

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – COLUMBIA, TENNESSEE

March 18, 2010 – 6:30 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING - ON ORDINANCE NO. 3836 AS AMENDED – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FY 2009-10 BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 3806 AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED, PROVIDING FOR REVISIONS TO THE GENERAL, SANITATION AND CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS – FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

Mayor Dean Dickey called the Public Hearing to order, pursuant to proper public notice having been given. Present were Mayor Dean Dickey, Vice Mayor Kennedy, Council Members Carl McCullen, Debbie Matthews, Christa Martin, Mike Greene and Susan Stephenson; City Manager Paul C. Boyer, Jr.; City Attorney Tim Tisher; City Recorder Betty Modrall; and Liz Bermudez, Recording Secretary.

There being no one present in connection with the Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 3836, Vice Mayor Kennedy moved to close the Public Hearing. Council Member Martin seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted aye.

APPROVED:

DEAN DICKEY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

BETTY R. MODRALL, CITY RECORDER

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Mayor Dickey called the regular meeting to order, pursuant to proper notice having been given. City Recorder Betty Modrall called the roll. Present were Mayor Dean Dickey, Vice Mayor Wayne Kennedy and Council Members Carl McCullen, Debbie Matthews, Christa Martin, Mike Greene and Susan Stephenson; City Manager Paul C. Boyer, Jr.; City Attorney Tim Tisher; Betty Modrall, City Recorder, and Liz Bermudez, Recording Secretary.

Mayor Dickey spoke about complaints from people trying to watch and listen to the broadcast. Mayor Dickey advised Charter does not use the City's sound equipment, which has been updated. Mayor Dickey suggested citizens give Charter a call about the problem.

Reverend Bob Adair of Highland Park Baptist Church offered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Vice Mayor Kennedy.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Council Member McCullen moved to approve the Agenda. Vice Mayor Kennedy seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted aye.

PRESENTATIONS:

Item 5.1 - PRESENTATION BY TRUDY PARHAM, PARTNERSHIP SPECIALIST, WITH THE UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU. Ms. Parham advised it is a constitutional mandate that everyone in the United States be counted every ten years. Ms. Parham said the forms have already been sent out in the mail. Ms. Parham advised there are only ten questions on this year's form, which will not ask questions about a person's bank account or social security number. Ms. Parham said the questions are simple and it is confidential. Ms. Parham advised their slogan is 10, 10, 10 (ten questions, takes about ten minutes to fill out and they encourage people to tell ten other people). Ms. Parham advised the amount of funds that come back to the State, County and City depends on the count. Ms. Parham said every citizen needs to fill out the census and mail it back in. Ms. Parham advised if the form is not sent back by May 1st then someone will come to their house to assist the person with filling out the form. Ms. Parham

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informed everyone that the 2010 Census would determine how many seats the State will have in the House of Representatives and it will decide where the voting district lines will be drawn based on the population count. Ms. Parham said we will be locked into the number count for ten years. Ms. Parham advised if the County or City does not feel like there was an accurate count then the County or City would have to pay for an additional count. Council Member Martin asked what the website address is for those that have further questions about the census. Ms. Parham said the website address she is going to give also has jobs listed on there because the census bureau is hiring in every county. Ms. Parham advised the website is 2010censusjobs.gov and the toll-free number is 866-861-2010. Council Member Stephenson asked Ms. Parham for a card so they can reach her. Ms. Parham advised she will get a card out to Council and she gave her cell phone number. Ms. Parham informed everyone that the Census Bureau counts everyone no matter where they live, both citizens and noncitizens. Ms. Parham spoke about the people in nursing homes, hospitals, schools, prisons and those that are homeless also being counted for the census. Council Member Stephenson asked how the count works with rental property. Ms. Parham said if the form comes to a residence and a renter is living there then they ask that the renter fills out the form and sends it back.

