

**CITY OF COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MINUTES
JANUARY 15, 2013 – 2:00 P.M.
EAU CLAIRE TOWN HALL
3905 ENSOR AVENUE**



The Columbia City Council met for a Work Session on Tuesday, January 8, 2012 at the Eau Claire Town Hall located at 3905 Ensor Avenue, Columbia South Carolina. The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 2:14 p.m. The following members of Council were present: The Honorable Sam Davis, The Honorable Brian DeQuincey Newman and The Honorable Cameron A. Runyan. The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine, The Honorable Leona K. Plough and The Honorable Moe Baddourah were absent. Also present were Ms. Teresa B. Wilson, City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Moore, City Clerk. This meeting was advertised in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager asked Mayor Benjamin to explain to the public why we needed to strike **Item 2** from today's agenda. She noted that our intent is to reschedule the discussion as soon as possible.

Mayor Benjamin explained that as we continue to work through the various options available to us to continue to meet the water and sewer needs of this city, it's important that all of Council is kept apprised. He stated that Ms. Devine is still abroad, Mr. Baddourah is ill and Ms. Plough is away on business. He added that it's important to have a fully constituted Council before we move forward with this update.

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION / ACTION

1. [Columbia's Civil Rights Commemorative Project](#) – Mr. Sam Johnson, Office of the Mayor, Dr. Bobby Donaldson and Ms. Robin Waites, Co-Chairs of the Commemorative Project Committee

Mr. Sam Johnson, Office of the Mayor said that Mayor Benjamin realized the importance of the Civil Rights Project through conversations with Mayor Bell of Birmingham, Alabama. He said that it has been fifty years since 1963 and in working with several community partners they have organized events that will commemorate the Civil Rights Movement. He stated that this will be an opportunity to educate many individuals who may not be aware of the cultural history that we have in Columbia.

Dr. Bobby Donaldson, University of South Carolina Associate Professor of History and African American Studies saluted Mayor Benjamin for collaborating with other cities on this remarkable project. He said that one of the most remarkable moments in the post-World War Period, was the American Civil Rights Movement. He said that we largely know the events in Montgomery, Alabama where Rosa Parks refused her seat on a city bus; we know about the powerful march from Selma to Montgomery; we know about the integration of Little Rock,

Arkansas; and we know about the dramatic day at Ole Miss when they made the effort to integrate. We know about many of these great events, but we know little indeed about what occurred in Columbia, South Carolina. He said that this initiative affords us the unique opportunity to explain why Columbia's story matters. He stated that during the last several months in collaboration with a number of partners, they began to dig into the archives to uncover a remarkable story of the city making a grave decision to move away from the past; a city making a decision to move forward and to embrace a civil rights struggle. He said that when this story is over, it will be impossible for anyone else to in the country to tell the story of Civil Rights without referencing Columbia and South Carolina, because what occurred in Columbia was transformative.

Ms. Robin Waites, Executive Director of the Historic Columbia Foundation explained that this is a multi-dimensional project with wonderful programs, long-term elements and exhibits. The African American History Parade is scheduled for February 2nd at Harden and Hampton Streets and ending at Martin Luther King Park. She said that Dr. Cleveland Sellers, Jr. and the SC Conference of Black Mayors will be attending this event. Following the parade there will be a guided bus tour of civil rights sites. Nickelodeon will kick off the Civil Rights Sunday's series with the premiere of the documentary on Harvey Gantt at 3 p.m. On March 3rd there will be a reunion of students who marched on the State House grounds in 1961, which led to the arrest of 187 students and ultimately the successful case of *Edwards v. South Carolina* that allowed for public protests on public grounds. She said that this is an opportunity to bring people in from all over the community. The committee will market this on a local, statewide and national level. With this being a multi-city event, there is a great chance to promote this traveling exhibit throughout the southeast with the goal of establishing Columbia as a destination. In closing, she said that they are delighted to share an untold story and the rich history of Columbia.

Mayor Benjamin said that the members of Council have shared their incredible excitement about the work being done. He asked the committee to share more information about the interesting things they've found.

Mr. Sam Johnson, Office of the Mayor outlined the following cities that are participating in this effort with Columbia: Birmingham, Alabama; Selma, Alabama; Montgomery, Alabama; Jackson, Mississippi; Memphis, Tennessee; Atlanta, Georgia; and Washington, D.C.

Mr. Ramon Jackson, University of South Carolina Graduate Student said that being able to dig through unprocessed materials at The State Newspaper and the Moving Images Research Collections at the USC Library has been exciting. He reported that one of the most interesting images they discovered was a picture of Sarah Mae Flemming, who was involved in a lesser known bus incident in the City of Columbia in 1954, a year prior to Rosa Parks. He also reported finding moving images of the Edwards March at the State House. He said that with more time they will find gems that will make this a very unique commemoration.

Mr. Sam Johnson, Office of the Mayor announced that the website will launch on Thursday, Jan 24, 2013 at 1 p.m. at Zion Baptist Church. He said that "Sharing Your Story" is an important element on the website and it encourages people to share stories and artifacts.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager asked Mr. Johnson to be sure that this site is permanently linked to the City's new website.

Councilor Runyan asked if we have the ability to capture oral histories for those that lived through that time.

Mr. Sam Johnson, Office of the Mayor said there will be several opportunities to record those oral histories through collaboration with USC film students.

Dr. Bobby Donaldson, University of South Carolina Associate Professor of History and African American Studies announced that they are working with The State Newspaper to create spaces in the paper on a regular basis for orphan pieces to be seen and hopefully identified.

Councilor Davis said that he is impressed with the work being done. He said that his wife constantly reminds him that Columbia has a lot of history. He spoke about his personal efforts to capture his mother's history.

