

ORDINANCE NO. 2000-096

Granting encroachment to the University of South Carolina for sidewalk and streetway improvements along Blossom Street, Sumter Street, Bull Street, Greene Street, Pendleton Street and Wheat Street

WHEREAS, the University of South Carolina (hereinafter "Grantee") desires to improve the right of way areas, sidewalks, curbing and landscaping along Blossom Street, Sumter Street, Bull Street, Greene Street, Pendleton Street and Wheat Street as outlined in the attached Exhibit "A"; and,

WHEREAS, it appears that the improvements and encroachments will not interfere with the use of the sidewalk or street for traffic, utility locations or other uses within the foreseeable future; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, this 19th day of December, 2001, that Grantee is hereby granted the right to make such improvements as outlined in the attached Exhibit "A".

ALL WORK SHALL COMPLY with the requirements of The City of Columbia and South Carolina Department of Transportation now in existence or hereafter enacted. The materials and type of finish to be used are to be approved by the City Engineer prior to installation. Any damage to the street or sidewalk caused by construction shall be repaired to the satisfaction of the City Manager. Improvements within the encroachment shall be maintained by the grantee at no cost to the City in a manner approved by the City Manager.

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that in exercising the privileges granted under this ordinance, Grantee, its successors and assigns, will to the extent permitted by South Carolina law, indemnify and save harmless the City from any and all claims or causes of action which may arise by reason of the construction or maintenance of the aforesaid encroachment and in the event the encroachment becomes in conflict with future municipal plans, said property shall be returned to the City by Grantee.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that Grantee, in consideration of the above privilege, shall at its expense provide for protection and relocation of all utilities that might be within this area

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to the satisfaction of the City Manager.

Requested by:



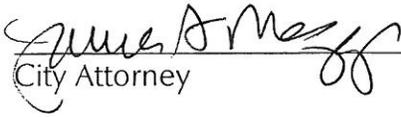
MAYOR

Approved by:



City Manager

Approved as to form:



City Attorney

ATTEST:



City Clerk

Introduced: 12/13/2000

Final Reading: 12/19/2001

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J. LYLES GLENN
VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

November 6, 2000

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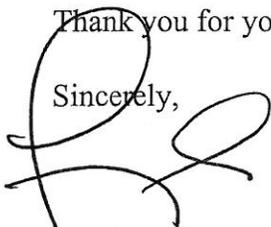
Dear Jim:

Enclosed for treatment by the City of Columbia are written descriptions of the proposed streetways improvements. I hope and believe the descriptions are consistent with council's expectations.

These descriptions are sent to you for incorporation within necessary ordinances.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,



J. Lyles Glenn

c: The Honorable William C. Hubbard
Mr. Charlie Jeffcoat



University of South Carolina Columbia Campus - Street Enhancements

Description of Work:

The Columbia City Council hereby approves the University of South Carolina's project to improve various city and state streets within and surrounding the Columbia campus of the University. The project entitled, "University of South Carolina - Columbia Campus - Street Enhancements" encompasses the following streets and improvements:

Blossom Street - beginning west at Gadsden Street and extending east to Pickens Street will be improved with the following enhancements: Generally, sidewalks will be approximately 6'-0" wide and will be located approximately 10'-0" from the existing curb line. The area between the curb line and the sidewalk will typically be enhanced with improved landscaping and the incorporation of street trees. Traditional pole mounted lighting, consistent in design to lighting used elsewhere on the University campus, will be installed throughout. A representative depiction of such lighting is attached to this ordinance. Existing medians will be enhanced with improved landscaping and Palmetto trees. Where required, wrought iron fencing will be installed in the median to prevent mid-block pedestrian crossings. A second row of street trees will be incorporated where space permits on the north and south sides of Blossom Street. Where practical, electrical power for street lighting will be installed below grade and the existing pole mounted lights and wiring will be removed. High capacity electrical and communication overhead lines will remain in service. Traffic signals at each intersection will be pole mounted in lieu of cable mounted as existing. Parking will be removed from the south side of Blossom Street from Sumter Street, east to Pickens Street. The area gained by the removal of parking will be landscaped and traditional pole mounted lighting as referred to above will be installed. A left turn lane and traffic signal into Bull Street will be installed for east bound traffic at the intersection of Bull and Blossom Streets. Where required for pedestrian safety, crosswalks will be delineated using paving materials that contrast with the existing asphalt paving of the street.

