

**CITY OF COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
JANUARY 17, 2012 – 3:00 P.M.  
CITY HALL - 1737 MAIN STREET**



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The Columbia City Council met for a Work Session on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Mayor Pro-Tempore Leona K. Plough, called the meeting to order at 3:12 p.m. The following members of Council were present: The Honorable Sam Davis, The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine, The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, The Honorable Belinda F. Gergel and The Honorable Brian DeQuincey Newman. The Honorable Stephen K. Benjamin arrived at 3:14 p.m. Also present were Mr. Steven A. Gantt, City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Moore, City Clerk. This meeting was advertised in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

**CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION / ACTION**

1. **\*\*Commercial Corridor Planning Studies and Update of the City's Zoning Ordinance – Ms. Krista Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services**

Ms. Krista Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services recalled that Council asked staff to look at four (4) corridors to include the commercial node around Beltline and Crosshill near Whole Foods, Millwood Avenue, South Assembly Street around the Capital Ballpark and Farrow Road. We met on Friday to discuss a strategy, because we can't do them all at once due to limited staff resources. We are pursuing a planning process in the Rosewood Community that will be complete in April. When you have a new zoning and land development ordinance, a couple of years will be spent studying your major corridors to determine their land development patterns and working with the community to determine the desired pattern. In essence, we will be performing some of these duties at that time. For those that don't have an absolute immediate need, that is evidenced due to development pressures that could be addressed at that time. We thought that staff could take on administering consultants for two (2) of the studies. Based on the development pressures, that would include the Crosshill area as well as the South Assembly Street area. We could pursue other initiatives along the corridors that need to be addressed such as code and zoning enforcement from the commercial properties. We need Council to indicate whether this is the preferred direction. We would issue a Request for Qualifications and determine funding sources for that.

A motion was made by Ms. Plough and seconded by Dr. Gergel to allocate up to \$200,000 from the Reserve Fund for an outside planning consultant to study the Crosshill/Garners Ferry Road area and South Assembly Street area and to direct staff to move posthaste as soon as resources are available in April to work on the Farrow Road and Millwood Avenue corridors. In the interim, particularly in the Farrow Road corridor, code enforcement and meetings with the community should begin immediately.

Upon an amended motion made by Ms. Plough and seconded by Dr. Gergel, Council voted six (6) to one (1) to direct staff to proceed with a Request for Qualifications for a corridor study followed by a Request for Proposals for the Crosshill Road and South Assembly Street corridors. Staff is further directed to proceed with a Request for Proposals for the Farrow Road and Millwood Avenue corridors as soon as staff is available. Staff should begin conducting meetings with the communities within the Farrow Road corridor in conjunction with code enforcement. All resources should be considered and Council will determine a funding source. Voting aye were Mr. Davis, Ms. Devine, Dr. Gergel, Ms. Plough, Mr. Newman and Mayor Benjamin. Mr. Rickenmann voted nay.

2. **Central Midlands Council of Governments Census Report – Mr. Norman Whitaker, Executive Director and Mr. Andy Simmons, Information Services Manager / Central Midlands Council of Governments**

Mr. Norman Whitaker, Executive Director for the Central Midlands Council of Governments reported that Columbia has 130,000 people. There are 175 other cities that size or larger in the United States. The metropolitan statistical area of seven (7) counties has grown by 220,000 people since 1990. In the past year, you've added 120,000 people since 2000. That gives you tremendous opportunity.

Mr. Andy Simmons, Information Services Manager / Central Midlands Council of Governments presented the key findings from the 2010 Census and their impact on the City of Columbia. He reported that the population is growing; the population is young; the number of seniors is increasing; and the recession has had a significant impact.

This report was received as information.

3. **Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority – The Honorable Brian DeQuincey Newman**

Councilor Newman requested that City Council release the capital restrictions on funds provided by the City of Columbia to allow the board to use those funds at their discretion. We have some operational issues and the prudent thing would be to make those funds available for use as the board and the new executive director sees fit. Since becoming the chairman, I've charged the board with being more efficient in passing along information to the funding partners and developing a long-term vision in order to secure a sustainable funding source. The numbers are being formulated and the funding partners will know what it will take to fund the system. The system currently receives approximately \$4 million from the City of Columbia. The ideal scenario would be to receive \$4.5 million from the City of Columbia and \$3 million from Richland County annually. This goal is not met by our franchise fee. The Housing Authority is prepared to make bulk ticket purchases for residents. We are working with other entities with private transportation systems. We would all benefit from working together. We held a public forum for the riders and we all know the importance of the system. Richland County is going through the same process. We're going to close that \$2.5 million gap before the end of the fiscal year. It is incumbent upon us to release the restrictions on the \$600,000.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mayor Benjamin, Council voted unanimously to release the restrictions on the \$600,000 disbursed to the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority. This will allow the Executive Director to use the funds as needed for expenditures.