Mayor Benjamin said that they are planning more than two dozen historic markers around the city for significant sites. He encouraged the committee to let Council know what needs to be done to enhance the public private partnership and to ensure that what we do leaves a permanent and lasting impression on this city. He requested an update on the archeological digs.

Ms. Robin Waites, Executive Director of the Historic Columbia Foundation reported that they were working at Modjeska Monteith Simkins' house and they were able to identify the location of another building; however, there were not a lot of interesting artifacts.

2. Water and Sewer Rate Discussion – Ms. Melissa Gentry, P.E., Assistant City Manager – *Consideration of this item was deferred.*
3. [Monthly Financial Report](#) – Mr. Bill Ellis, Finance Director

Mr. Bill Ellis, Finance Director reported that the funds are in a positive situation with the exception of parking, which is slightly in the negative by \$138,636. He explained that we've had a few rough years with the Parking Fund due to SCE&G moving out. He stated that the General Fund is \$193,000 positive without using the budgeted unallocated surplus. He noted that we were budgeted to have a deficit through 6 months, but we do not. He further noted that there is very little difference between the Water and Sewer Fund and the General Fund in that they have a 1.5% positive variance through 6 months. He said that if we continue the same way over the next six months, it will be a very good fiscal year.

Councilor Runyan asked about the Employee Health Center.

Mr. Bill Ellis, Finance Director said that they received the data for the first 6 months, but they have not been able to quantify it, because it is a lot of mathematical computations with the billing codes. He said that they now have a good procedure for quantifying the results by March.

Ms. Pam Benjamin, Human Resources Director said that they had hoped to get seven (7) patient encounters per day, but they are averaging twenty-two (22) patients per day. A total of 1,756 patients have been seen and 883 prescriptions have been dispensed. She estimated it to be a \$60,000 savings on prescriptions in comparison to purchases that could have been made at a drug store. She stated that it's going very well.

Mayor Benjamin said that he received calls from the private sector from large industrial operators who like what we are doing and want to mimic it.

Councilor Runyan said that the most efficient way to control healthcare costs is to control the risk profile of our pool; the lower the risk profile of our pool, the less money it will cost us.

Councilor Davis noted that we have people taking advantage of this who would probably not go to a doctor's office at all.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said that the wellness element is a tangible benefit. She explained that the identified risk factors we've seen within the larger community are very similar to the risk factors that we see in our employee pool. She said that the staff has done a good job of beginning to identify staff that we will hopefully encourage to take advantage of wellness programs.

4. Potential Street Renaming Request – The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin – *Consideration of this item was deferred.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Runyan, Council voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 2:55 p.m. for the discussion of **Items 5** through **7** as outlined.

5. Discussion of negotiations incident to the proposed sale of property - *This item was discussed in Executive Session. No action was taken.*
 6. Receipt of legal advice which relates to a matter covered by attorney-client privilege - *This item was discussed in Executive Session. No action was taken.*
 7. Discussion of the employment of an employee - *This item was discussed in Executive Session. No action was taken.*
- **Council adjourned the Work Session at 4:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Moore
City Clerk



CITY OF COLUMBIA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2013
6:00 P.M.
EAU CLAIRE PRINT BUILDING
3907 ENSOR AVENUE

The Columbia City Council conducted a Regular Meeting and a Sidewalk / Zoning Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at the Eau Claire Print Building, 3907 Ensor Avenue, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. The following members of Council were present: The Honorable Sam Davis, The Honorable Brian DeQuincey Newman and The Honorable Cameron A. Runyan. The Honorable Moe Baddourah arrived at 6:22 p.m. The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine and The Honorable Leona K. Plaugh were absent. Also present were Ms. Teresa B. Wilson, City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Moore, City Clerk. This meeting was advertised in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

Please note that agenda items were renumbered to coincide with the order of the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Misses Maddie and Emma Waters lead the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

INVOCATION

Chaplain Billie Bright, Columbia Fire Department offered the invocation.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Runyan, Council voted unanimously to approve the adoption of the agenda, subject to continuing the Public Hearing on the Map Amendment for S/S 5100 Block of Forest Drive until February 5, 2013 and adding the presentation of the City of Columbia Animal Shelter's Pet of the Week by Ms. Marli Drum, Superintendent of Animal Services.

PUBLIC INPUT RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS

No one appeared at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2013 – *Approved as presented.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2013

****Mayor Benjamin explained for the audience that Ms. Devine is traveling abroad in India as part of the Liberty Fellows Leadership Program; Mr. Baddourah is under the weather; and Ms. Plaugh is away on business.**

****Amendment to the Agenda**

PRESENTATIONS

2. **Adopt-A-Pet Program – Ms. Marli Drum, Superintendent of Animal Services

Mayor Benjamin said that one very important issue is making sure we do everything we can to be a quality, first class, world class city where people want to live, work and play. That means that we must adopt policies that not only think about our families, but also our extended families; our furry, four-legged friends and family members. He said as we move forward, at every Council meeting where it's possible, we will present an animal for potential adoption and we will feature that pet on our website and social media to encourage adoption.

Ms. Marli Drum, Superintendent introduced Petie, a four month old bird dog, shepherd, bull dog mix that was recently neutered and microchipped. Petie is now ready for adoption at the rate of \$73, which includes all medical work-ups. She announced that cats are also available for \$68.

To view other animals up for adoption like Petie visit Petfinder.com, visit the Columbia Animal Shelter at 127 Humane Lane or call (803)776-7387.

3. [Introduction of the 2012 Employee of the Year](#) – Mr. Kelvin Keisler, Support Services Administrator for the General Services Department

Mr. Kelvin Keisler, Support Services Administrator introduced Mr. Mike Mossman, Maintenance Craftsman for the Support Services Division as the 2012 Employee of the Year. He described Mike as a dedicated and hardworking employee and an outstanding team player.

Mayor Benjamin presented Mr. Mossman with a plaque and City Manager Teresa Wilson presented Mr. Mossman with a token of appreciation for being selected as the 2012 City of Columbia Employee of the Year.

