



CITY OF COLUMBIA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2013
6:00 P.M.
EAU CLAIRE PRINT BUILDING
3907 ENSOR AVENUE

The Columbia City Council conducted a Council Meeting at 6:14 p.m. on Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at the Eau Claire Print Building located at 3907 Ensor Avenue, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Stephen K. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m. and the following members of Council were present: The Honorable Sam Davis, The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine, The Honorable Leona K. Plough, The Honorable Brian DeQuincey Newman, The Honorable Cameron A. Runyan and The Honorable Moe Baddourah. 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Miss Taylor Hicks and little Miss Areana Randolph led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Chaplain Billie Bright, Columbia Fire Department offered the invocation.

PET OF THE WEEK

Mr. Dennis Flory, Senior Animal Control Officer introduced Hannah, a lively 3-year old chow/lab mix, as the Pet of the Week. All animals are spay/neutered, micro-chipped, vaccinated and wormed. Canines are tested for heartworms and felines are tested for feline leukemia/aids. To view other animals available for adoption, visit www.petfinder.com . For more information, visit the Columbia Animal Shelter at 127 Humane Lane or call (803)776-7387.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to approve the adoption of the agenda, subject to deferring consideration of Items **1, 2** and **31**.

PUBLIC INPUT RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS

No one appeared at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Council Meeting Minutes of March [5](#) and March [19](#), 2013 – *Consideration of this item was deferred.*
2. Special Called Meeting Minutes of March [26](#), 2013 – *Consideration of this item was deferred.*

PRESENTATIONS

3. Recognition of Keenan High School Girls' Basketball Team – The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin

Mayor Benjamin and the members of City Council recognized the Keenan High School girls' basketball team for bringing home the 2012 2A championship title. Council proclaimed Tuesday, May 7, 2013 as Coach Reggie McClain Day in the City of Columbia. Council also presented Coach McClain with a Key to the City and the players received citations.

Coach Reggie McClain recognized the assistant coaches for working with him during the season.

4. [National Tourism Week Proclamation](#) – The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin

Mayor Benjamin and the members of City Council proclaimed the week of May 4-8, 2013 as National Tourism Week.

Ms. Kim Jamieson, Director of Communications for the Columbia Metropolitan Convention and Visitors Bureau thanked Council for this honor and asked everyone to visit their website at www.columbiacvb.com for a list of upcoming events around the city.

5. [National Drinking Water Week Proclamation](#) – The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin

Mayor Benjamin and the members of City Council proclaimed the week of May 5-11, 2013 as National Drinking Water Week in the City of Columbia.

6. [National Preservation Month Proclamation](#); Recognition of the 1st Annual Mabel Payne Award Recipient; and the New Landmark Building Plaque Program – Ms. Amy Moore, Historic Preservation Planner / Planning and Development

Mayor Benjamin and the members of City Council proclaimed May as National Historic Preservation Month in the City of Columbia.

Ms. Amy Moore, Historic Preservation Planner / Planning and Development Services Department said she is pleased to be a part of a city where people value the rich and unique history that we have. She asked everyone to keep an eye out for upcoming preservation initiatives hosted by the Planning and Development Services Department. She recognized the Preservation Department staff. She announced the new landmark plaque program for the city's historic structures and a program for our citizenry to purchase the plaques. She announced that staff bought the first plaque in honor of City Hall. She awarded the first annual Mabel Payne Award to Mrs. Debbie Bloom, Local History Manager of the Richland County Public Library, in honor of Mable Payne, the city's first historic preservationist staff person. Ms. Bloom was recognized for digitizing the library's local photo collection onto the website; digitizing the city's directories for online searching; creating a searchable obituary index; and for writing blogs about local history and research topics, while maintaining a one of kind collection of 7,000 historical images of local buildings.

Mayor Benjamin announced that Reverend C.J. Whitaker will be recognized as part of the [Our Story Matters](#) Civil Rights Commemoration on Friday, May 10, 2013 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Greenview Park Community Center located at 6700 David Street.

