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The Columbia City Council conducted a Meeting and a Budget Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. and the following members of Council were present: The Honorable Sam Davis, The Honorable Leona K. Plough, The Honorable Brian DeQuincey Newman, The Honorable Cameron A. Runyan and The Honorable Moe Baddourah. The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine was absent. Also present were Ms. Teresa 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**

Little Miss La'Tasia Austin led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **INVOCATION**

Chaplain Byron Powers, Columbia Police Department offered the invocation.

### **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Upon a motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda, subject to deferring consideration of **Item 1**.

### **PUBLIC INPUT RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS**

*No one appeared at this time.*

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Meeting Minutes of [January 7, 2014 Work Session and Council Meeting](#), and [February 4, 2014 Work Session](#) – *Consideration of this item was deferred.*

## **PRESENTATIONS**

2. [Introduction of the June 2014 Employee of the Month](#) – Police Chief William “Skip” Holbrook, Columbia Police Department

Police Chief William “Skip” Holbrook introduced Investigator Joseph C. Ross as the June 2014 Employee of the Month. He described Investigator Ross as an outstanding investigator and a hardworking family man. He noted that Investigator Ross is also a city resident whose hobbies include riding a unicycle and tuning pianos.

Mayor Benjamin and City Manager Teresa Wilson presented Investigator Joseph C. Ross with a plaque and a token of appreciation for being selected as the June 2014 Employee of the Month.

\*\*Mayor Benjamin introduced Ms. Teresa Knox, Esquire as the city’s new chief legal counsel. He welcomed her aboard, noting that she has a distinguished career as a prosecutor and general counselor at a state agency. During her career, Attorney Knox has prosecuted 3,600 cases and only lost eight (8).

3. 2014 Best Neighborhood Program Award Recipient – Mr. Jeff Caton, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department

Mr. Jeff Caton, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department announced that the City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department was one (1) of six (6) finalists selected to make a presentation at the Neighborhoods USA Conference in Eugene, Oregon. The City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department was awarded the 2014 Best Neighborhood Program Award for Creative Journey, which is an art resource program that is provided to the military and veterans. He recognized the volunteers and city staff that made this program such a success.

4. [Playful City USA Designation](#) – Mr. Jeff Caton, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department

Mr. Jeff Caton, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department announced that the City of Columbia was designated as a Playful City USA community by KaBOOM for the Lets Move Initiative. He noted that Columbia is now one of 212 cities and towns to be recognized for providing ease of access and creating an atmosphere and environment where our children can become more active.

5. Rebuilding Individual Character Habits (RICH) Program Excellence Tour – Dr. Germon Miller, Park Leader for the Parks and Recreation Department and RICH Program Founder

Dr. Germon Miller, Park Leader for the Parks and Recreation Department and RICH Program Founder announced that they now have a community garden at Pacific Park; the Minority Eye will be doing a report on the RICH Program; they are creating a garden of peace with an antiviolence memorial tree; and RICH program participants will be hosting an urban camp featuring a workshop entitled “What is the Link to Your Ink” in an effort to remind young people to be wise before tattooing their bodies. She announced that the RICH Program’s Excellence Tour will be traveling to Washington, DC again this year to visit with Dr. Arvilla Payne-Jackson, Professor and Coordinator of Anthropology at Howard University. In closing, she presented the members of Council with a budget survival kit.

6. American Institute of Architects South Carolina Chapter 2014 Honor Award Recipient for the Parks and Recreation Administration Building – Mr. Doug Quackenbush, AIA LEED AP, Founding Principal of Quackenbush Architects and Planners

Mr. Doug Quackenbush, AIA LEED AP, Founding Principal of Quackenbush Architects and Planners presented the 2014 Honor Award for the Parks and Recreation Administration Building and Community Building. The award was presented at the 2014 American Institute of Architects South Carolina Chapter Conference. He noted that it is the top award and they competed against over 100 buildings from across the state.

7. Pawmetto Lifeline’s Annual Midlands Municipal Bark to the Park Challenge Award Presentation – Mrs. Charlotte Berry, Vice President of the Board of Trustees for Pawmetto Lifeline

Mrs. Charlotte Berry, Vice President of the Board of Trustees for Pawmetto Lifeline announced that the Bark to the Park Event was held on April 5, 2014 and 1,500 people attended the event. She recognized Ms. Janice Pitts-Snyder of the Planning and Development Services Department for being the top fundraiser for the event. She presented the Midlands Municipal Bark to the Park Challenge Award to the City of Columbia.