4. Recognition of Chaplain Clyde Waters for Thirty Years of Service – Mr. Leslie Wisler, Deputy Police Chief

Mr. Leslie Wisler, Deputy Police Chief thanked Chaplain Clyde Waters for 30 years of selfless Christian service to the Police Officers and civilian staff of the Columbia Police Department.

Mayor Benjamin and the members of Council proclaimed Tuesday, January 15, 2013 as Chaplain Clyde Waters Day in the City of Columbia.

OTHER MATTERS

5. [Neighborhood Street Lighting Requests](#) – Mr. Dave Brewer, Director of Traffic Engineering

Neighborhoods Listed by Priority	Existing Lights	Requested Lights	Current Lease Cost / Annually	Increased Amount	Total Year to Date
Thorn Tree Subdivision	0	20	\$0.00	\$4,250.40	\$14,255.76
West Beltline Boulevard	25	14	\$5,313.00	\$2,975.28	\$17,231.04

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Runyan, Council voted unanimously to approve the Neighborhood Street Lighting Requests for the Thorn Tree Subdivision between Arbogate Circle and Piney Grove Road and West Beltline Boulevard between Spann Street and Truman Street.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a single motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve the **Consent Agenda Items 6 through 8**.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS, AGREEMENTS and CHANGE ORDERS

6. Council is asked to approve [Capital Improvement Project SS720602](#); Engineering Services to Perform a System-Wide Sanitary Sewer Manhole Survey, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to Florence & Hutcheson, Inc., in the amount of \$237,600.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Sewer Maintenance Fund; 5516212-SS720602-636600 – **Note:** Carolina Surveying Services (Lexington, SC) will provide surveying services at 15% (\$35,640.00) of the contract value. The original budgeted amount for this project is \$300,000.00 – Approved*

ORDINANCE – SECOND READING

7. [Ordinance No.: 2013-014](#) – Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Lease Renewal Agreement between the City of Columbia and the United States House of Representatives for lease of a portion of the second floor of the building located at 1225 Lady Street – *First reading approval was given on January 8, 2013 – Approved on second reading.*
8. [Ordinance No.: 2013-016](#) – Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Amended and Restated Agreement of Sale and Purchase between the City of Columbia and Baker and Baker Real Estate Developers, LLC for the sale of Parcel "A" containing approximately 27,664 square feet (0.64 acre) and Parcel "B" containing approximately 25,444 (0.58 acre) square feet located on the eastern side of Gist Street between Laurel Street and Blanding Street and known as Richland County TMS No.: 09005-02-44 and 09005-02-23 – *First reading approval was given on January 8, 2013 – Approved on second reading.*

OTHER MATTERS

9. **Protection of the City's Tree Infrastructure – Ms. Sara Hollar, Superintendent of Forestry and Beautification

Ms. Sara Hollar, Superintendent of Forestry and Beautification appeared before the members of Council to discuss the tree issue on Columbia Avenue. She explained that the Department of Transportation (DOT) received a complaint regarding a safety concern and they had to address it, which resulted in a tree being taken down. She spoke with DOT representatives last week and recognized that there's a communication breakdown. She reported that the entities agreed that if this situation arises again, we will be there to facilitate the communication process between DOT, the City and our citizens. She stated that the city takes great pride in our trees and planted 620 trees last year in the city and DOT right of way. She announced a utility tree trimming meeting tomorrow at 6 p.m. at the Capitol Senior Center. She distributed a list of neighborhoods that will be affected by the 2013 utility trimming.

- **Mr. Baddourah joined the meeting at 6:22 p.m.**

Councilor Davis asked if we have an agreement with SCDOT regarding trees that must be trimmed or removed.

Ms. Sara Hollar, Superintendent of Forestry and Beautification said that we have a verbal agreement for DOT to contact us regarding tree issues that affect us.

Councilor Davis asked that staff draft a written agreement with SCDOT so that everyone understands the rules on how we approach issues and determine whether a tree is healthy or not.

Councilor Newman asked if they are communicating with neighborhood presidents and he inquired about the number of sessions that will be held.

Ms. Sara Hollar, Superintendent of Forestry and Beautification said yes and one meeting will be held tomorrow night.

Councilor Newman requested a timeline for the tree trimming.

Ms. Sara Hollar, Superintendent of Forestry and Beautification said that a press release will be distributed every other week indicating where they will be working during the next two weeks.

Mayor Benjamin agreed that we need to formalize our arrangements with SCDOT and SCE&G regarding tree trimming. He said that we must continue to be very aggressive in our efforts to plant trees while preserving some grand trees in the city. He said that we must also formalize our communications in a way that recognizes the speed of the technology that we have access to.

Councilor Runyan sought clarification of the process between submitting a request to DOT and a tree coming down.

Ms. Sara Hollar, Superintendent of Forestry and Beautification said that the city's process is to go out and look at a tree after receiving a request; we will consider removing a tree if we think it's in bad shape; if it's a limb, we will trim it. She stated that trees are tagged with an orange ribbon once slated for removal; they notify the requestor as well as the adjacent property owner; and then they will allow time to lapse in order for people to call with questions. She said that DOT's process is separate from the city.

Mayor Benjamin said that there DOT roads that we maintain with our funds. He said that we may need to pass new policies that relate to the city and encouraging DOT to follow those rules.

▪ **Council opened the floor for public comment at 6:29 p.m.**

Ms. Rebecca Haynes, President of the Earlewood Community Citizens Organization said that this was a sad couple of week for trees. She said that while they were fighting the loss of this grand tree, they were also planting trees in Earlewood Park with their own membership funds and the help of Columbia Green. She asked for positive policy changes to occur along with improved communication from the city to neighborhood presidents.