7. [2013 Palmetto Affordable Housing Award Recipient for Waters Crest Redevelopment Project](#) – Ms. Gloria Saeed, Executive Director of the Columbia Housing Development Corporation and the TN Development Corporation

Ms. Gloria Saeed, Executive Director of the Columbia Housing Development Corporation and the TN Development Corporation announced that during the South Carolina State Housing Finance and Development Authority's Affordable Housing annual conference, TNDC received a statewide award for the development of Waters Crest in the Lincoln Park Community, which has remained 100% occupied since April 2012. That is a testament to the need of affordable rental housing in the City of Columbia. She thanked State Housing and the City's Community Development Department for funding the project.

8. [Eau Claire Community Fest](#) – Ms. Becky Bailey, Eau Claire Community Council

Ms. Becky Bailey, Eau Claire Community Council announced the first annual Eau Claire Fest on Saturday, May 11, 2013, which is a cultural production about the Eau Claire Community. She invited everyone to come out and enjoy. They will have artists on hand as well as the Ibile Afrikan Drummers and Dancers.

9. SC Cornbread Festival Update – Ms. Sabrina Odom, Executive Director of the North Columbia Business Association

Mr. Donald Gist, Chairman of the Cornbread Festival thanked the Mayor and members of Council for their support of this year's festival. He reported having an excess of 8,000 people attend the festival in March. He introduced Miss Areana Randolph as Little Miss Corn Muffin and Miss Taylor Hicks as Miss Teen Cornbread of South Carolina.

Ms. Sabrina Odom, Executive Director of the North Columbia Business Association presented a poster to the Mayor and Councilman Davis.

10. [Main Street Downtown Bus Route Proposal](#) – Mr. Temple Ligon

Mr. Temple Ligon said there are thirty (30) buses that leave downtown on a staggered schedule. He suggested that riders only pay on the bus coming into downtown and when getting off a bus after leaving downtown. He suggested that there could be a bus stop in the loop at every other block on Sumter and Assembly, because we have an almost perfect street grid. He noted that there are twelve (12) blocks between College Street and Calhoun Street; six (6) on Assembly Street and six (6) on Sumter Street; a bus will come along every two minutes and it is safe. He further suggested that each stop could have a free public restroom known as a Sanisette, which is also ADA compliant. He said that property values will skyrocket and office occupancy will be at a premium. He insisted that all it takes is a decision; no physical alteration is required, except for a few funds. He recommended that it be called a circulator, which is eligible to receive federal funds. He suggested that it be done like a Cartesian grid, because it has to be idiot-proof. He provided a memo from former Richland County Councilwoman Kitt Smith with statistics on the number of riders. He said we had one of the worst bus systems in the country, because that's what we wanted.

Councilor Newman thanked Mr. Ligon for his ideas and added that the transit system has been branded as the Comet and they will be putting new routes out there. He agreed to carry this proposal on to the CMRTA.

PUBLIC HEARING

11. [Community Development Fiscal Year 2013 / 2014 Annual Action Plan](#) – Ms. Deborah Livingston, Director of Community Development

Ms. Deborah Livingston, Director of the Community Development Department announced that timeliness had to be met by May 2nd, but they met it 3 weeks ago. She introduced Mr. Tige Watts, Chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee.

Mr. Tige Watts, Chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee recognized the other committee members and the prestigious staff of the Community Development Department. He presented the 2013-2013 Annual Action Plan draft, which is a federally mandated five-year consolidated plan that facilitates and addresses a unified vision for housing, economic and other community development needs for Columbia citizens. The plan will be submitted to United States Department of Housing and Urban Development by May 15, 2013. He formally requested that City Council accept the proposal and allow the Community Development to submit it as presented.

Councilor Plaugh inquired about the improvements to St. Anna's Park.

Ms. Deborah Livingston, Director of the Community Development Department advised this is phase two of the improvements to the city's parks.

Mr. Jeff Caton, Parks and Recreation Department said that phase 2 includes trail development, signage, fencing work, picnic shelters, and the installation of trees with help from Public Works.

