

**CITY OF COLUMBIA  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
DECEMBER 9, 2009 – 9:00 A.M.  
CITY HALL - CONFERENCE ROOM  
1737 MAIN STREET - 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR**



The Columbia City Council met for a Work Session on Wednesday, December 9, 2009 in the City Council Conference Room at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Mayor Robert D. Coble called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.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 and The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine arrived at 9:13 a.m. Also present were Mr. Steven A. Gantt, Interim City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Salley, City Clerk.

**ORDINANCE – FIRST READING**

1. Ordinance No.: 2009-128 – Authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute a Lease Agreement between the City of Columbia and Open Living Community, LLC for the lease for 5406 Farrow Road, (9.90 acres), Richland County TMS# R11612-04-01

A Representative of Franklin & Associates appeared on behalf of Senior Matters to explain that this is an open living community. Along with our partners we worked to put together a deal in cooperation with the City of Columbia on the Farrow Road land in order to build a new state of the art facility for elder care. The concept is aging in place; we've been in planning for three years; and we worked closely with the City Attorney's Office to get this land lease, which is the enabling document for the public/private partnership. The land lease is a ninety-nine year lease for \$1 per year and the quid pro quo side of it is that we are going to return this property to the tax rolls; we don't require any tax increment financing at this point; the infrastructure on the land will be paid for by us; the infrastructure leading up to the land will be the City's responsibility. The developers have all agreed to use local contractors; the construction will sustain 350 jobs; and the new facility will provide 250 permanent skill jobs.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2009-128 – Authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute a Lease Agreement between the City of Columbia and Open Living Community, LLC for the lease for 5406 Farrow Road, (9.90 acres), Richland County TMS# R11612-04-01.

**CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION / ACTION**

2. Economic Development Special Projects Account – Mr. Jim Gambrell, Director of Economic Development
  - A. Central SC Alliance – Mr. Mike Briggs, Executive Director

Councilor Rickenmann explained that the Central SC Alliance is funded from the Economic Development budget and not the Special Projects Account.

There was a consensus of Council that the current balance of the Economic Development Special Projects Account is \$425,000. The \$75,000 used to fund a portion of the efficiency study will be reimbursed to this account in January 2010.

Mr. Mike Briggs, Executive Director for the Central SC Alliance recalled that the Central SC Alliance has worked with the Office of Economic Development since 1993 as a 501 (c) 3, but the City has been involved in working with this group for as long as 40 years. He reported that they were created in 1994 and today they are funded by the City of Columbia, ten (10) counties in South Carolina, the University of South Carolina and 130 private investors who stand to gain from our successes. In our region today, we have a footprint of 7,500 square miles and a large contingency of representatives and senators. Since 1994, we've recruited \$7.7 billion in investments and those companies committed to create 47,000 new jobs. We have a staff of 11 and 37 members on the Board of Directors to include Mayor Coble. Our job is to create and retain jobs and expand businesses in the center part of South Carolina. We engage in domestic and international marketing missions and we work with new and existing industries throughout the region to ensure that they are profitable. We respond to increasingly detailed Requests for Proposals from firms seeking a new location. Due to our highway system, you can move a lot of goods and people expeditiously in this region. We have committed to a three-year strategy that includes marketing. There is going to be a great push for buildings, because firms don't want to wait to construct one. We will continue to see business retention, growth and corporate consolidation.

Councilor Devine asked Mr. Gambrell to outline the difference between his office and the Alliance. How do they work together to compliment each other versus doing the same thing?