Dr. David Parker, Chair of the Police and Safety Committee said that he woke up last week to find a large tree being removed. He said that while the sidewalk was raised and the street was impacted, there was no communication to the neighborhood association. He was displeased in his communications with DOT. He said that a pink dot was spray painted on the tree as a symbol of plans for cutting it down. He stated that there are four (4) trees marked with a pink dot near his residence at the corner of Columbia Avenue and Florence Street. He reported that a massive oak tree had its top section removed on Duke Avenue and additional trees were taken down on Keenan Drive today. DOT advised them that they only remove trees; they don't cut or trim trees. He said that the city has always been very responsive.

Mr. Tom Clements, Earlewood Park resident distributed a photo of the stump that was left in the sidewalk. He said that the sidewalk was arched up over the roots. He asked why the sidewalk wasn't repaired instead of removing the tree. He said that it was a very healthy 100 year old tree. He said that the tree has been ground down and the sidewalk is being replaced. He filed a Freedom of Information request along with a fee waiver to DOT to receive information on their process for removing the tree. The request for a fee waiver was denied. He asked the city to request this information from DOT.

Mayor Benjamin agreed to request the information, which will help the city establish a policy. He asked the City Manager to seek the input of the Tree and Appearance Commission, Sara Hollar, Nancy Lee Trihey and others, as needed.

▪ **Council closed the public comment period on this matter at 6:39 p.m.**

ORDINANCE – FIRST READING

Mayor Benjamin explained that Council is deferring the discussion regarding water and sewer rates until we have a larger number of members present. He further explained that Ordinance No.: 2012-103 has nothing to do with the discussion of water and sewer rates.

10. [Ordinance No.: 2012-103](#) – 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. 23-146 Fire hydrant, fire protection and sprinkler system charges (g) - *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Runyan and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2012-103 – 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. 23-146 Fire hydrant, fire protection and sprinkler system charges (g).

RESOLUTIONS

11. [Resolution No.: R-2013-002](#) – Authorizing consumption of beer and wine at the South Carolina Cornbread Festival – *Approved.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Runyan, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2013-002 – Authorizing consumption of beer and wine at the South Carolina Cornbread Festival.

APPOINTMENTS

12. [Municipal Election Commission](#) - *Consideration of this item was deferred.*
13. [Greater Columbia Community Relations Council](#)

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Mr. Michael Glymph to the Greater Columbia Community Relations Council for a three (3) year term ending January 31, 2016.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Runyan reported that the Arts and Historic Preservation Committee met on Friday, January 11, 2013 to continue the review of the hospitality tax process. He said that they learned through this process that Council has never formally endorsed items that are eligible for funding under the hospitality tax. It was the unanimous recommendation of the committee to bring forward the following list of items for Council's consideration.

- I. Endorsement of eligible expenditures for Hospitality Tax Funds:
 - a) Marketing – advertising, promotions, mailing and design, billboard and banner locations.
 - b) Security – off duty police officers, private security, clean and safe teams
 - c) Entertainment – dancers, artists etc. Does not include per diems for travel/accommodations. Only includes contractual amounts paid.
 - d) Facilities and Buildings – operation and maintenance
- II. It is up to the committee’s discretion to review funding requests for conferences, walks and runs.
- III. Can use up to 75% of funds for either a marketing director’s salary or retainer for the firm handling the marketing.
- IV. All organizations have to go through the application process in order to be considered for funds. This includes organizations that have missed the application deadline.
- V. City Council will have the final decision in the allocation of the Hospitality Funds.

Councilor Davis suggested that the recommendations be distributed to the full Council.

Councilor Newman stated that members of the Hospitality Tax Advisory Committee attended the meeting and they were appreciative of us providing clear guidance as to what they should be doing and how they should evaluate some organizations. He said that they explained to the committee members Council’s influence and ability to dictate its goals with the main thought of ensuring that there is a return on our investment, whether financial or cultural. He supports the motion wholeheartedly.

Councilor Runyan noted that Council still has the ultimate discretion in this; we have to vote on whatever comes out of the committee. He said that they are trying to provide more structure for the committee.

Mayor Benjamin asked how the recommendations take into consideration requests that come up outside of the application process.

Ms. Libby Gober, Assistant to City Council stated that there is contingency funding that would encompass those requests, but not necessarily within the organization’s timeframe.

Mayor Benjamin agreed that all organizations should go through the application process. He said that Council agrees with 95% of what the committee does, but it has to be clear that we’re not delegating authority to anyone else. He agreed to consider the recommendations at the next meeting.

Ms. Libby Gober, Assistant to City Council stated that applications will be available on our website by January 31st; they will be due by mid-March; and if we have a decision of Council at the next meeting, we can implement it.

APPEARANCE OF THE PUBLIC

Mr. Tommy Burkett, North Columbia Business Association said that he was at the Empowerment Zone (EZ) Board Meeting today in reference to the 3700 block of North Main Street being sold to the developers in Greenville to build tax credit housing. He said that he is disappointed, because the EZ and the Eau Claire Development Corporation Boards are not keeping the residents and the North Columbia Business Association up-to-date. He said that they have a contract ready to be signed by the end of the month. He referred to a city policy prohibiting the development of tax credit housing within the business district on North Main Street. He was informed that they are moving forward with the sale of the property. He said that the master plan called for mixed-use with the idea that retail would be on the bottom section and residential on the top section. He said that this is being ignored, because tax credits are being used and HUD won't allow retail on this property. He asked City Council to look into the plans for this site and the 1995 Resolution.

Mayor Benjamin said that the policy talks about a radius between locations and it also expressly excludes complexes that are under 150 units. He said that the policy isn't applicable to this situation, but it doesn't devalue Mr. Burkett's opinion and position as to what should or should not go there. He said that the master plan calls for mixed-use, which means residential, commercial or retail. He said that there are certain things that development corporations have to do or may not do, but at the end of the day we are still holding the liability purse for things that might not happen. He said that will remain foremost in his mind and they need clarity on exactly what that liability is to the taxpayers of the city as well.