Councilor Plough inquired about the Rosewood Community Council funding in the amount of \$13,000.

Ms. Deborah Livingston, Director of the Community Development Department said it's for park improvements also.

Councilor Plough asked about the HOME program and multi-family versus single family.

Ms. Deborah Livingston, Director of the Community Development Department clarified that the majority of those funds will be used for individuals for home ownership. She said we will be doing 100% homeowner financing and in June for National Home Ownership Month, we will be presenting a new program called GI Homeownership.

▪ **Council opened the Public Hearing at 7:20 p.m.**

No one appeared in support of or in opposition to the Community Development Fiscal Year 2013 / 2014 Annual Action Plan.

Council closed the Public Hearing at 7:21 p.m.

Upon as motion made by Mr. Davis and Mr. Runyan, Council voted unanimously to approve the Community Development Fiscal Year 2013/2014 Annual Action Plan.

OTHER MATTERS

12. Council is asked to approve the [Destruction of One Hundred Fifty-Five \(155\) Firearms](#), as requested by the Police Department's Evidence and Property Unit. - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to approve the Destruction of one hundred fifty-five (155) firearms.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilor Davis asked how we handle local protégés building capacity.

Mr. Joey Jaco, Director of Utilities and Engineering said that under the program a protégé isn't required to have a local office.

Councilor Davis expressed an interest in helping local protégés build capacity in accordance with the program.

Councilor Plaugh said that Council needs an opportunity to discuss that; she is concerned that we are cultivating businesses that are outside of our local preference area and she would like to give preference to the protégé designation.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said that the protégé has to be in the Combined Statistical Area (CSA). She clarified that the item in question is not a protégé program project.

Councilor Plaugh inquired about the funding source for **Item 20**.

Mr. Jeff Palen, Chief Financial Officer said that **Item 20** will be a capital project and the funding source will be modified to reflect that.

Upon a single motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to approve the **Consent Agenda Items 13 through 21a**.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS, AGREEMENTS and CHANGE ORDERS

13. Council is asked to approve the [Purchase of Audio Visual Equipment for City Hall's Council Chambers](#), as requested by the Support Services Division. Award to Gattis Pro Audio, Inc., the lowest bidder in the amount of \$72,835.97. This vendor is located in Lexington, SC. *Funding Source: General Capital Projects/Video/Photography equipment-capital, 403999-658610 and City Hall Renovations/Video/Photography equipment-capital, CP106602-658610 – Approved*
14. Council is asked to approve [Capital Improvement Project SS718613](#); An Agreement for Engineering Services for Miscellaneous Services Relating to the Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant and Collection System, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to Black & Veatch Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00. This vendor is located in Greenville, SC. *Funding Source: Sewer Maintenance Fund, 5516212-SS71861301-636600 – Approved*
15. Council is asked to approve [Capital Improvement Project WM3870](#); An Agreement for Engineering Services to Design a 8-inch and 16-inch Water Main and to provide Construction Administration Services along Longtown Road, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to HB Engineering, Inc., a Protégé Firm in Lexington, SC in an amount not to exceed \$90,480.00. *Funding Source: Water Capital Fund, 5529999-WM387001-658660 – **Note:** This project will be performed using the following sub-consultants: Carolina Surveying Services, Inc., an SBE firm in Lexington, SC will perform Surveying Services at 26.72% of the contract value; Palmetto Environmental Consulting, Inc., an OBE firm in Cayce, SC will perform Wetlands Consulting Services at 6.96% of the contract value and*