Mayor Benjamin said we’ve had many meaningful conversations about how we can work with Pawmetto Lifeline. He thanked Ms. Berry for her contributions.

## **BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING**

8. [Ordinance No.: 2014-056](#) – To Raise Revenue and Adopt the Budget for the City of Columbia, South Carolina, or the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2015 – *The budget public hearing was conducted. No action was taken.*
9. [Ordinance No.: 2014-064](#) – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 5, Buildings and Building Regulations, Article III, Building Permits, Sec. 5-204 Fee Schedule (a)(1) and (d)(1) – *The budget public hearing was conducted. No action was taken.*

Ms. Melisa Caughman, Budget and Program Management Director reported that this is the eighth year that the General Fund is presented without a tax increase; we are addressing capital and infrastructure needs; operational performance, efficiency and customer care; and we are maintaining a competitive pay and benefits plan. She noted that the budget is balanced with a proposed General Fund in the amount of \$127,894, 947, which includes an increase of \$3,239,707 from the current year; revenues in the amount of \$111,029,947, which includes an increase of \$4,149,707; a \$400,000 revenue reduction in plan review and trade permit fees; and transfers-in are budgeted at \$16,865,000, which is a 5% reduction. She outlined the major changes in the departmental budgets and how those changes impact our current strategic goals. She reviewed the non-departmental budget in the amount of \$3,010,817, which is a reduction of \$25,000 and includes items at the current year funding level and items that are not associated with a specific department or budget. She said there will need to be continued discussions with City Council regarding the annexation coordinator and internal auditor positions/functions. She outlined the transfers-out to other funds in the total amount of \$15,571,973, which is a reduction of \$880,814. She reviewed the proposed General Capital Projects in the amount of \$5,568,483, which includes funding in the amount of \$4,168,483 for park projects and \$1.4 million for public safety projects. The proposed Hospitality Tax budget is \$11,122,187, which includes \$2,370,000 for the committee and the Accommodations Tax budget is \$2,071,155, which includes \$1,943,846 for the committee and \$72,438 for general allocations. The proposed budget for the Water and Sewer Fund is \$127,585,095, which is a \$623,290 reduction from the current year's operating budget. She reviewed the revenues and expenditures for the Water and Sewer Fund. She presented the Water and Sewer Capital Improvement Projects in the total amount of \$91,990,000. She noted that staff will bring back the list of projects to City Council for further discussion. She presented the storm water operating budget in the amount of \$7,589,000, which is a decrease in the amount of \$315,872. She presented a list of Storm Water Capital Projects in the amount of \$6.5 million. The Parking Fund is budgeted at \$6,925,300, which is a reduction in the amount of \$281,550. In closing, she noted that the public hearing will be conducted today; first reading is scheduled for June 17, 2014; and second reading is scheduled for June 24, 2014.

- **Council opened the Budget Public Hearing for Items 8 and 9 at 7:15 p.m.**

Ms. Pam Dukes, Executive Director of Senior Resources said they provide services to seniors to keep them independent for as long as possible. She recalled that they sent an increased budget request to the members of Council. She presented a pile of empty paper plates representing 192 seniors on the waiting list for the Meal on Wheels Program; the waiting list for the Home Care Program that provides personal care for homebound seniors; the waiting list for meals and transportation at one of the four senior centers they operate; and seniors that will be impacted by United Ways' funding cuts to the Foster Grandparents Program and the children they serve. She asked Council to consider their request for increased funding. She noted that 75% of their clients live in the City of Columbia and there are approximately 250 people on the waiting list for services in Richland County.

Mayor Benjamin pledged his full support in finding additional resources for Senior Resources and noted that the organization is important to his colleagues as well.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager explained that there is a proposed funding source and City Council has to deliberate over the requests. She said that \$75,000 has been proposed for the budget.