Councilor Davis concurred with Mr. Burkett. He said that the primary issue is that the community has explicitly stated their preference given how we got to this point as to what goes on at that particular location. He said that would have been the case even if that property wasn't sold to the EZ. He said that everybody in that area is very adamant about commercial development on the corridor. He said that the plan for that area was put together by the citizens through a charette process. He stated that the plan for that location speaks to mixed use and in phases one, two and three it provides for commercial development on the front and if the plan continued there would be residential in the rear. He said that the plan also addresses the DOT property, which is almost adjacent to it as a possible site for residential development. He said that staff will be having discussions with HUD and he suggested that we allow them to have those conversations. He doesn't think HUD will punish a neighborhood because they are expressing their preference based on the time, energy and efforts they put into a plan that would be the foundation of redevelopment and community development in this area. He is surprised that the EZ would take the position it took tonight.

Mr. Tommy Burkett, North Columbia Business Association said that this is a slap in the face. He asked them for a few weeks to digest this and see what can be done. He also asked about buying the property back and he was told that it cannot be done.

SIDEWALK VENDING PUBLIC HEARING

- **Council opened the Sidewalk Vending Public Hearing at 7:04 p.m.**

ORDINANCE – FIRST READING

14. [Ordinance No.: 2013-015](#) – 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 – *Approved*

No one appeared in support or in opposition to Item 14.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2013-015 – 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.

- **Council closed the Sidewalk Vending Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m.**

ZONING PUBLIC HEARING

- **Council opened the Zoning Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m.**

ANNEXATIONS WITH MAP AMENDMENTS – FIRST READING

15. [100 Sparkleberry Crossing Road](#), TMS# 25705-07-32; 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.*

Council District: 4
Proposal: Annex and zone property C-3. Primary Area
Applicant: SC Federal Credit Union
PC Recommendation: Approve C-3 zoning (7-0) 11/05/12
Staff Recommendation: Approve

[Ordinance No.: 2013-006](#) – **Annexing 100 Sparkleberry Crossing Road Richland County TMS #25705-07-32.**

No one appeared in support of or in opposition to Item 15.

Upon a single motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the *Annexation with Map Amendment* for 100 Sparkleberry Crossing Road, TMS# 25705-07-32; request to annex and zone the property C-3 (General Commercial) **and** Ordinance No.: 2013-007 – Annexing 100 Sparkleberry Crossing Road Richland County TMS #25705-07-32.

16. [931 Spears Creek Court](#), TMS# 28802-02-05; 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.*

Council District: 4
Proposal: Annex and zone property M-1. Primary Area
Applicant: Columbia Valued Partners, LLC
PC Recommendation: Approve M-1 zoning (7-0) 11/05/12
Staff Recommendation: Approve

[Ordinance No.: 2013-008](#) – Annexing 931 Spears Creek Court Richland County TMS #28802-02-05 – *Approved on first reading.*

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

Upon a single motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Runyan, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the *Annexation with Map Amendment* for 931 Spears Creek Court, TMS# 28802-02-05; request to annex and zone the property M-1 (Light Industrial) **and** Ordinance No.: 2013-008 – Annexing 931 Spears Creek Court Richland County TMS #28802-02-05.

17. [7008 Eugene Street](#), TMS# 16414-03-17; 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.*

Council District: 3
Proposal: Annex and zone property C-3. Primary Area
Applicant: The Toy Box One, LLC
PC Recommendation: Approve C-3 zoning, (7-0) 11/05/12
Staff Recommendation: Approve

[Ordinance No. 2013-003](#) – Annexing 7008 Eugene Street, Richland County TMS # 16414-03-17- *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. Runyan, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the *Annexation with Map Amendment* for 7008 Eugene Street, TMS# 16414-03-17; request to annex and zone the property C-3 (General Commercial) **and** Ordinance No. 2013-003 – Annexing 7008 Eugene Street, Richland County TMS # 16414-03-17.

18. [131 Sysco Court and 8009 Garners Ferry Road](#), TMS# 19000-01-01 and 19100-05-02; request to annex and zone the properties M-1 (Light Industrial). The property is zoned M-1 (Light Industrial) in Richland County - *Approved on first reading.*

Council District: 4
Proposal: Annex and zone property M-1. Contiguous, Secondary Area
Applicant: Sysco Columbia, LLC
PC Recommendation: Approve PUD-R zoning (6-0) 12/03/12
Staff Recommendation: Approve

[Ordinance No.: 2013-004](#) – Annexing 131 Sysco Court and 8009 Garners Ferry Road Richland County TMS #19000-01-01 and 19100-05-02 - *Approved on first reading.*

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

Upon a single motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the *Annexation with Map Amendment* for 131 Sysco Court and 8009 Garners Ferry Road, TMS# 19000-01-01 and 19100-05-02; request to annex and zone the properties M-1 (Light Industrial) **and** Ordinance No.: 2013-004 – Annexing 131 Sysco Court and 8009 Garners Ferry Road Richland County TMS #19000-01-01 and 19100-05-02.

19. [841 Sparkleberry Crossing Road](#), TMS# 25705-07-31; 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.*

Council District: 4
Proposal: Annex and zone property C-3. Contiguous, Primary Area
Applicant: Sparkleberry Lot 4, LLC
PC Recommendation: Approve M-1 zoning (6-0) 12/03/12
Staff Recommendation: Approve

[Ordinance No.: 2013-007](#) – Annexing 841 Sparkleberry Crossing Road Richland County TMS #25705-07-31 - *Approved on first reading.*

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

Upon a single motion made by Mr. Runyan and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the *Annexation with Map Amendment* for 841 Sparkleberry Crossing Road, TMS# 25705-07-31; request to annex and zone the property C-3 (General Commercial) **and** Ordinance No.: 2013-007 – Annexing 841 Sparkleberry Crossing Road Richland County TMS #25705-07-31.