- GS2 Engineering & Environmental Consultants, Inc., an OBE firm in Columbia, SC will perform Geotechnical Services at 11.05% of the contract value. The original budgeted amount for this project is \$100,000.00 - Approved*
16. Council is asked to approve the [Renewal of Customer Suite Software for Fiscal Year 2013/2014](#), as requested by the Information Technology Department. Award to Ventyx in the amount of \$109,321.90. This vendor is located in Atlanta, GA. *Funding Source: General Admin Information Tech/Maintenance and Service Contract, 6218950-638200 – **Note:** This memo is to amend the amount of \$102,170.00, which was approved on April 9, 2013 for the City’s Utility Billing System. The taxes were inadvertently left off of the total - Approved*
 17. Council is asked to approve the [Purchase of Sodium Hypochlorite](#), as requested by the Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant Division. Award to Univar USA, Inc., in the amount of \$110,000.00. This vendor is located in Spartanburg, SC. *Funding Source: Utilities Metro Wastewater Plant/Chemicals, 5516208-624800 – **Note:** The total increase requested is through June 30, 2013 - Approved*
 18. Council is asked to approve [Capital Improvement Project SD8371](#); An Agreement for Engineering Services for the Rehabilitation of the Penn Branch Drainage Creek and Retaining Walls located between Trenholm Road and Brentwood Drive, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to Brown & Caldwell, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$364,753.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Storm Water Maintenance Fund, 5534210-SD837101-636600 – **Note:** Brown & Caldwell is a Mentor Protégé firm and mentors Chao & Associates, Inc. This project will be performed using the following sub-consultants: Chao & Associates, Inc., a MBE firm in Columbia, SC will perform Surveying Services at 10.23% of the contract value and Schnabel Engineering, an OBE firm in West Columbia, SC will perform Geotechnical Investigation and Wall Repair/Replacement Design at 23.28% of the contract value. The original budgeted amount for this project is \$400,000.00 - Approved*
 19. Council is asked to approve [Mentor Protégé Program Projects WM3084 and WM3848](#); Eau Claire Water Main Improvements, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to Carolina Tap and Bore, the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder in the amount of \$1,793,585.00. This vendor is located in West Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Capital Project Improvement Fund, 5529999-658650 – **Note:** Northeast Backflow (Protégé) located in Lugoff, SC is implementing 20% of the project contract value. This original budgeted amount for this project is \$1,809,250.00 - Approved*
 20. Council is asked to approve [Capital Improvement Project WM4132](#); An Agreement for Engineering Services for the Lake Murray 60-inch Water Transmission Line, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to CDM Smith, Inc., in Columbia, SC for a lump sum fee of \$2,779,400.00. *Funding Source: Water Maintenance Fund, 5516210-WM413201-636600 – **Note:** CDM*

Smith mentors Civil Engineering Consulting Services and this project will be performed using the following sub-consultants: Glen Associates Surveying, Inc., an SBE firm in Jenkinsville, SC will perform Surveying Services at 8.28% of the contract value; Civil Engineering Consulting Services, Inc., an FBE firm in Columbia, SC will perform Utility Coordination, Subsurface Utility Engineering, Public Outreach and Construction Inspection Services at 7.02% of the contract value; Terracon Consultants, Inc., an OBE firm located in Columbia, SC will perform Geotechnical Investigation Services (Design Phase) at 3.60% of the contract value; Red Bay Environmental, an SBE firm located in Mount Pleasant, SC will perform Wetland Delineation Environmental Permitting Services at 0.54% of the contract value; F&ME Consultants, an OBE firm in Columbia, SC will perform Materials Testing Services (Construction Phase) at 2.70% of the contract value; Comprehensive Business Consultants, an MBE, FBE and SBE firm in Columbia, SC will perform Scheduling Services (Design Phase) at 0.36% of the contract value; Atlantic South Consulting Services LLC, an MBE firm located in Charleston, SC, will perform Design Review & Encroachment Permitting Services at 1.62% of the contract value; and Grice Consulting Group LLC, an MBE firm located in Columbia, will perform Traffic Control Plan Services at 1.80% of the contract value. The original budgeted amount for this project is \$2,800,000.00 - Approved

21. Council is asked to approve [Mentor Protégé Program Project SS6966-12](#); Rehabilitation Annual Maintenance Contract, as requested Utilities and Engineering. Award to Improved Technologies Group, the lowest, responsive and responsible in the amount of \$3,674,570.00. This vendor is located Knoxville, TN. *Funding Source: Maintenance Fund-Special Contracts, 5516212-638300 – Note: Holzheimer (Protégé) located in Gilbert, SC is implementing 10% of the project contract value. The original budgeted amount for this project is \$4,855,550.00 - Approved*