- **Council closed the Budget Public Hearing for Items 8 and 9 at 7:20 p.m.**

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Upon a single motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Runyan, Council voted unanimously to approve the **Consent Agenda Items 10** through **23**.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF BIDS and AGREEMENTS**

10. Council is asked to approve the [Installation of a HVAC System at 191 Calhoun Street for the Emergency Shelter](#), as requested by the Support Services Division. Award to Pierce and Catoe Mechanical in the amount of \$110,912.00. This vendor is located in Lexington, SC. *Funding Source: General Support Services-Building and Fixed Equipment; 1011201-659300 – **Note:** The original budgeted amount for this purchase is \$206,631.00. - Approved*
11. Council is asked to approve the [Purchase of a Knuckle Boom Log Loader](#), as requested by the Fleet Services Division. Award to Shealy's Truck Center, using the Local Business Enterprise Preference Policy in the amount of \$185,560.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Capital Replacement/Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment-Capital; 6308972-658500 – **Note:** The original budgeted amount for this purchase is \$199,923.00. - Approved*

12. Council is asked to approve the [Purchase of Motorola Radio Equipment](#), as requested by the Police Department. Award to Motorola Communications, using the SC State Contract in the amount of \$207,125.42. This vendor is located in Blythewood, SC. *Funding Source: Police Administrative Services/Radio Equipment; 1012402-627800 – **Note:** The original budgeted amount for this purchase is \$207,000.00. - Approved*
13. Council is asked to approve [Project SS7207; Saluda River Basins Seven \(7\) and Eight \(8\) Rehabilitation Improvements](#), as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to Layne Inliner, the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in the amount of \$3,936,225.00. This vendor is located in Tucker, GA. *Funding and Supplement Source: Sewer Improvement Fund; 5529999-658650-SS720701 – **Note:** This is a Mentor Protégé Program Project and North America Pipeline Management (Protégé) located in Columbia, SC is implementing 37% (\$1,461,075) of the contract value. The original budgeted amount for this project is \$4 million. - Approved*

#### ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

14. [Ordinance No.: 2014-044](#) – Granting an encroachment to S. Katherine Presty and Stephen M. Tuel for construction and maintenance of a brick retaining wall, brick columns, aluminum railing, brick pavers, landscaping and an irrigation system within the right of way area of the 400 block of Edisto Avenue adjacent to their property at 419 Edisto Avenue, Richland County TMS #11307-06-05 – *First reading approval was given on May 20, 2014. – Approved on second reading.*
15. [Ordinance No.: 2014-050](#) – Granting an encroachment to Jeb Zoller and Kristi Zoller for construction and maintenance of a brick wall and irrigation system within the right of way area of the 200 block of South Edisto Avenue and the 2000 block of Kiawah Avenue adjacent to their property at 232 South Edisto Avenue, Richland County TMS #11310-16-11 – *First reading was given on May 20, 2014. – Approved on second reading.*
16. [Ordinance No.: 2014-054](#) – Granting an encroachment to Congaree Vista Guild for placement of a steel sculpture with concrete foundation within the sidewalk right of way area of the 900 block of Lady Street and 1300 block of Lincoln Street adjacent to 901 Lady Street, Richland County TMS #09013-12-15 – *First reading approval was given on May 20, 2014. – Approved on second reading.*

17. [Ordinance No.: 2014-057](#) – Approving certification of site under S.C. Code Ann. §12-65-50 of the South Carolina Textiles Communities Revitalization Act for 101 Wayne Street, Richland County TMS #08913-16-05 – [Chronology of Events](#) – *First reading approval was given on May 20, 2014. – Approved on second reading.*

MAP AMENDMENT – SECOND READING

18. [2822 Canterbury Road](#), TMS#11415-05-27; request to rezone from RS-1 (Single Family Residential) to RS-2 (Single Family Residential). – *First reading approval was given on May 20, 2014. – Approved on second reading.*
- Council District: 3  
Proposal: Rezone parcel from RS-1 zoning to RS-2  
Applicant: James E. Smith, Jr.  
PC Recommendation: Approve (8-0), 03/03/14  
Staff Recommendation: Approve

ANNEXATIONS WITH MAP AMENDMENTS – SECOND READING

19. [4600 Ryan Avenue \(Amended\)](#), TMS#09208-09-10; request to annex and zone the properties RS-3 (Single Family Residential). The property is zoned RS-MD (Single-Family Residential-Medium Density) in Richland County and RS-3 (Single-Family Residential) in the City of Columbia. – *First reading approval was given on May 20, 2014. – Approved on second reading.*
- Council District: 1  
Proposal: Annex and zone properties RS-3; contiguous; Donut Hole Annexation Area  
Applicant: 4600 Ryan Avenue Realty Trust  
PC Recommendation: Approve (7-0), 03/03/14  
Staff Recommendation: Approve