Sumter Street - beginning north at Pendleton Street and extending south to Whaley Street will be improved with the following enhancements: Generally, sidewalks will be approximately 6'-0" wide and will be located approximately 10'-0" from the existing curb line. The area between the curb line and the sidewalk will typically be enhanced with improved landscaping and the incorporation of street trees. Traditional pole mounted lighting as described above will be installed throughout. The number of parking spaces in the two blocks of Sumter Street between Pendleton Street and Greene Street will remain, but may be reconfigured to allow for the narrowing of the traffic lanes and the installation of additional landscaping and street trees. Parking in the two blocks of Sumter Street between Greene Street and south to Blossom Street will be removed. These two blocks of Sumter will be enhanced as generally described above, the one exception being a center median will be created in the block of Sumter Street between Devine Street and Blossom Street. The median will be approximately 10-15 feet and will be landscaped and planted with street trees. Wrought iron fencing will be installed in the median to

control "mid-block" pedestrian crossings. Where required for pedestrian safety, crosswalks will be delineated using paving materials that contrast with the existing asphalt paving of the street. A curb cut will be made to the east side of Sumter Street to allow vehicular access to buildings along Sumter and Greene Streets, as now accessed from Greene Street. Areas will be created along the east and west sides of Sumter Street to provide safe loading and unloading of mass transportation passengers. A garden wall will be installed along the east side of Sumter Street, adjacent to the existing McBryde Quadrangle dorms to screen from view the service access and garbage collection facilities for the dorms. A gateway, similar in design to the existing brick gates at the Horseshoe, will be incorporated at the intersection of Sumter and Blossom Streets. A gateway similar in design to the existing gateway on Greene Street will be incorporated on Sumter Street near Pendleton Street.

Bull Street - beginning north at Greene Street and continuing south to Blossom Street will be enhanced in a fashion similar to the Sumter Street improvements described above. The traffic lanes of Bull Street will be reduced in width. There will not be a center median. The existing parking on Bull Street will be reduced in number to accommodate the inclusion of several landscaped medians. The angle of the parking may be changed to provide easier entrance and exit to the spaces and the street. Pedestrian crosswalks will be delineated using paving materials that contrast with the existing asphalt paving of the street. Bull Street will likely require resurfacing. Where trash collection facilities exist, they will be screened from view.

Greene Street - beginning west at Main Street and continuing east to Pickens Street will be enhanced as follows: Existing Parking will remain in the block of Greene Street between Main Street and Sumter Street. This block of Greene will be improved with the separation of the sidewalk from the curb line with a landscaped tree zone. Where the landscaped zone already exist (north side) the area will be improved with street trees and lighting. The intersection of Greene and Sumter Streets will be modified to accommodate the revised traffic patterns of the two streets. Existing parking on Greene Street from Sumter Street to Bull Street will be removed. The two block section will be enhanced with the installation of additional street trees and lighting. The traffic lanes of Greene Street will be narrowed to 11'- 0" and pedestrian crosswalks will be delineated using paving materials that contrast with the existing asphalt paving of the street. The driveway from Greene to the west end of Preston College will be removed and relocated to Sumter Street as noted above. The existing brick and wrought iron gates on the west end of Greene Street will be relocated to just east of the intersection with Sumter Street. The gates at the east end of Greene Street will remain in their present location. The parking in the east block of Greene Street between Bull and Pickens Street may be removed, but also may be reconfigured and possibly reduced in number to provide for additional landscaping in islands between the spaces. The existing University parking on the south side of Petigru College will be removed and the area converted to a pedestrian way. The traffic lanes in this remaining block of Greene Street will also be reduced in width to 11' - 0". The intersection of Greene and Bull Streets will be modified to accommodate the revised traffic patterns of the two streets.