Item 5.2 - PRESENTATION BY JAN MCKEEL AND SHEILA HICKMAN ON THE 2010 BIG READ PROGRAM. Ms. McKeel said this year the book for the Big Read Program is *Great Tales and Poems of Edgar Allan Poe*. Ms. McKeel advised the National Endowment for the Arts has funded the program for the fourth straight year in Columbia, Maury County and in some neighboring counties. Ms. McKeel said it is a \$20,000 grant and this year they are giving away 3,000 copies. Ms. McKeel said they are supportive of this because anything that deals with reading and literacy helps build the workforce. Ms. McKeel advised on March 26th at Rippavilla a performance will be given by Will Stutts. Ms. McKeel said there are many other activities during the months of March and April. Ms. McKeel asked for good ideas on how to encourage the program. Ms. McKeel mentioned Council Member Stephenson volunteering to read. Mayor Dickey thanked Ms. McKeel for being here and for all she does in the community.

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Item 5.3 - PRESENTATION BY MAURY ALLIANCE PRESIDENT BRANDOM GENGELBACH. Mr. Randy Wilmore told Council last year that they are making a real effort to increase their private funding. Mr. Wilmore advised Maury Alliance has started a community assessment campaign by National Community Development. Mr. Wilmore said when the company is brought in to do a campaign like this they usually find that 95% of the time the campaign is successful. Mr. Wilmore said the plan is to have the assessment complete and report by mid-April and then they will make a decision on whether or not to move forward. Mr. Wilmore said they have put together a four-year strategic plan for Maury Alliance. Mr. Wilmore said initially they will be looking at a need for three million dollars over the four-year period . Mr. Wilmore advised currently the Maury Alliance receives over one million dollars from the public sector, which means they will have to raise about two million dollars from the private sector. Mr. Wilmore advised Brandom Gengelbach has been on the job for less than 90 days and they have identified that Mr. Gengelbach needs more support. Mr. Wilmore said Maury Regional Hospital allowed Patrick Harlan to be a loaned executive to help during the transitional period, but Mr. Harlan has returned to his regular job. Mr. Wilmore advised they felt the need to go forward with the hiring of a Vice President for Economic Development, which is something they never had in the budget before. Mr. Wilmore said in a two-week period they have raised over \$100,000 from the private sector. Mr. Wilmore explained that the funds raised would be used to help hire the Vice President for Economic Development in addition to helping add some new technology to Maury Alliance. Mr. Wilmore advised a notice was sent out about a Special Called Meeting for a later date. Mr. Wilmore said the visit from the Marion, Indiana group went well and he thanked all those that participated. Mr. Wilmore spoke about the great assets that can be found in Columbia and Maury County. Mr. Brandom Gengelbach said from an economic development standpoint, the way Maury Alliance is going to be managing projects is like an inverted funnel. Mr. Gengelbach said at the top of the funnel would be the leads, which become projects below and then at the bottom would be wins. Mr. Gengelbach said he is in the process of gathering information, and they have about twenty leads of companies they have been in contact with providing information. Mr. Gengelbach said of the twenty leads, they are currently in a project engagement with eight. Mr. Gengelbach advised four of the eight projects are what he would call “hot projects” meaning he expects a decision within

