Certificate of Convenience and Necessity, as requested by the Business License Division. Award to Abdul R. Mughal doing business as Liberty Cab Company located at 1701 Horseshoe Drive, Columbia, SC. Mr. Cromartie was not present for the vote.

14. Council is asked to approve the Destruction of Two Hundred Eighty-Three (283) Firearms for disposal, as requested by the Police Department’s Evidence and Property Unit. - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Rickenmann and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve the Destruction of Two Hundred Eighty-Three (283) Firearms for disposal, as requested by the Police Department’s Evidence and Property Unit. Mr. Cromartie was not present for the vote.

15. Yorkshire Neighborhood Traffic Control Request

There was a consensus of Council to defer this matter back to the Yorkshire Neighborhood Association for a vote; all property owners are to be properly notified in advance of the meeting and provided with the correct information related to this request. The members of Council will reconsider the request after this process has occurred.

16. Speed Hump Request

Upon a motion made by Mr. Finlay and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve the installation of two (2) speed humps in the section of Parkman Drive / Converse Street between East Buchanan Street and the City limits at Wittering Drive. Mr. Cromartie was not present for the vote.

17. Proposed "No Left Turn" Restriction Request

Upon a motion made by Mr. Finlay and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve the request for left turn restrictions for vehicles entering from Lady Street onto Huger Street during weekdays from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Mr. Cromartie was not present for vote.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS, AGREEMENTS and CHANGE ORDERS

Upon a motion made by Mr. Rickenmann and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve **Items 18., 19., and 21. through 28.**

18. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of One Hundred Thirty-Two (132) Remote Speaker Microphones, as requested by the Police Department. Award to Motorola C&E, Inc., using the SC State Contract in the amount of \$10,625.49. This vendor is located in Sumter, SC. Funding Source: *FY09 Edward Byrne JAG Grant 2659999-623700/ JL9211000103-623700 - Approved*
19. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Equipment and Supplies, as requested by the Fire Department. Award to WW Grainger, using the SC State Contract in the amount of \$18,165.33. Funding Source: *(2549999-627100 \$12,773.03); (2549999-657400 \$5,392.30) - Approved*
20. Council is asked to approve a Renewal Professional Services Contract to Manufacture Companies in the Benelux Countries of Europe and Switzerland as a location for their expanding US operations, as requested by Economic Development. Award to Global Consulting & Affiliates in the amount of \$20,000. Funding Source: *Economic Development Contingency Account 5511301 636600 - Consideration of this item was deferred.*
21. Council is asked to approve Project #WM4012; Revised Cost Estimate for Emergency Repair of the Melrose Elevated Tank, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to Chao and Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$23,000.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. Funding Source: *5529999-WM401201-851500 - Approved*
22. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Thirteen (13) Portable Radios and Accessories, as requested by the Police Department. Award to Motorola C&E, Inc., using the SC State Contract in the amount of \$46,601.71. This vendor is located in Sumter, SC. Funding Source: *FY09 Edward Byrne JAG Grant 2659999-623700/ JL9211000103-623700 - Approved*
23. Council is asked to approve Project #WM4169; Change Order #3; 16" Water Main along Taylor Street, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to DS Utilities, Inc., in the amount of \$50,825.00. This vendor is located in Little Mountain, SC. Funding Source: *WM416901 851500 – Note: The additional costs associated with this change order are to compensate the contractor for additional quantities installed to complete the project. - Approved*

24. Council is asked to approve Project #SS7093; Lift Station Wet Cleaning Phase I, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to Southeast Pipe Survey, the lowest bidder in the amount of \$169,595.00. This vendor is located in Patterson, GA. *Funding Source: SS709301 - Approved*
25. Council is asked to approve Mentor Protégé Project #SS708802; Agreement for Developing and Implementing a Sanitary Sewer System Evaluation Study (SSES) to Identify and Address Sources of Inflow / Infiltration (I / I) Phase 2, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to Brown & Caldwell (B&C) in the amount of \$315,200. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Sewer Improvements Fund Account 5529999-SS708802-636600 - Approved*
26. Council is asked to approve the Agreement to provide services to the City's Winter Shelter. Award to the Cooperative Ministry in the amount of \$485,000.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Homeless Shelter Budget; HPRP Grant - Approved*
27. Council is asked to approve Project #SS7094; Emergency 8" Repair at Phillips, Cook, Marsteller and Miller Avenue, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to Trussell Bros. Construction, the lowest bidder in the amount of \$679,743.40. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: SS709401 – This is a Mentor Protégé Program Project - Approved*
28. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Bill Printing Services, as requested by the Water Customer Service Department. Award to Laser Print Plus in the amount of \$781,132.80. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. - *Approved*