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

- 21a. [Ordinance No.: 2013-050](#) – 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 (11) and Sec. 2-205 Procurement methods – *First reading approval was given on April 16, 2013 – Approved on second reading.*

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

22. [Ordinance No.: 2013-034](#) – Granting an encroachment to Allsouth Federal Credit Union for installation and maintenance of ADA compliant sidewalks, underground utilities and driveways within the right of way areas of the 700 block of Elmwood Avenue, 2000 block of Gadsden Street, 700 block of Calhoun Street and 2000 block of Wayne Street adjacent to 730 Elmwood Avenue, Richland County TMS #09011-12-01, 09011-12-03 and 09011-12-04 – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Ms. Plough and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2013-034 – Granting an encroachment to Allsouth Federal Credit Union for installation and maintenance of ADA compliant sidewalks, underground utilities and driveways within the right of way areas of the 700 block of Elmwood Avenue, 2000 block of Gadsden Street, 700 block of Calhoun Street and 2000 block of Wayne Street adjacent to 730 Elmwood Avenue, Richland County TMS #09011-12-01, 09011-12-03 and 09011-12-04.

23. [Ordinance No.: 2013-043](#) – Amending Ordinance 2012-090, 2011-045 and 83-99 to grant additional encroachments to Parkside Center, LLC for installation and maintenance of an egress door and handicap ramp within the 1100 block of Lady Street adjacent to 1301 Main Street - *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2013-043 – Amending Ordinance 2012-090, 2011-045 and 83-99 to grant additional encroachments to Parkside Center, LLC for installation and maintenance of an egress door and handicap ramp within the 1100 block of Lady Street adjacent to 1301 Main Street.

24. [Ordinance No.: 2013-061](#) – Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Master Deed for Taylor Street Parking Horizontal Property Regime and Contract of Sale for the sale and transfer of Unit "A" of the Taylor Street Parking Horizontal Property Regime from the City of Columbia to Eau Claire Cooperative Health Center - *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2013-061 – Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Master Deed for Taylor Street Parking Horizontal Property Regime and Contract of Sale for the sale and transfer of Unit "A" of the Taylor Street Parking Horizontal Property Regime from the City of Columbia to Eau Claire Cooperative Health Center.

25. [Ordinance No.: 2013-062](#) – Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Easement for Exterior Stairway and Improvements for the Core Campus Amenity Level of the Sumter Street Parking Garage, 1400 Sumter Street, Richland County TMS #09014-08-09, CF #326-06 to Core Campus Columbia I LLC – **Note:** *This will be amended prior to second reading. - Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2013-062 – Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Easement for Exterior Stairway and Improvements for the Core Campus Amenity Level of the Sumter Street Parking Garage, 1400 Sumter Street, Richland County TMS #09014-08-09, CF #326-06 to Core Campus Columbia I LLC.

26. [Ordinance No.: 2013-064](#) – Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Second Amendment to Lease between the City of Columbia and Old Boy Properties, LLC for property consisting of 100 ± acres in Richland County, South Carolina being a portion of the property formerly owned by Columbia Venture, LLC and Sunday School, LLC - *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Ms. Plough and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2013-064 – Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Second Amendment to Lease between the City of Columbia and Old Boy Properties, LLC for property consisting of 100 ± acres in Richland County, South Carolina being a portion of the property formerly owned by Columbia Venture, LLC and Sunday School, LLC.

RESOLUTIONS

27. [Resolution No.: R-2013-048](#) – Authorizing consumption of beer and wine beverages **only** at the Palmetto Tasty Tomato Festival - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2013-048 – Authorizing consumption of beer and wine beverages **only** at the Palmetto Tasty Tomato Festival.

28. [Resolution No.: R-2013-049](#) – Authorizing consumption of beer and wine **only** at the Italian Festival in the 1600 block of Blanding Street - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2013-049 – Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at the Italian Festival in the 1600 block of Blanding Street.