Mr. Jim Gambrell, Director of Economic Development said that the Office of Economic Development interfaces with the City and the City's assets; the Alliance helps us with marketing materials, research and development, analysis and presentations. We work with them on a daily basis and we are working on a big project with them now.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Coble and seconded by Mr. Cromartie, Council voted unanimously to approve an agreement between the Office of Economic Development and the Central SC Alliance in the amount of \$72,000. This contract is to be paid on a quarterly basis and the Alliance is asked to provide bi-annual updates on their economic development activities to the members of Council. *Funding Source: Economic Development Department's Budget*

#### B. Black Expo – Mr. Darrin Thomas, Founder

Mr. Darrin Thomas, Founder of the Columbia Black Expo said that two months ago they submitted an economic development report to the members of Council, which was developed by Clarity Research, Inc. of Virginia. The report states the economic impact of the Black Expo; the long-term impact of the event; and the successes of the event. We also submitted a final report. Our focus has always been minority business growth and retention, wealth creation and having an impact on the quality of life. This past year was our 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Black Expo and our economic impact was estimated at \$1.6 million in the short-term and \$3.8 million in the long-term. They also determined that 55% of out-of-the-area visitors stayed at four to five hotels; the top six restaurants were also impacted by the visitors. We created a summer program that gives at-risk kids entrepreneurship skills and we are working to bring this program into Richland School District One.

This report was received as information. No action was taken.

C. World Affairs Council & The Export Consortium – Mr. Fred Monk,  
President

Mr. Fred Monk, President of ECI Find New Markets formerly known as the SC Export Consortium and Chairman of the World Affairs Council explained that they began 13 years ago as a public/private 501 (c) 3 and they've worked closely with the University of South Carolina. When we started, our focus was on international markets; helping small companies build the capacity to look at exporting; and to help them grow through exports. Over the years, we've grown to help companies with both international and domestic markets. We've been working closely with the City's Office of Economic Development and the Office of Business Opportunities to help small companies in Columbia to build their capacity to grow and find new markets. In the first part of our contract, we are looking to work with three companies in the City of Columbia to help them identify new markets domestically and in the Columbia area. The second part of the contract is to work with the Office of Economic Development to translate their website into Chinese in order to take advantage of our growing relationship. The final part of the contract is to help the quickly growing North Columbia Business Association with marketing support. Our funding request is \$15,000 and our total budget is \$260,000, which comes from various revenue streams.

Ms. Sabrina Mandaras, Executive Director of the World Affairs Council requested funding in the amount of \$35,000 for fiscal year 2009/2010. The Columbia World Affairs Council will act as the City of Columbia's international office for sister city relationships with Kaiserslautern, Germany; Romania; Bulgaria; Yibin, China; and Australia. The World Affairs Council will provide logistic support for activities involving existing and potential sister city relationships or other international partnership relations. The World Affairs Council will provide support for social activities relating to sister city relationships. We will maintain and pay for the City of Columbia's membership to Sister Cities International, the governmental body for sister city relationships. The Columbia World Affairs Council will also support the City of Columbia's needs as an office for international relations.

This report was received as information. No action was taken.

D. EngenuitySC & The Fuel Cell Collaborative – Mr. Neil McLean,  
Executive Director

Mr. Neil McLean, Executive Director of EngenuitySC requested \$100,000. He explained that EngenuitySC is a 501 (c) 3, non-profit organization with a diverse Board of Directors. The City's funds are matched by more than \$600,000 from other entities to include Richland County Council, University of South Carolina, federal grants, foundation grants and private sector funding. The second request in the amount of \$120,000 is for the Columbia Fuel Cell Collaborative; \$75,000 cash and \$45,000 in purchases of fuel cell equipment to be used by the City of Columbia. The Fuel Cell Collaborative is led by the South Carolina Research Authority and the funding will go directly to them. This leverages funding from the University of South Carolina, federal grants for fuel cells and the SC Research Authority Industry Partnership Fund.

This report was received as information. No action was taken.

E. Good to Great Foundation – Mr. Ted Speth and Mr. Grant Jackson

Mr. Ted Speth, Good to Great Team explained that Good to Great was formed to make our community the most attractive place it can be to work, live and enjoy a great quality of life. We have identified those things that are unique to our community and we will foster, promote and nurture those differentials. We also looked at our shortcomings and what can be done to address those issues. The program is now two years old and our annual budget is \$600,000, which comes from both the public and private sectors. As part of Good to Great we involve ourselves; we bring resources together to address issues; and we connect the dots. We reach out to and survey existing businesses in conjunction with the City of Columbia. We've heard concerns about our transportation system, infrastructure, quality of life and education. Our top priorities for next year are public transportation, air quality and talent magnet. There are 28 diverse members of the Good to Great Foundation.