4. **Facade Improvement Program – Ms. Tina Herbert, Executive Director of the Office of Business Opportunities; Ms. Gerry Lynn Hall, Administrator of the Façade Program; and Mr. Tim Hance, Façade Improvement Approval Committee**

Ms. Tina Herbert, Executive Director of the Office of Business Opportunities recalled that the Community Development Department introduced modifications to the Façade Improvement Plan to Council in December 2010. At that time, we promised to come back in one-year for recommendations on the next area to implement the plan in.

Ms. Gerry Lynn Hall, Façade Program Administrator provided an update on the progress of the program with the Business Improvement District (BID) over the past year. There was a concentration of projects on Main Street; however, we are getting participation from all areas within the boundaries. The total program budget is \$430,259, administrative expenses total \$2,950 and \$261,821 has been committed to date. The remaining balance is \$165,488 and we have thirteen (13) potential applicants.

Mr. Tim Hance, Façade Improvement Approval Committee Member said that the program is giving back to small businesses and it's good that they contribute to it as well.

Councilor Davis asked staff to look at other funding options that may be available.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mayor Benjamin, Council voted unanimously to establish the next service area for Phase II of the Façade Program on North Main Street from Elmwood Avenue to Interstate 20.

5. Chief Information Officer Services – Mr. S. Allison Baker, Senior Assistant City Manager

Mr. S. Allison Baker, Senior Assistant City Manager recalled that several months ago they discussed the possibility of hiring a consulting firm to provide us with Chief Information Officer Services to include strategic planning and project management, rather than hire an Information Technology Director in the vacant position. A committee conducted a series of interviews with several organizations. We collectively and unanimously recommend to you that we move forward with contract negotiations with Advanced Automation Consultants of Irmo, South Carolina.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to authorize staff to enter into contract negotiations with Advanced Automation Consultants for Chief Information Officer Services. Mayor Benjamin was not present for the vote.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon a motion made by Mr. Rickenmann and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 5:03 p.m. for the discussion of **Items 6** and **7**. Mayor Benjamin was not present for the vote.

6. Receipt of legal advice which relates to matter covered by attorney-client privilege – *This item was discussed in Executive Session. No action was taken.*
  7. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements – *This item was discussed in Executive Session. No action was taken.*
- **Council adjourned the Work Session at 6:00 p.m. to convene the Regular Meeting.**

Respectfully submitted by:

  
Erika D. Moore  
City Clerk



CITY OF COLUMBIA  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2012  
6:00 P.M.  
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1737 MAIN STREET

The Columbia City Council conducted a Regular Meeting and a Zoning Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. and the following members of Council were present: The Honorable Sam Davis, The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine, The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, The Honorable Belinda F. Gergel, The Honorable Leona K. Plough and The Honorable Brian DeQuincey Newman. Also present were Mr. Steven A. Gantt, City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Moore, City Clerk. This meeting was advertised in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**INVOCATION**

Mr. S. Allison Baker, Senior Assistant City Manager offered the Invocation.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Dr. Gergel, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda with the following amendment:

- Move the discussion of the South Assembly Street Property immediately after the presentations.

**PUBLIC INPUT RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS**

No one appeared at this time.

**PRESENTATIONS**

1. Introduction of the 2011 Employee of the Year (*Mr. Anthony Jenkins, Senior Enforcement Monitor*) – Mr. John Spade, Director of Parking Services

Mr. John Spade, Director of Parking Services introduced Mr. Anthony Jenkins, Senior Enforcement Monitor as the City of Columbia 2011 Employee of the Year. Mr. Jenkins started his career ten (10) years ago as a Parking Monitor and quickly moved up the ranks. He thinks quickly during stressful situations; he's courteous to everyone; he's a team player; and he assists his elderly neighbors with day-to-day chores.