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the next seven to ten months. Mr. Gengelbach said one of those projects is an expansion project, one is a retention project and two are new businesses looking (one in Columbia and one in Mt. Pleasant). Mr. Gengelbach spoke of the importance of retention. Mr. Gengelbach said the encouraging news is that there is activity, but there are also a lot of vacant buildings and land. Mr. Gengelbach said projects come in but closing them is the key. Mr. Gengelbach said he is currently in his listening campaign phase but in the next few weeks, he anticipates putting those thoughts on paper. Mr. Gengelbach said after that he will be working with their Executive Committee and then he will be sitting down with the Council to share their findings to get a plan moving forward. Mr. Gengelbach thanked Council for their patience during this time. Mr. Gengelbach spoke about the three “P’s” of economic development “people, processes, and product”. Mr. Gengelbach spoke about getting the right people on board, being able to get the resources to get the right people on board. Mr. Gengelbach said the public sector has done an outstanding job of economic development and of supporting Maury Alliance. Mr. Gengelbach said they need to mobilize the private sector on their boards and financially. Mr. Gengelbach advised with the process side they need to make sure they have the right processes here in the community to facilitate economic development. Mr. Gengelbach said an example of the process side is creating a list of approved incentives, so business can be done at the speed of business. Mr. Gengelbach said to be successful they need efficient processes to work with the businesses. Mr. Gengelbach said the other side of process is technology. Mr. Gengelbach said with the product you have to have it to get businesses to come to the area. Mr. Gengelbach spoke about developing a diverse variety of products and assets for all different kinds of companies. Mr. Gengelbach said workforce and education is part of the product side. Vice Mayor Kennedy said he has been on Council for seven years and he feels more related to Maury Alliance now than in his previous years. Vice Mayor Kennedy said he appreciates how they are trying to turn things around.

ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS:

Item 6.1 – MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 4, 2010. Council Member Martin moved to approve the March 4, 2010 City Council Meeting Minutes. Council

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Member Stephenson seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted aye.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Vice Mayor Kennedy moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Greene seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted aye and the following items were approved:

1. Disbursements for the month of February 2010 in the amount of \$3,468,272.13.
2. Agreement for Annual Financial and Compliance Audit – Finance Department.
3. Authorization for the Mayor to sign the Non-Exclusive Use and Occupancy Permit between the City of Columbia and the Columbia Babe Ruth League for the 2010 Season – Parks and Recreation Department.
4. Authorization for the Mayor to sign the Non-Exclusive Use and Occupancy Permit between the City of Columbia and the Columbia National Little League for the 2010 Season – Parks and Recreation Department.
5. Approval of Modification Number 1 of Agreement with South Central Tennessee Workforce Alliance for On-The-Job Training Contract – Police Department.
6. Bid award for medium duty dump truck – Wastewater Department.
7. Authorization for the Mayor to sign the addendum to the contract for the purchase of the real property located at 700 North Garden Street, 708 North Garden Street, and 204 West 6th Street, Columbia, Tennessee – City Attorney.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 10-14 - TAX CORRECTIONS – CITY RECORDER’S OFFICE.

Vice Mayor Kennedy moved to approve Resolution No. 10-14. Council Member Martin seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted aye.

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ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE NO. 3836 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FY 2009-10 BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 3806 AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED, PROVIDING FOR REVISIONS TO THE GENERAL, SANITATION AND CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS – FINANCE DEPARTMENT.
THIRD CONSIDERATION

Council Member Martin moved to approve Ordinance No. 3836 on third consideration. Council Member Matthews seconded the motion. Council Member Stephenson said there is one bullet point in the write-up that she does not agree with and since they cannot separate the items she will have to vote no on this item. City Manager Boyer said he advised Council Member Stephenson that if she wanted to change the Ordinance it would have to be done by amending the Ordinance. Vice Mayor Kennedy asked Council Member Stephenson which bullet point she does not agree with. Council Member Stephenson advised it is the last bullet point on page 9 of the Agenda and she does not feel making an amendment to this would be successful. City Manager Boyer advised an amendment is needed to restore the Debt Service Fund to its original budget amount of \$1,241,764. City Manager Boyer said at the last meeting, they discussed that some expenditures in the Debt Service Fund could be redirected because the City got a lower interest rate and closing cost than anticipated and that some of the money in that fund could be used for projects rather than interest. City Manager Boyer said it was an error to ask Council to lower the total budget of the fund; the money cannot be redirected if the approved budget of the fund is lowered. City Manager Boyer advised Council is being asked to restore the Debt Service Fund to its original budget of \$1,241,764 so that the City can accomplish redirecting money from interest expenses to the project expenses for the acquisition of the building behind the current City Hall to be used as the new City Hall. Vice Mayor Kennedy asked if it changes the interest rate. City Manager Boyer said it does not have any effect on any existing debt. Council Member Martin moved to amend the motion by restoring the Debt Service Fund to \$1,241,764 for the appropriate activities that the City Manager has expressed. Council Member Matthews seconded the amendment. All Council Members present voted aye on the

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amendment with the exception of Council Member Stephenson who voted no. All Council Members present voted aye on the Ordinance as amended with the exception of Council Member Stephenson who voted no. Motion passes.

