



CITY OF COLUMBIA
CITY COUNCIL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 2010
9:00 A.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 3RD FLOOR
1737 MAIN STREET

The Columbia City Council conducted Budget Public Hearings on Wednesday, June 9, 2010 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Mayor Robert D. Coble called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. and the following members of Council were present: The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine, The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, The Honorable Kirkman Finlay III and The Honorable Belinda F. Gergel. The Honorable Sam Davis arrived at 9:10 a.m. Also present were Mr. Steven A. Gantt, City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Salley, City Clerk.

BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

1. Ordinance No.: 2010-047 – To Raise Revenue and Adopt the Budget for The City of Columbia, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2011

- **Council opened the Public Hearing at 9:25 a.m.**

The following individuals appeared before the members of City Council to provide public input on the budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2011:

Ray Mullins, Homeless Citizen
John E. Holler, Jr., President / Epworth Children's Home
Priscilla Hammond, Epworth Children's Home
Danielle Bethea, Epworth Children's Home
Eureka Ivey, Epworth Children's Home
Virginia Penninger, Elmwood Park Neighborhood Resident
Tom Turnipseed, Esq., Food Not Bombs
Peter Korper, President / Elmwood Park Neighborhood Association
Ellen Cooper, President / Downtown Coalition of Neighborhoods
Terri Davis, Main Street Resident
Patricia Durkin, Main Street Resident
Richard Rowe, Pulaski Street Resident
Elaine Cooper, Dalloz Street Resident
Larry Arney, Executive Director / Midlands Housing Alliance (MHA)
Will Thrift, Secretary / Cottontown / Bellevue Historic District
Elizabeth Marks, Robert Mills Historic District
Kate Webb
Michelle Logan
David Parker, Downtown Resident

- **Council closed the Public Hearing at 10:24 a.m.**

A petition in opposition to the City of Columbia funding the Midlands Housing Alliance was submitted for the record.

No action was taken. First reading consideration is scheduled for June 16, 2010.

2. Ordinance No.: 2010-086 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 20, Special Fees and Taxes to add Article IV, Electronic Payment Fees

- **Council opened the Public Hearing at 10:25 a.m.**

No one appeared before the Council in support of or in opposition to **Item 2.**

- **Council closed the Public Hearing at 10:25 a.m.**

No action was taken. First reading consideration is scheduled for June 16, 2010.

3. Ordinance No.: 2010-086 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 23, Utilities and Engineering, Article V, Water and Sewer Rates, Sec. 23-143 Water service rates and Sec. 23-149 Sewer service rates, (a) Generally, (b) Consumers using water cooling towers for air conditioning and (f) Contaminated groundwater

- **Council opened the Public Hearing at 10:25 a.m.**

No one appeared before the Council in support of or in opposition to **Item 3.**

- **Council closed the Public Hearing at 10:25 a.m.**

No action was taken. First reading consideration is scheduled for June 16, 2010.

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

4. Ordinance No.: 2010-084 – Authorizing the transfer of 5208 Randall Avenue, Richland County TMS #11701-06-05 to Eau Claire Development Corp. and 612 Glenlea Road, Richland County TMS #09314-06-06; 136 Springway Drive, Richland County TMS #16310-05-25; 2514 Louise Street, Richland County TMS #11510-01-20; 1216 Pine Street, Richland County TMS #11406-07-20; 4061 Water Street, Richland County TMS #11602-12-07; 1501 Manning Avenue, Richland County TMS #11411-06-09; 1525 Manning Avenue, Richland County TMS #R11412-06-06; and R11411-06-03; 1527 Manning Avenue, Richland County TMS #R11412-06-06; and 926 East Campanella Drive, Richland County TMS #R14305-15-25 to Columbia Housing Development Corporation – *First reading approval was given on May 19, 2010. Consideration of this item was deferred.*

APPOINTMENTS

5. ****Midlands Authority for Conventions Sports and Tourism**

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Finlay, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Mr. John Hardee to the Midlands Authority for Conventions, Sports and Tourism as a replacement for Mr. John Durst.

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION / ACTION

6. Council is asked to approve an Amendment to Extend Professional Services Contract for Housing First Pilot Program between the City of Columbia and University of South Carolina (USC) from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 in the amount not to exceed \$247,166.00

Upon a motion made by Mr. Rickenmann and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve an Amendment to Extend the Professional Services Contract for the Housing First Pilot Program between the City of Columbia and the University of South Carolina from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 in an amount not to exceed \$247,166.00.

APPOINTMENTS

7. Board of Zoning Appeals – *Consideration of this item was deferred.*
8. Design Development Review Commission - *Consideration of this item was deferred.*
9. Planning Commission - *Consideration of this item was deferred.*
10. Municipal Court Judges - *Consideration of this item was deferred.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Finlay and seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council unanimously to approve the appointment of a subcommittee led by Councilwoman Devine to codify the appointment process for Municipal Court Judges. In order to complete the current appointment process, a report should be submitted to the members of Council including the performance reviews and evaluations of each Judge.

Consideration of the appointment of Municipal Court Judges was deferred to June 16, 2010.

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION / ACTION

11. Update on the Eau Claire Development Corporation – Mr. S. Allison Baker, Senior Assistant City Manager

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve the Improved Operation Procedures for all Development Corporations as outlined.

- Adopt effective risk analysis process/procedures;
- Schedule quarterly project briefings to City Council and Senior Management;
- Present projects to City Council and the City Manager that have potential financial exposure; and
- Re-examine source of operation funding.

APPEARANCE OF PUBLIC HAVING BUSINESS WITH CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Bill Manley, Eau Claire Community Resident appeared before the Council to express concerns related to Ordinance No.: 2010-084. He said that one individual received a loan for a greater amount than what was needed to purchase the property. He recalled that he expressed concerns about the same matter on May 19, 2010. I have a strong feeling that the Community Development Department hasn't been responsible.

- **Council adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Salley
City Clerk