Mr. Anthony Jenkins, Senior Enforcement Monitor said that he is really proud to work for Parking Services.

Mayor Benjamin and the members of Council presented Mr. Jenkins with a plaque and Mr. Steven A. Gantt, City Manager presented him with tokens of appreciation for being selected as the 2011 Employee of the Year.

2. Select Health of South Carolina Partnership with the Pinehurst Community Council – Ms. Hattie Bing, Interim Director of Parks and Recreation

Ms. Hattie Bing, Interim Director of Parks and Recreation introduced Ms. Crimminger of Select Health South Carolina as the Team Leader for the Playground Build partnership at Pinehurst Park. She recognized Ms. Wanda Samuels, Assistant Superintendent for Recreation for bringing this opportunity to the City. She also recognized Ms. Brenda Oliver, President of the Pinehurst Community for her support, as well as the community's support.

Ms. Tricia G. Crimminger, Director of Communication for Select Health of South Carolina said that this exciting project will improve health, wellness and quality of life for residents. Select Health of South Carolina is the oldest and largest Medicaid managed care plan in the State. We are part of the AmeriHealth Mercy Family Company. We are happy to work in partnership with the City of Columbia to bring an exciting playground project in the area.

Ms. Meg Grant, Senior Program Director for the AmeriHealth Mercy Family Company Foundation stated that they are pleased to partner with Select Health as we work with Columbia area business and community leaders to provide residents with updated and enhanced playground and fitness equipment. The AmeriHealth Mercy Foundation is a newly formed organization that started the Safe Playground Build Program as a way to address the growing concerns of providing safe play spaces for our children. We have built thirteen (13) playgrounds across the State of Pennsylvania. We are pleased to be able start our national presentation of the playgrounds beginning with Pinehurst Park. She presented a video of other Playground Build projects.

Mr. Steve Sendzik, Project Consultant for the AmeriHealth Mercy Family Company Foundation said that the people that are involved make the build special. The idea is to build a playground in one (1) day. My role is site selection, time management, equipment selection and liaison between the volunteers, the organization and the installer. The installer will install the posts and footings a week and a half in advance. On build day, we will erect the playground around the posts. The installer will be present and we will ensure that every nut and bolt is properly installed. We will provide the Parks and Recreation Department with a copy of the safety guidelines. We are having a meeting at the site on Wednesday, January 18, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to endorse a Resolution in support of the Safe Playground Build Program.

Mayor Benjamin said that we hope to have the chance to do this all across the City, understanding the importance that a safe and clean place to play for children is important.

Ms. Tricia G. Crimminger, Director of Communication for Select Health of South Carolina announced that the Playground Build is scheduled for Saturday, April 28, 2012.

Councilor Newman thanked the Pinehurst Community. He said that a great deal of work has been done thus far and I appreciate all of your efforts to continue to build the Pinehurst Community. He urged his peers to participate in the organizational meeting on tomorrow at Pinehurst Park and to get involved with this project.

3. EdVenture Children's Museum Update – Ms. Catherine Horne, President / CEO of EdVenture

Ms. Catherine Horne, President / Chief Executive Officer of EdVenture announced the opening of a portion of EdVenture's Next Generation Plan. The exhibits that just opened represent some of the finest new technology and resources for children and adults to help build awareness around the prevention of chronic disease. We have lots of things to encourage indoor physical activity, build teamwork and increase awareness around the things that prevent chronic disease. We are encouraging adult and child interaction with these new exhibits. There is an exciting new exhibit called Wags and Whiskers designed to look at animals and their health. EdVenture is one of five (5) museums nationally, to receive the National Medal for Museum Service.

Mr. Rick Patel, EdVenture Board of Trustees presented the Mayor and City Council with a plaque of appreciation in support of EdVenture's operations and the design work that went into the exhibits.

4. Online Citizen Participation for Council Meetings – Mr. Karl McCollester, CEO of Voter Heads

Councilor Devine stated that she invited Mr. McCollester to make this presentation to Council. This year Ignite invited small business owners to make presentations on something they were going to implement. They made a great presentation regarding an online system for citizen participation for voting. The council meeting component is what intrigued me. Hopefully after his presentation, there can be a vote to endorse the concept and help him as he launches this in the next couple months.