ORDINANCE NO. 3837 - AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT PARKING ON BOTH SIDES OF SUNSET LANE FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH SANTA FE PIKE WEST TO THE CITY LIMITS AT 205 SUNSET LANE – WARD
THIRD CONSIDERATION 3 – PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Council Member Martin moved to approve Ordinance No. 3837 on third consideration. Council Member McCullen seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 3838 - AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT PARKING ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF WEST 8TH STREET FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH BECKETT STREET EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 565 FEET – WARD 2 – PUBLIC WORKS
THIRD CONSIDERATION DEPARTMENT.

Council Member Matthews moved to approve Ordinance No. 3838 on third consideration. Council Member Martin seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted aye with the exception of Vice Mayor Kennedy who abstained. Motion passes.

ORDINANCE NO. 3840 - AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A GENERAL PLAN FOR MAURY COUNTY THAT INCLUDES THE CITY LIMITS, PLANNING REGION AND URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARIES OF COLUMBIA, TENNESSEE – GRANTS
THIRD CONSIDERATION AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT.

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Council Member Stephenson moved to approve Ordinance No. 3840 on third consideration. Council Member Matthews seconded the motion. City Attorney Tisher said they are recommending the amendment that was discussed at the Study Session. City Attorney Tisher advised the technical name of the Plan is the Maury County Comprehensive Plan and they are recommending adding the word “Comprehensive” in the last paragraph of the Ordinance when referring to Exhibit A. Council Member Stephenson moved to amend the Ordinance with the City Attorney’s recommended amendment. Council Member Matthews seconded the motion to amend. Vice Mayor Kennedy asked if they are taking the word “General Plan” out. City Attorney Tisher advised no that they are just changing that one section to match the title of Exhibit A. All Council Members present voted aye on the amendment. All Council Members present voted aye on the Ordinance as amended.

ORDINANCE NO. 3841 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND
ORDINANCE NO. 3832 BY AMENDING
THE CLASSIFICATION AND
COMPENSATION PLAN FOR THE
EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF
COLUMBIA FOR THE 2009-2010
FISCAL YEAR – CITY MANAGER’S
THIRD CONSIDERATION OFFICE.

Mayor Dickey said, “Do we have a motion?” Council Member Matthews replied, “Yes, Mayor I make the motion a for approval on third consideration of Ordinance No. 3841.” Mayor Dickey asked, “Do we have a second?” Council Member Martin said, “I second the motion.” Mayor Dickey said, “It’s been moved and seconded. Discussion on 10.5.” Council Member Stephenson said, “Yes, Mayor.” Mayor Dickey said, “Mrs. Stephenson.” Council Member Stephenson said, “Mayor, Members of Council again just a little bit earlier I spoke to the City Manager about this and um told him that I don’t like to blind side anybody and um sometimes we’re just gonna have to agree to disagree. But um I’ve always felt that it was appropriate for me to contact him and let him know if I have concern regarding an agenda item. And again there’s part of this Ordinance that I’m in agreement with and part of this Ordinance that I’m not in agreement with. And I