[Ordinance No.: 2014-045](#) – Annexing 4600 Ryan Avenue, Richland County TMS #09208-09-10 – *First reading approval was given on May 20, 2014. – Approved on second reading.*

20. [2770 The Boulevard \(Amended\)](#), TMS#13512-01-01; request to annex and zone the properties M-1 (Light Industrial). The property is zoned M-I (Light Industrial District) in Richland County. – *First reading approval was given on May 20, 2014. – Approved on second reading.*

Council District: 3  
Proposal: Annex and zone properties M-1; contiguous; Secondary Area  
Applicant: Bluff Boulevard Associates, Inc.  
PC Recommendation: Approve (7-0), 03/03/14  
Staff Recommendation: Approve

[Ordinance No.: 2014-046](#) – Annexing 2770 The Boulevard, Richland County TMS #13512-01-01 – *First reading approval was given on May 20, 2014. – Approved on second reading.*

21. [1238 Glenhaven Drive](#) , TMS#13710-04-20; request to annex and zone the properties RS-2 (Single-Family Residential). The property is zoned RS-MD (Single-Family Residential-Medium Density) in Richland County. – *First reading approval was given on May 20, 2014. – Approved on second reading.*

Council District: 3  
Proposal: Annex and zone properties RS-2; Contiguous Area  
Applicant: Mark S. Rowland and Arlin Edward Coleman, Jr.  
PC Recommendation: Approve (6-0), 04/07/14  
Staff Recommendation: Approve

[Ordinance No.: 2014-047](#) – Annexing 1238 Glenhaven Drive, Richland County TMS #13710-04-20 – *First reading approval was given on May 20, 2014. – Approved on second reading.*

22. [4250 Beltline Boulevard](#), TMS#11613-12-26; request to annex and zone the property C-3 (General Commercial). The property is zoned GC (General Commercial) in Richland County. – *First reading was given on May 20, 2014. – Approved on second reading.*

Council District: 2  
Proposal: Annex and zone properties C-3; contiguous; Donut Hole Annexation Area  
Applicant: RED FDS II, Inc.  
PC Recommendation: Approve (6-0), 04/07/14  
Staff Recommendation: Approve

[Ordinance No.: 2014-048](#) – Annexing 4250 Beltline Boulevard, Richland County TMS #11613-12-26 – *First reading approval was given on May 20, 2014. – Approved on second reading.*

**TEXT AMENDMENT – SECOND READING**

23. [Amend §17-309](#) to reduce parking requirements for landmark structures by 50 percent. – *First reading approval was given on May 20, 2014. – Approved on second reading.*

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| Proposal:             | Amend §17-309 (d) 2, -DP design and preservations areas, to reduce parking requirements for landmark structures by 50%. |
| Applicant:            | Krista Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services   |
| PC Recommendation:    | Approve (5-1), 02/03/14   |
| Staff Recommendation: | Approve   |

[Ordinance No.: 2014-041](#) – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning & Land Development and Zoning, Article III, Zoning, Division 9, Supplementary District Regulations, Sec. 1 7-309 -DP design and preservation areas – *First reading approval was given on May 20, 2014. – Approved on second reading.*

**ORDINANCES – FIRST READING**

24. [Ordinance No.: 2014-034](#) – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 3, Advertising to repeal Sec. 3-2 Approval of signs and renumber subsequent sections – **Note:** *Municode recommended that we repeal these provisions as signs are now regulated under Chapter 17, Article III, Division 12. – 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.: 2014-034 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 3, Advertising to repeal Sec. 3-2 Approval of signs and renumber subsequent sections.