Mr. Karl McCollester, CEO of Voter Heads said that they started this company because they are compassionate about local government and the community. I became a nationally certified local government CIO and a consultant with cities and counties across the Carolinas. One of my founding partners, Mike Switzer, has been involved in local politics in his community in Blythewood. In both of our experiences, we believe that local government works at its best when local citizens are well informed and involved and that's why we started Voter Heads. Our goal for citizens is to make it as easy for people to find out what's happening with and to reach out to their local governments as easy as it is for them to find out what's happening with and to reach out to their friends and family on Facebook. Our goal for you, as elected officials, is to make it easy for you to reach out to more of your constituency with this effort. We want to launch our product

right here in Richland and Lexington Counties. By providing your zip code, we give citizens a consolidated ballot view to see who's running for office and to see what their platforms are. Outside of election time, we are providing the citizen with what's going and a consolidated view of all of the items coming up for action in their area, either for City Council, County Council or their school board meeting. We can narrow down the information to include zoning changes that are happening near their work or home and other things that match their interests. They will receive alerts via e-mail, text message or through a phone application. If it's important to them, they can go online and vote on it, start a discussion or join a discussion and share information with friends and neighbors on social networks. As an elected official you will receive that information and you can join in on the conversation. We are also working on a reporting feature for elected officials so that you can filter responses and see not only who voted on, but whether they are in your district and whether they are registered to vote. You can also post the votes to your followers on Facebook and Twitter. At election time we will link back to your candidate site and you can post your platform information directly on our site. We believe that by making this information easy to find, a lot of people will want to use it. In fact, we believe that there are enough people across the country that will want to use it then we can make it free for citizens and the city. We want to remain and grow our business in Columbia. With the right mix of funding and meeting our milestones, we project we will bring 75 to 100 high paying technology jobs to downtown Columbia over the next five (5) years. Our goal is to be online within the next sixty days and anyone can join at [www.voterheads.com](http://www.voterheads.com).

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to endorse the concept of Voters Head and to direct the City Clerk to work with the vendor to ensure that we are set up as a test and engage our citizens to participate.

**CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION / ACTION**

5. Neighborhood Street Lighting Requests – Mr. Dave Brewer, Director of Traffic Engineering – **Note:** Council is asked to approve the total increased amount of \$8,086.56. - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to approve the following neighborhood street lighting requests:

| Neighborhoods Listed by Priority | Existing Lights | Requested Lights | Current Lease Cost / Annually | Increased Amount | Total Year to Date |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| 4328 Wildcat Road                | 0               | 1                | \$0.00                        | \$118.92         | \$4,417.68         |
| Five Points Merchants Assoc      | 300             | 12               | \$35,676.00                   | \$1,427.04       | \$5,844.72         |
| Cedar Terrace / True St. Area    | 11              | 10               | \$1,308.12                    | \$1,189.20       | \$7,033.92         |
| St. Marks Woods                  | 36              | 17               | \$4,281.12                    | \$2,021.64       | \$9,055.56         |
| Farrow Hills                     | 67              | 23               | \$7,967.64                    | \$2,735.16       | \$11,790.72        |
| Heyward Park                     | 14              | 5                | \$1,664.88                    | \$594.60         | \$12,385.32        |
| <b>Grand Total</b>               | 428             | 68               | \$50,897.76                   | \$8,086.56       | \$50,527.92        |

## CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to approve the **Consent Agenda Items 6.** through **14.**

### CONSIDERATION OF BIDS, AGREEMENTS and CHANGE ORDERS

6. Council is asked to approve a Two (2) Year Term Lease Extension Agreement between the University of South Carolina Research Foundation and the City of Columbia for 1225 Laurel Street. - *Approved*
7. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Two (2) Vehicles, as requested by the Police Department. Award to Burns Automotive, using the SC State Contract in the amount of \$54,018.00. This vendor is located in Rock Hill, SC. *Funding Source: Auto Trucks Heavy Equipment Capital, 2042412-658500 - Approved*
8. Council is asked to approve Mentor Protégé Program and Local Business Preference Project SS7181; North Main Street Sanitary Sewer Extension to Serve 5901 North Main Street, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to McClam and Associates, the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder in the amount of \$65,792.50. This vendor is located in Little Mountain, SC. *Funding Source: Capital Improvement Program, 5529999-658650 – Note: Protégé Patriot Construction (Columbia, SC) will be implementing 94% of the project contract value and the original budgeted amount is \$70,230.00. - Approved*
9. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Sixty-One (61) Mobile Radios and Accessories, as requested by the Water Distribution Division. Award to Motorola Solutions, using the SC State Contract in the amount of \$100,861.73. This vendor is located in Sumter, SC. *Funding Source: Water Distribution & Maintenance/Radio Equipment; 5516203/627800 and Utilities Water Customer Service/Radio Equipment; 5516202/627800 - Approved*
10. Council is asked to approve Mentor Protégé Program and Local Business Preference Project WM3677; 8” Water Main Along Holloway Drive, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to McClam and Associates, Inc., the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder in the amount of \$168,383.45. This vendor is located in Little Mountain, SC. *Funding Source: Water Main-Special Contracts, 5516210-638300 – Note: Protégé Patriot Construction (Columbia, SC) will be implementing 94% of the project contract value and the original budgeted amount is \$218,000.00. - Approved*
11. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Six (6) Vehicles, as requested by the Fleet Services Division. Award to the following vendors, using the SC State Contract in the amount of \$176,612.00. *Funding Source: Capital Replacement-Auto Trucks Heavy Equipment Capital 6308972-658500 - Approved*

| <b>Vendor</b>   | <b>Quantity</b> | <b>Type</b>             | <b>Department</b> | <b>Total</b>        |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Vic Bailey Ford | 2               | Ford F-250              | Fleet Services    | \$58,250.0          |
| Love Chevrolet  | 2               | Chevrolet Silverado 2wd | Fleet Services    | \$42,788.00         |
| Love Chevrolet  | 2               | Chevrolet Tahoe         | Fleet Services    | \$75,574.00         |
|                 |                 | <b>Total</b>            |                   | <b>\$176,612.00</b> |

12. Council is asked to approve Subcontractor Outreach Program and Local Business Preference Project SS7083; Improvements at Harbison Pump Station #4, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to Shady Grove Construction, the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder meeting specifications in the amount of \$261,326.00. *Funding Source: Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Fund and Special Contracts, 5516212-638300 – Original budgeted amount for this project is \$253,550.00 - Approved*
13. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Five Hundred (500) Computers, as requested by the Information Technology Department. Award to Dell Marketing LP, using the SC State Contract in the amount of \$591,175.00. This vendor is located in Round Rock, TX. *Funding Source: Technology Replacement/Computer Equip/Hardware, 6218954-627500 - Approved*

#### ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

14. Ordinance No.: 2011-103 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 2, Administration, Article V, Procurement, Sec. 2-204, Competitive sealed bidding required; exceptions – *First reading approval was given on January 10, 2012 – Approved on second reading.*

#### ORDINANCES –FIRST READING

15. Ordinance No.: 2012-007 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 11, Licenses, Permits and Miscellaneous Business Regulations, Articles III, Business and Professional License, Sec. 11-32 Definitions, Gross Income – *First reading approval was given on November 15, 2011. – Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Ms. Plough and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2012-007 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 11, Licenses, Permits and Miscellaneous Business Regulations, Articles III, Business and Professional License, Sec. 11-32 Definitions, Gross Income, subject to the removal of *The value of bartered goods or trade-in merchandise shall be included in gross income.*

## ZONING PUBLIC HEARING

- **Council opened the Zoning Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m.**

### ANNEXATIONS WITH MAP AMENDMENTS – FIRST READING

16. **1011 Clemson Frontage Road**, TMS# 25608-01-33; request to annex and zone the property C-3 (General Commercial). The property is zoned GC (General Commercial) in Richland County. – *Approved on first reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2012-001 – Annexing 1011 Clemson Frontage Road, Richland County TMS #25608-01-33 – *Approved on first reading.*

No one appeared in support of or in opposition to Item 16.

Upon a single motion made by Ms. Plough and seconded by Dr. Gergel, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the *Map Amendment* at 1011 Clemson Frontage Road, TMS# 25608-01-33; request to annex and zone the property C-3 (General Commercial) **and** Ordinance No.: 2012-001 – Annexing 1011 Clemson Frontage Road, Richland County TMS #25608-01-33.