Pendleton Street - the south side (campus border) from Sumter Street to Bull Street will be enhanced with improved landscaping, walks, and street trees where required to fill-in between

existing trees. Additionally, traditional, pole mounted lighting as described herein will be installed. Similar enhancements may occur on both the north and south sides of Pendleton Street from Bull Street, east to Henderson Street. Existing parking along Pendleton Street will remain.

Wheat Street - this street is currently unimproved from Pickens Street, west to Assembly Street. Enhancements will include narrowing of the traffic lanes to 11'- 0", reconfiguration and removal of parking, as applicable, installation of concrete curb and gutter, resurfacing of the street with asphalt paving, installation of sidewalks on both the north and south side of the street, installation of landscaped zones to separate the walks from the curb line, installation of street trees and traditional pole mounted lighting.

Work on the above street improvements will progress contingent upon available funding, which likely will necessitate phasing the construction. The University will coordinate the planning and construction of this project throughout with the appropriate City planning and engineering personnel.

Memorandum

To: Michael Bierman, City Manager
CC: Jim Meggs, City Attorney
Randy Jorgenson, Planning Director
Chip Land, Development Services Administrator
Krista Hampton, Historic Preservation Planner
Sean Matthews, Long Range Planner
From: Stan Leinwand, Urban Design Planner *SL*
Date: December 13, 2000
Re: Ordinance No. 2000-096



Please note the following comments in reference to the Memorandum from Jim Meggs dated December 11, 2000 in regards to Ordinance 2000-096, *granting encroachment to the University of South Carolina for sidewalk and streetway improvements along Blossom Street, Sumter Street, Bull Street, Greene Street, Pendleton Street and Wheat Street.*

The streetscape improvements mentioned in the above occur within the designated City Center limits and are therefore subject to the "City Center Design/Development Guidelines", as per Ordinance No. 98-079. Chapter 4 of said Design Guidelines (*Guidelines for Public Development*) specifically deals with Corridor and Streetscape Analysis.

In accordance with Ordinance No. 2000-096 which states: "All work shall comply with the requirements of the City of Columbia", the streetscape improvements proposed by the University of South Carolina must, therefore, be presented to the Design and Development Review Commission (D/DRC) for a Certificate of Design Approval, prior to any work being started.

D/DRC hearings for the next three months are scheduled for January 9, 2001, February 6, 2001, and March 6, 2001. The submission deadlines for these hearings are December 20, 2000, January 17, 2001 and February 14, 2000, respectively. The design/development review staff is more than happy to assist the University in preparation for the review process.

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September 20, 2001

Mr. Charles Jeffcoat
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Columbia, SC 29208

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Dear Charles,

As you are aware, City Council has approved your proposed streetscape plan for Sumter Street between Green and Blossom Streets. These improvements will make a tremendous difference in the appearance of this section of Sumter Street and a much safer pedestrian corridor for your students.

There were a few concerns / conditions expressed by City Council as follows:

1. The traffic lanes (2) are to be no less than eleven feet in width. In the southern area where a median is to be constructed, there must be provisions for emergency vehicles to pass any stranded cars. A twelve-foot travel lane with rolled curb and concrete apron was not clearly illustrated in the drawing. This is a requirement.
2. Maintenance of this high level of improvement will be the responsibility of the University.
3. City Council is concerned about continued vehicular access through the campus along public thoroughfares. The use of the term "Mall" indicates a "pedestrian only" area and Council would prefer the term "Mall" be eliminated.

Yours very truly,


James B. Gambrell
Director

JBG/cmc

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