29. [Resolution No.: R-2013-052](#) – Authorizing the filing of an appeal on behalf of the City of Columbia in the Richland Court of Common Pleas from the decision of the City of Columbia Board of Zoning Appeals Order on a Special Exception in re: Beltline One Love, Case Number: 13-011-SE, and authorizing the City Manager to retain legal counsel to represent the City of Columbia – *Approved*

Mr. Kenneth E. Gaines, Esq., City Attorney explained that City Council decided to appeal this Board of Zoning Appeals (BOZA) order on a special exception; the Office of the City Attorney will represent the BOZA in this matter; and that creates a conflict of interest. He explained that our ethics laws do not allow us to represent both parties and with your permission we retained Mr. Chaplin Spencer of Rock Hill, an able Municipal Lawyer and asked him to communicate directly with the City Manager on this matter. He clarified that a special exception was granted to allow this liquor store and you are appealing this to the Circuit Court. He further explained that Council is being asked to consider additional exceptions on liquor stores and Danny Crowe, Esq. will talk with Council about tightening up those special exceptions.

Councilor Plaugh said she will vote against this. She supports the concern of neighborhoods, but on several occasions there have been other neighborhood groups that have raised issues and they had to fund their own legal counsel.

Mayor Benjamin said the interest is that this is one of several that are being presented to Judge Anderson with a signed letter. He said as we seek to revitalize neighborhoods, we need to stop any use that might present a type of multifarious effect. He noted that there are three (3) pending issues on Beltline Boulevard, Farrow Road and North Main Street and we are taking an unprecedented level of activity in trying to preserve and secure our neighborhoods.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted six (6) to one (1) to approve Resolution No.: R-2013-052 – Authorizing the filing of an appeal on behalf of the City of Columbia in the Richland Court of Common Pleas from the decision of the City of Columbia Board of Zoning Appeals Order on a Special Exception in re: Beltline One Love, Case Number: 13-011-SE, and authorizing the City Manager to retain legal counsel to represent the City of Columbia. Voting aye were Mr. Davis, Ms. Devine, Mr. Newman, Mr. Runyan, Mr. Baddourah and Mayor Benjamin. Ms. Plaugh voted nay.

30. Resolution No.: R-2013-057 – Approving the Busby Street Resource and Training Complex - *Approved*

Councilor Plaugh said she spoke with the City Manager regarding the language included in this Resolution. She expressed concerns about the city committing to a forensic lab that could be very expensive. She hoped that the language will not be “shall”. She said that the language in Attachment B seemed strong. She suggested that inserting “would pursue” would soften the language.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said they have worked to soften the language and there will be a thorough process and review for the proposed facility; this is an effort to categorize the benefits of the facility. She added that the specific needs of the police department will also go through a thorough process overseen by Mr. Baker, Chief Santiago, Chief Wisner and others. She noted that this narrative is a draft that we are working with HUD on.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2013-057 – Approving the Busby Street Resource and Training Complex.

31. [Resolution No.: R-2013-059](#) – Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Management Agreement between the City of Columbia and the Columbia Museum of Art Commission for the management of Boyd Plaza – *Consideration of this item was deferred.*

APPOINTMENTS

32. [Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee](#)

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Runyan, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointments of the following individuals to the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee:

- David May (Hospitality) to serve a 3 year term
- Taylor Johnson (Lodging) to serve a 3 year term
- Charles Rusty Sox (Cultural) to serve a 3 year term
- Hal Stevenson (At-Large) to serve a 3 year term
- Shennice Cleckley (At-Large) to serve a 2 year term

Staff will re-advertise the vacancies for representatives of the hospitality (1) and lodging (1) industries for 2 year terms and consider those that previously applied for the Hospitality Tax Advisory Committee.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS/REFERRALS

Upon a motion made by Mr. Runyan and seconded by Ms. Plough, Council voted unanimously to refer a report from Mr. Marvin Chernoff on the University of South Carolina Fox Movietone Collection “The War Years” to the Arts and Historic Preservation Committee.