20. [1001 Clemson Frontage Road](#), TMS# 25608-01-39; 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.*
- Council District: 4
- Proposal: Annex and zone property C-3. Contiguous, Primary Area
- Applicant: Waffle House, Inc.
- PC Recommendation: Approve C-3 zoning (6-0) 12/03/12
- Staff Recommendation: Approve

[Ordinance No.: 2013-005](#) – Annexing 1001 Clemson Frontage Road Richland County TMS #25608-01-39 - *Approved on first reading.*

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

Upon a single motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the *Annexation with Map Amendment* for 1001 Clemson Frontage Road, TMS# 25608-01-39; request to annex and zone the property C-3 (General Commercial) **and** Ordinance No.: 2013-005 – Annexing 1001 Clemson Frontage Road Richland County TMS #25608-01-39.

21. [3819 Prentice Avenue, 3817 Prentice Avenue, 3815 Prentice Avenue, and 322 South Kilbourne Road](#), TMS# 13805-08-02; request to annex and zone the property RS-3 (Single Family-Residential). The property is zoned RS-HD (Single Family Residential – High Density) in Richland County - *Approved on first reading.*
- Council District: 3
- Proposal: Annex and zone property RS-3. Contiguous, Secondary Area
- Applicant: Floyd T. Deary, III & Daneille C. Rea-Deary
- PC Recommendation: Approve RS-HD zoning (6-0) 12/03/12
- Staff Recommendation: Approve

[Ordinance No.: 2013-002](#) – Annexing 3819 Prentice Avenue, 3817 Prentice Avenue, 3815 Prentice Avenue and 322 South Kilbourne Road, Richland County TMS #13805-08-02 - *Approved on first reading.*

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

Upon a single motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the *Annexation with Map Amendment* for 3819 Prentice Avenue, 3817 Prentice Avenue, 3815 Prentice Avenue, and 322 South Kilbourne Road, TMS# 13805-08-02; request to annex and zone the property RS-3 (Single Family-Residential) **and** Ordinance No.: 2013-002 – Annexing 3819 Prentice Avenue, 3817 Prentice Avenue, 3815 Prentice Avenue and 322 South Kilbourne Road, Richland County TMS #13805-08-02.

CASES WITH MAP AND TEXT AMENDMENTS – FIRST READING

22. **A. (Map Amendment): Seminary Ridge Architectural Conservation District, TMS#09210-05-01 through 05, 09210-05-07, 09210-05-12, 09210-05-18, 09210-05-19, 09211-07-02, 09211-07-4, 09211-08-01, 09211-08-02, 09211-09-01, 09211-10-01 through 09211-10-12, 09212-07-08 through 09212-07-12, 09214-01-01 through 09214-01-10, 09214-02-01 through 09214-02-05, 09214-02-07 through 09214-02-12, 09215-01-01 through 09215-01-12, 09215-02-01 through 09215-02-05, 09215-03-01 through 09215-03-06, 09215-04-01 through 09215-04-08, 09215-05-01 through 09215-05-14, 09215-06-01, 09215-06-02, 09215-06-06, 09215-06-09, 09215-07-01 through 09215-07-04, 09215-17-01, 09215-18-01 through 09215-18-11, 09215-19-01 through 09215-19-05, 09215-19-07, 09215-20-01, 09215-21-01 (partial), 09215-22-01 through 09215-22-06, 09216-08-48 through 09216-08-54, 09216-08-56 through 09216-08-60, 09216-08-63 through 09216-08-66, 09216-09-01 through 09216-09-04, 09216-10-01 through 09216-10-04, 09216-10-06 through 09216-10-10, 09216-11-01 through 09216-11-04, 09216-12-01 through 09216-12-07; request to add –DP (Design Preservation) overlay to existing - *Approved on first reading.***

Council District: 1
Proposal: Rezone to add –DP overlay to all existing zoning classifications.
Applicant: Krista M. Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services
PC Recommendation: Approve (5-3) 11/05/12
DDRC Recommendation: Approve (6-0) 10/11/12
Staff Recommendation: Approve

- B. (Text Amendment) Amend §17-681(b) Districts identified to add Seminary Ridge as an Architectural Conservation District - *Approved on first reading.***

Proposal: Amend §17-681(b) Districts identified, to add Seminary Ridge as an Architectural Conservation District
Applicant: Krista M. Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services
PC Recommendation: Approve (5-3) 11/05/12
DDRC Recommendation: Approve (6-0) 10/11/12
Staff Recommendation: Approve

Ordinance No.: 2013-001 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Land Development and Zoning, Article V, Historic Preservation and Architectural Review, Division 3, Landmarks and Design Protection Districts, Sec. 17-681 Districts identified (b) Architectural conservation district to add (8) - *Approved on first reading.*

Ms. Amy Moore, Preservation Planner explained that Seminary Ridge was planned and platted in 1910, but it developed slowly over a period of years. Its building styles include bungalows, minimal traditional style homes and ranch style homes including an all steel home, which is unique in the city. She said that the area is dotted with landmarks including the Eau Claire Print Building, the Ensor-Keenan House, and the Lutheran Seminary, which played into the role of the development of the neighborhood. She reported that staff surveyed every building in the neighborhood and researched the history of the neighborhood. She said that the guidelines are intended to provide parameters for new development and rehabilitation for the neighborhoods. She noted that if the designation is approved, qualifying structures may receive the city's Bailey Bill, which is tax abatement for the rehabilitation of historic structures.

Ms. LaToya Grate, President of the Seminary Ridge Neighborhood Association said that they always provided fliers and emails to each home to ensure as many people as possible would attend the meetings and decide whether or not they were interested in moving forward. She said that they never received objections; however, they received requests to include property owners that weren't originally included.