17. **5300 Farrow Road**, TMS: 11611-02-02; request to annex and zone the property M-1 (Light Industrial). The property is zoned M-1 (Light Industrial) in Richland County. – *Approved on first reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2012-002 – Annexing 5300 Farrow Road, Richland County TMS #11611-02-02 – *Approved on first reading.*

No one appeared in support of or in opposition to Item 17.

Upon a single motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the *Map Amendment* at 5300 Farrow Road, TMS: 11611-02-02; request to annex and zone the property M-1 (Light Industrial). The property is zoned M-1 (Light Industrial) in Richland County **and** Ordinance No.: 2012-002 – Annexing 5300 Farrow Road, Richland County TMS #11611-02-02.

18. **201 Plumbers Road**; TMS: 14303-02-05; request to annex and zone the property M-1 (Light Industrial). The property is zoned M-1 (Light Industrial) in Richland County. – *Approved on first reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2012-003 – Annexing 201 Plumbers Road, Richland County TMS #14303-02-05 – *Approved on first reading.*

No one appeared in support of or in opposition to Item 18.

Upon a single motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the *Map Amendment* at 201 Plumbers Road; TMS: 14303-02-05; request to annex and zone the property M-1 (Light Industrial). The property is zoned M-1 (Light Industrial) in Richland County **and** Ordinance No.: 2012-003 – Annexing 201 Plumbers Road, Richland County TMS #14303-02-05.

19. **1241 Veterans Road;** TMS: 16301-02-13; request to annex and zone the property M-1 (Light Industrial). The property is zoned M-1 (Light Industrial) in Richland County. – *Approved on first reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2012-004 – Annexing 1241 Veterans Road, Richland County  
TMS #16301-02-13 – *Approved on first reading.*

No one appeared in support of or in opposition to Item 19.

Upon a single motion made by Ms. Plough and seconded by Dr. Gergel, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to a *Map Amendment* at 1241 Veterans Road; TMS: 16301-02-13; request to annex and zone the property M-1 (Light Industrial). The property is zoned M-1 (Light Industrial) in Richland County **and** Ordinance No.: 2012-004 – Annexing 1241 Veterans Road, Richland County TMS #16301-02-13.

20. **170 Pontiac Business Center Drive;** TMS: 25714-01-04; request to annex and zone the property M-1 (Light Industrial). The property is zoned M-1 (Light Industrial) in Richland County. – *Approved on first reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2012-005 – Annexing 170 Pontiac Business Center Drive,  
Richland County TMS #25714-01-04 – *Approved on first reading.*

No one appeared in support of or in opposition to Item 20.

Upon a single motion made by Ms. Plough and seconded by Dr. Gergel, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to a *Map Amendment* at 170 Pontiac Business Center Drive; TMS: 25714-01-04; request to annex and zone the property M-1 (Light Industrial). The property is zoned M-1 (Light Industrial) in Richland County **and** Ordinance No.: 2012-005 – Annexing 170 Pontiac Business Center Drive, Richland County TMS #25714-01-04.

CONFIRMATION OF ZONING OF PREVIOUSLY ANNEXED PROPERTY –  
FIRST READING

21. **14 Coatsdale Circle;** TMS: 16307-08-03; confirm RS-2 zoning for parcel annexed May 24, 2011. – *Approved on first reading.*

No one appeared in support of or in opposition to Item 21.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Plough and seconded by Dr. Gergel, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the *Confirmation of Zoning of Previously Annexed Property* at 14 Coatsdale Circle; TMS: 16307-08-03; confirm RS-2 zoning for parcel annexed May 24, 2011.

22. **100 Coopers Nursery Road, 108 Coopers Nursery Road, 112 Coopers Nursery Road, 6 Buckthorn Court, 102 Buckthorn Circle, 103 Buckthorn Circle, 106 Buckthorn Circle, 204 Buckthorn Circle, and 208 Buckthorn Circle;** TMS: 28906-01-09, 28906-01-11, 28905-02-12, 28906-01-07, 28905-02-07, 28905-01-05, 28905-02-09, 28906-01-02, and 28902-01-30; confirm PUD-R zoning for parcels annexed May 24, 2011. – *Approved on first reading.*

No one appeared in support of or in opposition to Item 22.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Ms. Plough, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the *Confirmation of Zoning of Previously Annexed Property* at 100 Coopers Nursery Road, 108 Coopers Nursery Road, 112 Coopers Nursery Road, 6 Buckthorn Court, 102 Buckthorn Circle, 103 Buckthorn Circle, 106 Buckthorn Circle, 204 Buckthorn Circle, and 208 Buckthorn Circle; TMS: 28906-01-09, 28906-01-11, 28905-02-12, 28906-01-07, 28905-02-07, 28905-01-05, 28905-02-09, 28906-01-02, and 28902-01-30; confirm PUD-R zoning for parcels annexed May 24, 2011.