25. [Ordinance No.: 2014-060](#) – Granting an encroachment to Good Life Café at 1614 Main Street for placement and maintenance of eight (8) wrought iron chairs and four (4) square wrought iron tables within the right of way are of the 1600 block of Main Street immediately adjacent to their building; placement and maintenance of two (2) wrought iron chairs and one (1) square wrought iron table between the curbed garden area adjacent to the parking meters immediately in front of their business; and placement and maintenance of twenty-five (25) wrought iron chairs and thirteen (13) square wrought iron tables along the southern right of way area of the alleyway adjacent to their building at 1614 Main Street for use by its patrons for outdoor dining during its normal business hours – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Runyan, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2014-060 – Granting an encroachment to Good Life Café at 1614 Main Street for placement and maintenance of eight (8) wrought iron chairs and four (4) square wrought iron tables within the right of way are of the 1600 block of Main Street immediately adjacent to their building; placement and maintenance of two (2) wrought iron chairs and one (1) square wrought iron table between the curbed garden area adjacent to the parking meters immediately in front of their business; and placement and maintenance of twenty-five (25) wrought iron chairs and thirteen (13) square wrought iron tables along the southern right of way area of the alleyway adjacent to their building at 1614 Main Street for use by its patrons for outdoor dining during its normal business hours.

26. [Ordinance No.: 2014-061](#) – Granting an encroachment to Michael's at 1624 Main Street for placement and maintenance of one (1) planter; ten (10) wrought iron tables and twenty (20) wrought iron chairs within the sidewalk right of way area of the 1600 block of Main Street immediately adjacent to their building; placement and maintenance of thirteen (13) wrought iron tables and twenty-four (24) wrought iron chairs along the northern right of way area of the alleyway adjacent to their building at 1624 Main Street for use by its patrons for outdoor dining during its normal business hours – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Runyan, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2014-061 – Granting an encroachment to Michael's at 1624 Main Street for placement and maintenance of one (1) planter; ten (10) wrought iron tables and twenty (20) wrought iron chairs within the sidewalk right of way area of the 1600 block of Main Street immediately adjacent to their building; placement and maintenance of thirteen (13) wrought iron tables and twenty-four (24) wrought iron chairs along the northern right of way area of the alleyway adjacent to their building at 1624 Main Street for use by its patrons for outdoor dining during its normal business hours.

27. [Ordinance No.: 2014-062](#) – Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Quit Claim Deed from the City of Columbia to Harold Howard and Michelle Branch-Howard for an approximately 534 square foot portion of the Barhamville Estates Storm Drainage Channel, Richland County TMS#11507-03-35 (portion); CF#36-15A – **Note:** *The owners have built an addition to their home that encroaches onto the City’s property. The Department of Utilities and Engineering has performed a field inspection of the encroachment area and have determined that there are no conflicts. The agreement was created, because the proximity of the structure was built next to the existing storm drainage pipe. – Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Runyan, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2014-062 – Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Quit Claim Deed from the City of Columbia to Harold Howard and Michelle Branch-Howard for an approximately 534 square foot portion of the Barhamville Estates Storm Drainage Channel, Richland County TMS#11507-03-35 (portion); CF#36-15A.

28. [Ordinance No.: 2014-067](#) – Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Contract of Sale and any other documents necessary to consummate the transfer of 2111 Georgia Elam Lane, Richland County TMS #11506-10-73 from the City of Columbia to Le'Shunn D. White, Sr. – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Runyan, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2014-067 – Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Contract of Sale and any other documents necessary to consummate the transfer of 2111 Georgia Elam Lane, Richland County TMS #11506-10-73 from the City of Columbia to Le'Shunn D. White, Sr.

29. [Ordinance No.: 2014-069](#) – Granting an encroachment to Off Menu Ltd d/b/a Bourbon at 1214 Main Street for placement and maintenance of sixteen(16) chairs and three (3) tables within the right of way are of the 1200 block of Main Street immediately adjacent to their building; placement and maintenance of twelve (12) chairs and three (3) table adjacent to the parking meters immediately in front of their business at 1214 Main Street for use by its patrons for outdoor dining during its normal business hours – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Runyan, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2014-069 – Granting an encroachment to Off Menu Ltd d/b/a Bourbon at 1214 Main Street for placement and maintenance of sixteen(16) chairs and three (3) tables within the right of way are of the 1200 block of Main Street immediately adjacent to their building; placement and maintenance of twelve (12) chairs and three (3) table adjacent to the parking meters immediately in front of their business at 1214 Main Street for use by its patrons for outdoor dining during its normal business hours.