Mr. Grant Jackson, Good to Great Team / Community Development said that air quality is a regional problem and an Air Quality Forum will include a large number of participants from across the region. This is an effort to educate the community on the current shift in air quality standards. He noted that the foundation funded a large portion of the talent forum.

This report was received as information. No action was taken.

- **Council recessed at 11:55 a.m.**
- **Council reconvened at 12:02 p.m.**

F. \*\*Columbia City Ballet – Ms. Lauren Han and Ms. Coralee Harris

Ms. Lauren Han, Development and Membership Director announced that the Columbia City Ballet has been invited to perform at the Southside Community Arts Center in Chicago, Illinois. It is their 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala presentation and they want us to bring our Off the Wall Production to Chicago. We have already signed the contract and will be performing at the Harris Theatre in Millennium Park on February 26 and 27, 2010. We will do two educational school shows on February 26, 2010 and then a full length Off the Wall Production on February 27, 2010. It is a remarkable opportunity to show what Columbia has to offer. We are requesting \$15,000 for marketing.

Councilor Devine said that she thought the funding was for travel, because the dancers could not afford to pay for it. She asked for clarification. Would Chicago not market the show?

Ms. Lauren Han, Development and Membership Director said that Chicago would be marketing the show. It's a great opportunity for us to market Columbia in Chicago. We have figured out the transportation by chartering a bus.

Councilor Rickenmann suggested that they regroup and then present an application to the Hospitality Tax Advisory Committee, because this clearly doesn't fit into this pot.

Ms. Coralee Harris, Board of Directors explained that they were initially concerned about transportation and the productions, but the organizations in Chicago have stepped up to the plate. We will be a part of a gala weekend and that is an opportunity to show off the Columbia City Ballet to some very large sponsors. We are asking you to support the overall marketing campaign.

There was a consensus of Council to direct the Columbia City Ballet to resubmit an application for Hospitality Tax Funding for their specific need(s) related to the upcoming performance in Chicago, Illinois. This item will be reconsidered by City Council on December 16, 2009.

There was a consensus of Council to defer voting on the funding requests from the Black Expo, World Affairs Council / ECI Find New Markets, EngenuitySC & the Fuel Cell Collaborative and the Good to Great Foundation until January 13, 2010 and to direct staff to provide the following:

- Remaining balance of the Economic Development Special Projects Account;
- Total amount of requests for funding from this account;
- Detailed information regarding each request to include the organizations role in economic development, total budgets, financials, activities and accomplishments;
- Criteria for evaluating such requests in the future.

3. Water & Sewer Bonds – Mr. Brent Robertson, Financial Advisor / Merchant Capital

Councilor Finlay said that we are seeing a 30% reduction in project costs. We already have a bond issue and the overhead cost of issuing another bond is significantly less than it has been in the past. This will allow us to move water and sewer projects along more quickly; to conserve water that we are losing through pipe blowouts; and we can update antiquated systems. He suggested that the City issue \$105 million in bonds that we already have an ordinance on the books for. This will also put contractors back to work. We are coming under increasing regulatory pressure from DHEC and the EPA. This is a lucky confluence of time where we can build our system for the future; help fix environmental issues; and put money into construction in a city that has a 10.5% unemployment rate.

Mr. Brent Robertson, Financial Advisor / Merchant Capital explained that this isn't any different from what the City Council contemplated in September when they issued the initial bonds. You are slated to issue \$80 million in bonds towards the end of next year; you are accelerating that timeframe by six to seven months. The market has effectively shut down for now and it's going to come back strong in January or February. You will create more efficiency in your bonding dollars by positioning yourself to go ahead and issue bonds.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Finlay and seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to authorize Mr. Steven A. Gantt, Interim City Manager to proceed with the issuance of bonds in an amount not to exceed \$105 million for the completion of water and sewer projects as authorized by Ordinance 2009-086.