#### MAP AMENDMENT – FIRST READING

23. **916 Harden Street;** TMS: 11405-07-12 and 14; request to rezone the property from RG-1 -5P to MX-1 -5P. – *Approved on first reading.*

No one appeared in support of or in opposition to Item 23.

Upon a motion made by Dr. Gergel and seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to *the Map Amendment* at 916 Harden Street; TMS: 11405-07-12 and 14; request to rezone the property from RG-1 -5P to MX-1 -5P.

Councilor Plough said that this is one of the first ventures back to annex commercially up to Walnut Street. There may be a desire to study the further encroachment into that area.

24. **1015 Whaley Street** TMS: 11301-02-06; request to rezone the property from M-2 (Heavy Industrial) to M-1 (Light Industrial). – *Approved on first reading.*

No one appeared in support of or in opposition to Item 24.

Upon a single motion made by Mr. Rickenmann and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval of a *Map Amendment* at 1015 Whaley Street TMS: 11301-02-06; request to rezone the property from M-2 (Heavy Industrial) to M-1 (Light Industrial).

- Council closed the Zoning Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m.
- Council recessed at 7:11 p.m.
- Council reconvened the Regular Meeting at 8:05 p.m.

### **CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION / ACTION**

#### 25. South Assembly Street Property

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Dr. Gergel, Council voted unanimously to support Dr. Venkat Lakshmi's recommendations and to direct the City Manager along with Senior Staff to select an independent engineering firm to evaluate Bright Meyers' proposed solutions as it relates to alleviating flooding and how the development might affect water quality. Funding is being allocated in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 from the funding sources identified by the City Manager with the Reserve Fund being the last resort. This study could take up to 3 months to complete and it will be used as an additional tool in the future planning of the Rocky Branch Watershed.

### **TEXT AMENDMENT – SECOND READING**

26. **Amend §17-55 Definitions and §17-258 Table of Permitted Uses to establish and modify permissions for the operation of Food Trucks within Temporary Vendor regulations.**

Ordinance No.: 2011-082 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Land Development and Zoning, Article III, Zoning, Division 1 Generally, Sec. 17-55 Definitions – *First reading approval was given on November 15, 2011. – Approved on second reading.*

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Ms. Plough, Council voted unanimously to give second reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2011-082 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Land Development and Zoning, Article III, Zoning, Division 1 Generally, Sec. 17-55 Definitions.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

27. Resolution No.: R-2012-003 – Adopting the All Natural Hazards Risk Assessment and Mitigation Plan for the Central Midlands Region of South Carolina Update – *Consideration of this item was deferred.*

A motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Newman to approve Resolution No.: R-2012-003 – Adopting the All Natural Hazards Risk Assessment and Mitigation Plan for the Central Midlands Region of South Carolina Update, was withdrawn.

Upon a single motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to approve **Items 28** and **29**.

28. Resolution No.: R-2012-004 – Authorizing consumption of beer and wine within Boyd Plaza adjacent to the Columbia Museum of Art for the Contemporaries Oyster Roast - *Approved*

29. Resolution No.: R-2012-005 – Authorizing consumption of beer and wine at the Mardi Gras Festival and Parade Benefiting the Animal Mission and Doko Farm - *Approved*

### **APPOINTMENTS**

30. Richland Lexington Airport District Commission

Upon a motion made by Dr. Gergel and seconded by Ms. Plough, Council voted unanimously to approve the reappointment of Ms. Anne Sinclair to the Richland Lexington Airport District Commission for a second and final term expiring on February 1, 2016.

### **CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilor Gergel announced that the Arts and Historic Preservation Committee will be meeting on January 25, 2012 with representatives of the University of South Carolina. She also announced that the One Book One Columbia reading period started today. For more information, visit [www.onecolumbiasc.com](http://www.onecolumbiasc.com).

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

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Moore  
City Clerk