30. [Ordinance No.: 2014-070](#) – Granting an encroachment to Agape Pharmacy, Inc. at 1626 Main Street for the placement and maintenance of two (2) circular planters within the right of way area of the 1600 block of Main Street immediately adjacent to their building – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Runyan, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2014-070 – Granting an encroachment to Agape Pharmacy, Inc. at 1626 Main Street for the placement and maintenance of two (2) circular planters within the right of way area of the 1600 block of Main Street immediately adjacent to their building.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

31. [Resolution No.: R-2014-034](#) – Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at the SC Pride Festival 2014 on Main Street – *This event is scheduled for September 20, 2014. - Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2014-034 – Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at the SC Pride Festival 2014 on Main Street. Mr. Runyan was not present for the vote.

32. [Resolution No.: R-2014-051](#) – Release and abandonment of a portion of the City's existing 15' water line easement along Richland County TMS#17400-13-03 (portion); Killian Road at 1-77; Hudson Automotive Lexus Dealership in Kaiser Business Park; CIP Project #WM4242; CF#316-21A – **Note:** *During the development of the project, a retaining wall was built within a portion of the existing water line easement. Upon completion of the project and review of the encroachment, it was determined that the portion of the existing water main should be relocated to eliminate the encroachment. - Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2014-051 – Release and abandonment of a portion of the City's existing 15' water line easement along Richland County TMS#17400-13-03 (portion); Killian Road at 1-77; Hudson Automotive Lexus Dealership in Kaiser Business Park; CIP Project #WM4242; CF#316-21A. Mr. Runyan was not present for the vote.

33. [Resolution No.: R-2014-053](#) – Adopting Procedure for Public Comment on Closure of Public Streets - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2014-053 – Adopting Procedure for Public Comment on Closure of Public Streets. Mr. Runyan was not present for the vote.

### **CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS/REFERRALS**

34. \*\*Council is asked to refer an update from the Columbia Police Department

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to refer an update from the Columbia Police Department on crime statistics and new efforts in response to recent violence in our hospitality districts to the Public Safety Committee.

35. Arts and Historic Preservation Committee [May 13, 2014 Report](#)

Councilor Baddourah reported that the Arts and Historic Preservation Committee received an update from One Columbia on Tuesday, May 13, 2014. He said that One Columbia will be placing art exhibits in the downtown area. He announced that Girl Scout Troop 776 donated supplies for a Little Library at Suber-Marshall United Methodist Church over the weekend. He reported that the committee is endorsing a Resolution in support of little libraries across the city.

36. Administrative Policy Committee [May 27, 2014 Report](#)

Upon a motion made by Ms. Plough and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to approve the final evaluation instrument for the City Attorney; ask the City Attorney to develop a preliminary action plan over the next three (3) months; City Council will meet with the City Attorney at that juncture to review the plan; in January, City Council will conduct a 360 review with input from others; and City Council will conduct a full 360 review annually in June.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Plough and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to continue to use the evaluation tool for Municipal Court Judges that is used by the Bar Association with input from defense attorneys and the City Attorney as part of the 360 review; insert an evaluation form with juror checks; the responses will be tallied and presented to City Council; City Council will review the evaluations prior to making reappointments; and City Council will meet with Municipal Court Judges on an annual basis.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Plough and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to conduct the first evaluation of the City Manager no later than September 2014; use the strategic plan as a guide for the evaluation of the City Manager; ask the City Manager to present ten (10) to fifteen (15) goals for Council's consideration; those goals would be used for the development of future strategic plans and retreat planning; a 360 review will be conducted in January of each year with input from others; and from time to time the City Manager will brief the Administrative Policy Committee on the need to adjust any of the goals.

Mayor Benjamin said it is important to maintain dialog with the full Council if there are significant issues that the City Manager thinks have shifted.

37. Council is asked to refer a review of the City's noise ordinance as it relates to fireworks to the Public Safety Committee as requested by The Honorable Moe Baddourah.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to refer a review of the noise ordinance to the Public Safety Committee.

### **APPEARANCE OF THE PUBLIC**

Mr. Lee Carroll asked about the City of Columbia's definition of parks and recreation; is it a public or a private park. He expressed concerns about people not being allowed to go into public parks. He reported that they were asked by the Police Department to leave Martin Luther King Park with their banners. He expressed concerns about the baseball program, umpires and restrooms and the posting of free meals.

Mayor Benjamin introduced Boy Scout Troop 276 of Northeast Columbia. The young men are working on their citizenship in the community merit badge.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Runyan, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Moore  
City Clerk