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* for Seminary Ridge Architectural Conservation District, TMS#09210-05-01 through 05, 09210-05-07, 09210-05-12, 09210-05-18, 09210-05-19, 09211-07-02, 09211-07-4, 09211-08-01, 09211-08-02, 09211-09-01, 09211-10-01 through 09211-10-12, 09212-07-08 through 09212-07-12, 09214-01-01 through 09214-01-10, 09214-02-01 through 09214-02-05, 09214-02-07 through 09214-02-12, 09215-01-01 through 09215-01-12, 09215-02-01 through 09215-02-05, 09215-03-01 through 09215-03-06, 09215-04-01 through 09215-04-08, 09215-05-01 through 09215-05-14, 09215-06-01, 09215-06-02, 09215-06-06, 09215-06-09, 09215-07-01 through 09215-07-04, 09215-17-01, 09215-18-01 through 09215-18-11, 09215-19-01 through 09215-19-05, 09215-19-07, 09215-20-01, 09215-21-01 (partial), 09215-22-01 through 09215-22-06, 09216-08-48 through 09216-08-54, 09216-08-56 through 09216-08-60, 09216-08-63 through 09216-08-66, 09216-09-01 through 09216-09-04, 09216-10-01 through 09216-10-04, 09216-10-06 through 09216-10-10, 09216-11-01 through 09216-11-04, 09216-12-01 through 09216-12-07; request to add -DP (Design Preservation) overlay to existing **and** Ordinance No.: 2013-001 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Land Development and Zoning, Article V, Historic Preservation and Architectural Review, Division 3, Landmarks and Design Protection Districts, Sec. 17-681 Districts identified (b) Architectural conservation district to add (8).

MAP AMENDMENT – FIRST READING

23. **2005 Heidt Street and 2012 Henry Street**, TMS# 11505-13-05 and -10; request to rezone from RG-2 to RG-1 - *Approved on first reading.*
- Council District: 2
Proposal: Rezone property from RG-2 to RG-1
Applicant: Second Nazareth Baptist Church
PC Recommendation: Approve (6-0) 12/03/12
Staff Recommendation: Approve

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

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Runyan, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the *Map Amendment* for 2005 Heidt Street and 2012 Henry Street, TMS# 11505-13-05 and -10; request to rezone from RG-2 to RG-1.

24. **S/S 5100 block Forest Drive**, TMS# 16701-05-01 and 16701-05-02; request to rezone from RS-1 to C-2 – *Consideration of this item was deferred until February 5, 2013.*
- Council District: 4
Proposal: Rezone property from RS-1 to C-2
Applicant: Private Properties, LLC
PC Recommendation: Approve (4-2) 12/03/12
Staff Recommendation: Approve

Upon a motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to continue the Public Hearing on the *Map Amendment* for S/S 5100 block Forest Drive, TMS# 16701-05-01 and 16701-05-02 to February 5, 2013.

25. **3504 and 3512 Devine Street**, TMS# 13808-15-02 and 13808-15-04; request to rezone from PUD-R with CC-1 overlay to C-1 without CC-1 overlay - *Approved on first reading..*
- Council District: 3
Proposal: Rezone property from PUD-R with CC-2 overlay to C-1 without CC1 overlay
Applicant: JSC Architects for Bishop of Charleston
PC Recommendation: Approve (6-0) 12/03/12
Staff Recommendation: Approve

Ms. Krista Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services explained that there are multiple zonings along the street, which makes it almost impossible to redevelop these parcels. She clarified that the parcel fronting Blossom Street will not be rezoned; it will remain PUD-R. She said that the application is simply to make the zoning along Devine Street consistent; removing the PUD-R; and making it C-1. She noted that it has the Community Character Overlay regulations, which only applies to properties zoned or used residentially and these are neither; therefore, she asked that Council remove the CC-1 overlay.

No one appeared in support of or in opposition to Item 25.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the *Map Amendment* for 3504 and 3512 Devine Street, TMS# 13808-15-02 and 13808-15-04; request to rezone from PUD-R with CC-1 overlay to C-1 without CC-1 overlay.

TEXT AMENDMENTS – FIRST READING

26. [Amend §17-290 Microbrewery](#) to modify conditions under which a microbrewery is permitted within C-3, MX-1, and MX-2 districts.

Proposal:	Amend §17-290 Microbrewery conditional use standards
Applicant:	Krista M. Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services
PC Recommendation:	Approve (8-0) 11/05/12
Staff Recommendation:	Approve

[Ordinance No.: 2013-010](#) – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Land Development and Zoning, Article III, Zoning, Division 8, District Descriptions; Use and Dimensional Regulations, Sec. 17-290 Microbrewery - *Approved on first reading.*

Ms. Krista Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services explained that they created a classification of microbrewery a number of years ago and the standard definition of that is 15,000 barrels per year. She further explained that when it was established in C-3 and MX zones production was limited to 1,000 gallons, which makes it impossible for someone to operate. She said that a review of peer cities led them to allow for increased productions with conditions on loading and storage.

Councilor Baddourah inquired about the zoning for microbreweries.

Ms. Krista Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services said that a microbrewery would be in C-3, MX-1 and MX-2. She said that they are allowed without conditions like other production breweries in industrial districts.

No one appeared in support of or in opposition to Item 26.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2012-010 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Land Development and Zoning, Article V, Historic Preservation and Architectural Review, Division 5, Special Property Tax Assessments for Rehabilitated Historic Properties, Sec. 17-699 Process (g) Decertification.

27. [Amend §17-305 Planned Unit Development](#) – to clarify private dormitory permissibility within the Bull Street PUD.