Councilor Baddourah asked that the Public Safety Committee complete the review of revisions to the Block Watch Program.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Runyan, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Mayor Benjamin, Ms. Devine and Mr. Newman to an ad hoc committee for the purpose of revisiting the possibility of the city and county building a courthouse together; to ask the Chairman of the Richland County Council and the County Administrator to appoint a delegation of three (3) members of County Council to the ad hoc committee; and to include a representatives of the Richland County Bar Association, the Clerk of Court Office and the Chief Criminal Judge of Richland County.

Councilor Plough reported that she met with representatives at Fort Jackson along with the chair of the Richland County Council and they were briefed on the cuts they are having to endure without the sequester and Base Closure and Realignment Commission (BRAC). She reported that Fort Jackson is limited in what they can do with the transportation of the soldiers and they won't be able to transport them to our Military Appreciation event.

Mayor Benjamin asked Mr. Newman what can be done by the CMRTA to assist.

Councilor Newman said that the CMRTA cannot provide charter services, but he agreed to discuss it with the CMRTA.

Councilor Devine suggested that it go to the Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager suggested that it be discussed with the University of South Carolina also.

Councilor Baddourah asked if this would be eligible for hospitality tax funding.

Mayor Benjamin agreed that discussions should be held with those entities and Fort Jackson should be asked to provide the costs and a list of the events.

APPEARANCE OF THE PUBLIC

Mr. Bruce Sanders expressed concerns about the retirement and resignation of the former Police Chief. He hopes that the ex-Police Chief is well. He said the previous City Manager was accredited with paying \$52,000 for Randy Scott's retirement and he assumed that City Council would have been involved also. He said that answers were not forthcoming. He hopes that the City Manager will start a nationwide search for a Police Chief. He said if those questions can be answered, they should be; that will be a good thing because, citizens have a right to know. He stated that the City Manager or City Council could have explained it a little better.

Mayor Benjamin said that the questions that could be answered have been answered. He said that the former City Manager explained that he called Chief Scott, he came and he sacrificed a great deal without negotiations. He noted that the City Manager had the authority to do that, but he did share it with Council. He insisted that there is a point where an individual's personal interest, health and privacy are personal; the public may have a significant interest, but they don't have the right to know what's going on in a person's life, especially when it's health-related issues. He noted that City Council members did not know some of the things that were discussed during the press conference. He said we all wish Chief Scott well, we wish him the best. He concluded that it was a long, stressful and painful experience for a lot of people, but probably more so for Randy Scott.

Councilor Devine said that Bike Month has gotten off to a great start. She encouraged Council to sign up for the Bike Summit. She noted that the Nickelodeon has been a great supporter and they are showing *ET* on Saturday.

Mayor Benjamin said that our crime numbers are down precipitously, because of a fully staffed and well equipped Police Department working with residents like Mr. Sanders. He told Mr. Sanders that we look forward in engaging him and several others in a new search for a Chief.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Moore
City Clerk

Meeting Dates	Type of Meeting	Meeting Times
May 14, 2013	Public Safety Committee Meeting <i>Parking Services Conference Room – 820 Washington Street</i>	11:00 a.m.
	Arts and Historic Preservation Committee Meeting <i>Parking Services Conference Room – 820 Washington Street</i>	2:00 p.m.
May 21, 2013	Administrative Policy Committee Meeting <i>Parking Services Conference Room – 820 Washington Street</i>	9:00 a.m.
	Work Session <i>Eau Claire Town Hall – 3905 Ensor Avenue</i>	2:00 p.m.
	Council Meeting / Budget Public Hearing <i>Eau Claire Print Building – 3907 Ensor Avenue</i>	6:00 p.m.
	Zoning Public Hearing <i>Eau Claire Print Building – 3907 Ensor Avenue</i>	7:00 a.m.
May 28, 2013	Environment and Infrastructure Committee Meeting <i>Parking Services Conference Room – 820 Washington Street</i>	9:00 a.m.
	Economic and Community Development Committee Meeting <i>Parking Services Conference Room – 820 Washington Street</i>	11:00 a.m.