4. Landfill Contract – Ms. Missy Gentry, P.E., Director of Public Works

Mr. Steven A. Gantt, Interim City Manager explained that a motion was made to extend the existing Landfill Contract and if we want to change the way we do business then we will have to rescind that motion and make a new motion authorizing us to move forward with a Request for Proposals.

Ms. Missy Gentry, P.E., Director of Public Works recommended that they re-bid the contract for landfill services based on the fact that companies have publicly acknowledged that they plan on the price coming in lower, which makes it more likely for us to get a better rate.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Cromartie and seconded by Mayor Coble, Council voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 12:40 p.m. for the receipt of legal advice as it relates to matters covered by attorney-client privilege in relation to the landfill contract.

- **Council adjourned the Executive Session and reconvened the Work Session at 12:51 p.m.**

Upon a motion made by Mr. Rickenmann and seconded by Dr. Gergel, Council voted five (5) to two (2) to authorize the Interim City Manager to issue a Request for Proposals for landfill services. Voting aye were Mr. Davis, Ms. Devine, Mr. Rickenmann, Mr. Finlay and Dr. Gergel. Voting nay were Mr. Cromartie and Mayor Coble.

5. Municipal Court Collections – Ms. Dana Turner, Chief Administrative Judge

Upon a motion made by Mayor Coble and seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to authorize Chief Administrative Judge Dana Turner to proceed with outsourcing the scheduled time payment collections pursuant to procurement procedures.

6. Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant from the U.S. Fire Administration - Chief Bradley Anderson, Columbia Fire Department

Chief Bradley Anderson, Columbia Fire Department explained that they would like to apply for a grant to get Engine 8 on Atlas Road back into service. The US Fire Administration has an annual grant process called Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER). As you know, Engine 8 is one of two trucks on Atlas Road; in 2008 it had 1,515 calls for service; and it is very active in both the City of Columbia and Richland County. It was also identified in a study by the Firefighters Association as an impediment to our rating. We would expect for the Insurance Services Office (ISO) to re-evaluate the City's rating if the truck stayed out of service for an extended period of time; this could cause residential insurance rates to increase. We currently have 205 filled firefighter positions on the City's side and one requirement of the grant is that we not reduce staffing for two years. We must also fill positions that become vacant for the duration of the grant.

Ms. Chris Segars, Professional Grant Writer said that it is a very good chance that we will receive the grant.

Upon a motion made by Dr. Gergel and seconded by Mr. Finlay, Council voted unanimously to endorse the Columbia Fire Department's application for a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant from the U.S. Fire Administration.

7. \*\*Consent to an Order – Mr. Ken E. Gaines, City Attorney

Mr. Ken E. Gaines, City Attorney explained that this is a sign at the Capital Center to direct people into the new Holder Building within the plaza. Under the rules of zoning litigation, we are now required to mediate and this is a resolution of that mediation.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Coble and seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to direct the City Attorneys to consent to an Order in the case of Brandon Hoffman/Sign-a-rama et al v. City of Columbia case number 09-CP-40-6229, Richland County Common Pleas Court, dismissing the case and providing that the sign sought to be constructed by Hoffman be permitted. The mediator fees shall be paid solely by Hoffman.

Mayor Coble said that the motion is based on the lack of certainty of the interpretation of the zoning ordinance and the fact that we have subsequently amended the text to resolve this in future applications.

8. Mounted Patrol Operations – Chief Tandy Carter, Columbia Police Department

Police Chief Tandy Carter presented Mayor Coble with a plaque for National Nite Out. He outlined where the horses are commonly used, adding that they are also used as needed and as directed, especially at special events. We only have two (2) riders that spend 2,100 hours each year on the horses. He outlined the costs associated with maintaining the horses.

Councilor Devine asked if they would be able to move the officers that work on Mounted Patrol to another position within the Police Department.

Police Chief Tandy Carter said yes.

Councilor Davis inquired about the personnel cost associated with the Mounted Patrol.

Police Chief Tandy Carter said \$125,000, which is currently factored into our personnel services line item with all other salaries and benefits.

Councilor Cromartie stated that the Police Chief obviously thinks this is important, because he has been before us several times.