Proposal:	Amend §17-305 Planned Unit Development to amend language within the PUD section of the ordinance.
Applicant:	Krista M. Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services
PC Recommendation:	Approve (8-0) 11/05/12
Staff Recommendation:	Approve

[Ordinance No.: 2013-011](#) – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinance of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Land Development and Zoning, Article III, Zoning, Division 9, Supplementary District Regulations, Sec. 17-305 Planned unit developments (a) Generally - *Approved on first reading.*

Ms. Krista Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services explained that this ordinance clarifies that private dormitories are permitted within the Bull Street PUD.

No one appeared in support of or in opposition to Item 27.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2013-011 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinance of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Land Development and Zoning, Article III, Zoning, Division 9, Supplementary District Regulations, Sec. 17-305 Planned unit developments (a) Generally.

28. [Amend §17-258 Table of Permitted Uses Division J. Public Administration, 921](#) to permit courts in the M-1 zoning district - *Approved on first reading.*

Proposal:	Amend §17-258 Table of Permitted Uses Division J. Public Administration, 921 to permit courts in the M-1 zoning district.
Applicant:	K. Brian Cook, Zoning Administrator
PC Recommendation:	Approve (8-0) 11/05/12
Staff Recommendation:	Approve

[Ordinance No.: 2013-009](#) – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinance of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Land Development and Zoning, Article III, Zoning, Division 8, District Descriptions, Use and Dimensional Regulations, Sec. 17-258 Table or permitted uses, SIC 921 Courts - *Approved on first reading.*

Ms. Krista Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services explained that there is a request to open a new magistrate office and they found that it was not permitted in M-1 zoning districts whereas other offices are; this makes it consistent.

No one appeared in support of or in opposition to Item 28.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Runyan and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2013-009 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinance of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Land Development and Zoning, Article III, Zoning, Division 8, District Descriptions, Use and Dimensional Regulations, Sec. 17-258 Table or permitted uses, SIC 921 Courts.

- **Council closed the Zoning Public Hearing at 7:23 p.m.**

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said that the Empowerment Zone Board did not vote today to move forward with the developer; there has been a contractual discussion that has been presented over the last several weeks and Council has been made aware of it. She stated that this Council would have to approve our moving forward with a proposed sale of land and that's even contingent upon the tax credits being received by the developer. She explained that at this juncture, the most prudent matter before us is the close out of the Empowerment Zone and our financial responsibility as we deal with a federal granting agency, which is HUD. She stated that we have to first and foremost make sure there's a balance between the community understanding of any proposal and those boards having a clear understanding of what's going on. She stated that the city is moving forward with the close out of the Empowerment Zone and she would rest assure that we are having the right discussions with HUD and one doesn't necessarily have to do with the other.

**Mayor Benjamin and the members of Council wished Ms. Libby Gober, City Council Assistant a Happy Birthday.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Runyan and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

- **Council reconvened the meeting at 7:27 p.m.**

Mrs. Jan Gilligan appeared before the Council to express concerns about the increased hydrant fee. She resides outside the Columbia city limits and in July this Council voted to increase the rates without properly informing the out of city residents. She reported receiving false information from city staff as to why the fee doubled from \$4 to \$8 per month. She said that the City of Columbia is providing water to these fire hydrants and can't charge for water they don't use. She stated that they are in the Irmo Fire District. She asked for truthful information regarding the gouging.

Mayor Benjamin said that the fee hadn't been raised in 30 years; it costs to provide water and sewer service to this region; and we must have a mechanism in place to pay for it. He said that this Council never wants to raise fees and we will continue to operate fiscally responsibly. He urged Ms. Gilligan to submit her questions in writing to the City Manager.

Councilor Runyan said that he would have voted in favor of that fee increase, because the fee was put into place in 1979 to provide hydrant services to your residence, which helps to keep your insurance rates low and for providing service to you. He noted that the fee was not inflated from 1979 to 2012, but if the city did inflate it, \$12.50 would be the fair price. He stated that city rate payers are subsidizing the county and that's not fair.

Dr. Germon Miller-Bey, AKERU Legacy Council said that as a behavioral scientist, the opportunity for the young men to have come before City Council really gave them a lift. She wanted the Mayor to understand that he almost went viral as the Mayor of the Year in the eyes of a lot of young people. She said that Mayor Benjamin is seen as somebody who will accept young adults for who they are and as a behavioral scientist, cleaning house is probably the hardest thing that a young adult has to do. As the adult, she offered any apology for anything that may seem to have been disturbing. In closing, she said that the young adults will continue to support the efforts of the city for anti-violence. She formally requested to have a Work Session with Council to present all of the avenues. She said that the group has been awarded recognition in Chicago and Northern California for their program.

Mayor Benjamin told Dr. Miller that she is doing yeoman's work; work that no one else will do. He said that it's important that she do it. He reiterated Council's full support. He agreed to participate in the Work Session or community meeting in an effort to serve as a beacon light to the young men who are trying to put their lives back together.

- **Council adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Moore
City Clerk

Meeting Dates	Type of Meeting	Meeting Times
January 23, 2013	Mayor's State of the City Address <i>Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center</i> <i>1101 Lincoln Street – Coble Ballroom</i>	6:00 p.m.
January 29, 2013	Finance, Audit and Budget Committee Meeting <i>Lincoln Street Parking Garage – 820 Washington Street</i>	9:00 a.m.
	Economic and Community Development Committee Meeting <i>Lincoln Street Parking Garage – 820 Washington Street</i>	2:00 p.m.
February 5, 2013	Work Session <i>Eau Claire Town Hall – 3905 Ensor Avenue</i>	3:00 p.m.
	Council Meeting/Public Hearing on Franchise Fee Reduction <i>Eau Claire Print Building – 3907 Ensor Avenue</i>	6:00 p.m.
February 19, 2013	Work Session <i>Eau Claire Town Hall – 3905 Ensor Avenue</i>	2:00 p.m.
	Council Meeting <i>Eau Claire Print Building – 3907 Ensor Avenue</i>	6:00 p.m.