<u>Services Required by the City of Columbia</u>	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Yearly Total</u>
Electronic Archiving and Billing Services	5511407-638300	\$34,290.00
Water Billing & Collection Notice Processing	5511407-638300	\$713,310.00
	5511407-631100	
Solid Waste Bill Processing	1014401-636000	\$11,167.20
	1014401-631100	
Parking Bill Processing	5313101-621000	\$3,045.60
	5313101-631100	
Parking Summons Processing	5311411-637000	\$19,320.00
	Total	\$781,132.80

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

29. Ordinance No.: 2009-108 – Authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute a Lease Agreement between the City of Columbia and SCANA Communications, Inc. for lease of a 6,400 square foot portion of the Lake Murray Water Treatment Plant known as Lexington County TMS #001-800-07-002 for a cell tower – *First reading approval was given on October 7, 2009. - Approved on second reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Cromartie and seconded by Mr. Finlay, Council voted unanimously to give second reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2009-108 – Authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute a Lease Agreement between the City of Columbia and SCANA Communications, Inc. for lease of a 6,400 square foot portion of the Lake Murray Water Treatment Plant known as Lexington County TMS #001-800-07-002 for a cell tower.

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

30. Ordinance No.: 2009-032 – Granting encroachment to Arnold Construction Corporation for installation and maintenance of landscaping, an irrigation system, driveway, patio, guard rail, electrical service lines and a dumpster pad within the right of way area of the 700 block of Washington Street adjacent to their building at 1331 Gadsden Street – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Cromartie and seconded by Mr. Finlay, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2009-032 – Granting encroachment to Arnold Construction Corporation for installation and maintenance of landscaping, an irrigation system, driveway, patio, guard rail, electrical service lines and a dumpster pad within the right of way area of the 700 block of Washington Street adjacent to their building at 1331 Gadsden Street.

RESOLUTIONS

Upon a motion made by Mr. Cromartie and seconded by Mr. Finlay, Council voted unanimously to approve **Items 31.** through **B.**

31. Resolution No.: R-2009-078 – Authorizing Consent to an Amended Agreement between the City of Columbia and the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority for restructuring of the Authority – *Approved*
- A. Resolution No.: R-2009-080 - Authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute an Estoppel Certificate and Subordination, Non-Disturbance and Attornment Agreement with BankMeridian, N.A. for the 10th floor of 1401 Main Street - *Approved*
- B. Resolution No.: R-2009-082 – Authorizing and approving the Interim City Manager's execution of a Waiver of the City's Right to Repurchase 4.95 acres, Richland County TMS #13512-02-01, located on The Boulevard, in the Columbia Industrial Park provided for in restrictions of record recorded in Book 405 at Page 1697 - *Approved*

APPEARANCE OF PUBLIC HAVING BUSINESS WITH CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Bill Manley appeared before the members of Council to inquire about **Item A.** He asked for an explanation of what appeared to be a rental agreement.

Mr. Steven A. Gantt, Interim City Manager explained that the building is being refinanced; we have a lease in it; and we have to do this in order for the building to be refinanced. There is no financial impact on the City of Columbia at all.

Mr. Bill Manley said that the monthly payments are \$17,235 per month; over seven (7) years we have paid \$1.4 million; and it runs through 2015. The City of Columbia purchased Washington Square and has spent a lot of money upgrading that. There are other City offices located in rental spaces and we need to look at that. We could build another building. He also mentioned that they will not allow him to look at the Risk Management Fund. How much are we spending to rent space?

- **Council adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Salley
City Clerk

***Amendment to the Agenda*