Police Chief Tandy Carter said that he has been in policing for quite some time and he's always had a Mounted Patrol, but I do know that it's the first thing to go once budgets get cut. You have made a significant investment in the Mounted Patrol Unit.

Councilor Gergel asked Chief Carter why he thinks this is such an important part of the policing program.

Police Chief Tandy Carter said that it boils down to community policing; it's how we engage people; it's a public relations tool. He added that the Mounted Patrol Officers arrest people and they write citations.

Councilor Devine urged Chief Carter to consider the importance of other fundraising needs for equipment.

Police Chief Tandy Carter reported that they have collected \$3,500 in silent donations thus far.

Councilor Rickenmann stated that he has not received enough information to indicate that the mounted patrol is anything other than ceremonial; I only see them at neighborhood events.

Councilor Finlay asked if all Officers have up-to-date bullet proof vests.

Police Chief Tandy Carter replied yes, we do. We also have matching grants to pay 50% of the cost.

This report was received as information. No action was taken.

Councilor Devine expressed concerns about an allegation of racial profiling against the Columbia Police Department. She asked that Solicitor Giese or another representative be present at the next forum being hosted by the Columbia Urban League. She also asked that Council be made aware of such allegations as soon as possible.

Police Chief Tandy Carter said that they are okay, but they should talk about racial profiling more often. We rarely receive racial profiling complaints; officers are trained; and our Police Department is very diverse. This is a standard that has to be reviewed every three (3) years during our accreditation process.

**APPOINTMENTS**

9. Bull Street Property Advisory Committee Appointments

Upon a motion made by Mr. Rickenmann and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of the following individuals to the Bull Street Property Advisory Committee.

Mr. Richard Burts	Dr. Roger Stroup	Ms. Ellen Cooper
Ms. Elizabeth Marks	Mr. Charles Small	Mr. Paul Bouknight
Mr. Marc Mylott	Ms. Amy Moore	Mr. Don Tomlin
Planning Commission Chair	Design Development Review Commission Chair	

10. Facility Review Committee (Midlands Authority for Conventions, Sports & Tourism)

Mr. Steven A. Gantt, Sr., Interim City Manager explained that the City of Columbia was asked by the Midlands Authority for Conventions, Sports and Tourism to appoint a person to serve on an ad hoc committee to review the needs of the facility. It can be someone from the community, but I would prefer that it not be a staff person.

Councilor Rickenmann asked if the board voted to move forward on this. I don't want to appoint someone to a committee that hasn't been endorsed by the board or this Council.

There was a consensus of Council to invite Mr. Ric Luber, President / CEO of the Midlands Authority for Conventions, Sports & Tourism and the board members to appear before City Council on December 16, 2009 for a briefing on this matter.

11. Columbia Tree & Appearance Commission

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Cromartie, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointments to the Columbia Tree and Appearance Commission for a three-year term as outlined below.

<b>Appointments</b>	<b>Re-Appointments</b>
David Rodriguez	Robert Reibold
Jim Morris	Emily Freeman Jones
Cynthia South	
Leslie Ann Minerd	
Don McInnes	

12. Columbia Empowerment Zone – Mr. Tony Lawton, Director of Community Development

Mr. S. Allison Baker, Assistant City Manager explained that the Empowerment Zone sunsets on December 31, 2009 and there are a number of things that our Council needs to know relative to where we are, what we've done and how consistent the Empowerment Zone Board has been. In light of some of the news reports, it is important that you know and understand how diligent the staff has been with following the mandates of the federal government.

- **Council recessed at 1:47 p.m.**
- **Council reconvened at 1:53 p.m.**

Mr. Angelo McBride, Business Administrator / Office of Business Opportunities stated that in 1998, the Sumter-Columbia Empowerment Zone was developed as a comprehensive, holistic blueprint for addressing the concerns of the region. In 1999, the Mayors of the City of Columbia and the City of Sumter signed the Sumter-Columbia Empowerment Zone Memorandum of Agreement and Grant Agreement to govern the full ten year designation; the City of Columbia was named as the lead fiscal agent. Round II Empowerment Zones were allowed \$100 million over ten years, but each zone received \$25.6 million that had to be split between Sumter at 30% and Columbia at 70%; and to-date we still have balances left over. The Zone created many summer job opportunities and community activity programs for youth; job training opportunities for adults; and loan programs for small businesses. The structure of the SCEZ Joint Board was approved by HUD; it consists of eight members from Sumter and eight members from Columbia with 16 alternate board and advisory members. Each local board established their own programs, projects and budgets that were approved by the joint board and then submitted to HUD via the Performance Measurement System for consideration. A few years ago, HUD began to look at how we were structured and they determined that there was too much governmental influence in terms of making decisions on the community-type programs. They encouraged us to make sure that the board was community based and not government led. The Columbia Empowerment Zone was built on the following principles: a strategic vision for change; strengthening community-based partnerships; economic development opportunities; and sustainable community development. We had to focus on jobs/economic development and tax incentives. Other activities such as community mobilization and health and human services are still needed within the Empowerment Zone. During the ten years, we initiated 38 programs and projects; we leveraged \$44.3 million; we created and/or retained 1,423 jobs; we placed 1,280 residents in jobs; we held 16 job fairs; we conducted 35 job training programs; over 16,000 residents received job training; and we continue to market the tax incentives, which will be extended for another year. We must continue to focus on the small businesses. The first loan was awarded in 2003 under the CEZ loan program; programs have awarded over \$6.7 million; 23 loans were made to Columbia businesses; 7 loans were made to the Development Corporations; over 130 jobs were created and 140 jobs were retained; and we received the National Development Council Award for innovative job creation for the Work Initiative Program. Program Income is defined as principal and interest from loans; rental income from property owned; proceeds from the sale of property; and interest generated from accounts. HUD realized that we were accruing interest, but not spending it. In 2009, HUD required all Empowerment Zones to spend all program income before drawing down any grant funds.

Mr. S. Allison Baker, Assistant City Manager clarified that any funds that are returned to the Empowerment Zone return as program income, which means that those funds automatically go in front of any other drawdown that we have.

Mr. Angelo McBride, Business Administrator / Office of Business Opportunities concurred with Mr. Baker. He continued to report that during the ten year span, HUD awarded the Sumter-Columbia Empowerment Zone a total of \$25,615,299.00. The Columbia Empowerment Zone received \$17,930,709.30 and oversaw 25 Implementation Plans, which consisted of 24 programs and its administration. There were 3 loan programs: Business Incentive Fund; Small Business Financing Fund; and a Commercial Revolving Loan Fund. The available program income is now \$0.00.

Councilor Finlay asked about the number of loans and the total value of those loans currently on CEZ's books.

Mr. Angelo McBride, Business Administrator / Office of Business Opportunities reported that 23 loans were awarded for a total of \$6.7 million.

▪ **Mr. Finlay left the meeting at 2:24 p.m.**

Mr. Angelo McBride, Business Administrator / Office of Business Opportunities explained that currently, the CEZ's budget consists of the following three active programs and its administration totaling \$3,948,485.23: capital improvement program for restaurant development at \$1.9 million; the Small Business Financial Fund at \$200,000; and the capital improvement program for hotel development at \$1.7 million. The Round II Grant closeout package is due to HUD on September 30, 2010. In closing, Mr. McBride reported that the Columbia Empowerment Zone, Inc. (CEZ, Inc.) has its 501 (c) 3 status; the sub-recipient agreement has been signed; we will provide an update to City Council; and we will fulfill the current economic development projects.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Cromartie, Council voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 2:40 p.m. for the discussion of **Items 13.** through **15.** as presented.

▪ **Mayor Coble left the meeting at 3:30 p.m.**

13. Receipt of legal advice which relates to matters covered by attorney-client privilege
  - Affordable Housing Task Force Ordinance - *This item was discussed in Executive Session. No action was taken.*
14. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements - *This item was discussed in Executive Session. No action was taken.*
15. Discussion of employment of employee
  - Municipal Court - *This item was discussed in Executive Session. No action was taken.*

▪ **Council adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Salley  
City Clerk