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don't want to protract this discussion, but when I spoke to Mr. Boyer I understand that if you're recommending someone for a department head position then you then you don't have to interview or don't have to advertise or interview." Mayor Dickey said, "Mrs. Stephenson, we are not talking about hiring folks, we're talking about 10.5to approve this motion as it's written. Council Member Stephenson said, "Well, Mayor the second part of this involves an assistant city manager proposal and that's what I do not agree with and I'm explaining why." Mayor Dickey said, "We're not talking about hiring a person, we're talking about approving 10.5." Council Member Stephenson replied, "Well, but I I think my discussion is pertinent to this Mayor if you'd let me finish." Mayor Dickey said, "Okay, go ahead." Council Member Stephenson said, "Thank you. As I was saying if you a department head you do not have to advertise and interview. And when we interviewed for other department head positions, the City Manager elected to advertise and interview." Mayor Dickey said, "Mrs. Stephenson, that doesn't pertain to this that what you're talking about is the City Manager's responsibility and that's what we are paying him for." Council Member Stephenson said, "I'm not saying that I can that I understand that the City Manager's job, he's the administrator of the day-to-day business of the City and he does the hiring and firing, however I can challenge his judgment Mayor. And in this respect I'm challenging his judgment." Mayor Dickey replied, "You you can do that, sure you can challenge his judgment but we're talking about 10.5 and the way it's written." Council Member Stephenson said, "But I think it's important for Council to understand that the City Manager has an individual in mind for this position and I think it's important that Council hear this." Mayor Dickey said, "I I still say that we need to go back to the way the motion is written and that's what we need we've got a motion on and a second and that's what we'll be voting on. Anything else as far as hiring and policy procedures and personnel should be directed to the City Manager at another time." Council Member Stephenson said, "I have spoken to the City Manager, but I'll take it up under other business if you want. But the part I am trying to talk about here Mayor is the additional amendment to the pay plan to create an assistant city manager position. And I'm I trying to make the point that I don't think that an assistant city manager position is

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needed. That's why what I'm talking about is relevant to this Agenda Item, may I proceed?" Mayor Dickey said, "As long as you stay in the realm of 10.5." Council Member Stephenson said, "Well, I'm I'm trying to get to that but what I'm trying to point out with a department head I think it's appropriate that we take all the steps that we need to take to make sure that we get someone in here who is qualified and who is the best candidate. And I don't think that's being done in this respect. I know that I spoke to the City Manager about trying to get someone in here that can help us with grant funding and also with public relations and I think we've gone above and beyond that. A because my concern is that we're bringing someone in not just to take care of those duties but to do things in addition to that. And I think we're the City Manager is looking at someone who's not who's not really qualified to be an assistant city manager. And I'm concerned that we are bypassing the process to find the best candidate for this position. And again, I know that I myself and I think other Council Members have talked to the City Manager about bringing someone in to help with grant writing because we have missed out on opportunities in the pasted and to bring someone else in to serve as a liaison with the public and with the press and so forth. And I think um it's important for this Council to understand um the process that's being used here and a again I don't think we need an assistant city manager. I think we need someone to help us with public relations and grant writing. I don't think we need another department head. And a I have great concerns here again I'll be voting no on this Ordinance." Mayor Dickey said, "Thank you. Other comments or discussion?" Vice Mayor Kennedy said, "Mayor, does." Mayor Dickey said, "Vice Mayor." Vice Mayor Kennedy asked, "Does this come under the City Manager's prerogative, it's really his prerogative about who he picks doesn't, that's his job right?" Mayor Dickey replied, "I believe so. Mrs. Modrall call the roll." All Council Members present voted aye with the exception of Council Member Stephenson who voted no.

ORDINANCE NO. 3839 - AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT THROUGH TRUCK TRAFFIC RATED OVER 16,000 GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT

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(GVW) ON THE FOLLOWING STREETS
IN WARD 2 – PUBLIC WORKS

SECOND CONSIDERATION DEPARTMENT.

- 1) WEST 8TH STREET FROM 565 FEET EAST OF BECKETT STREET TO SOUTH HIGH STREET;
- 2) ATHENAEUM STREET FROM WEST 7TH STREET TO WEST 8TH STREET;
- 3) SCHOOL STREET FROM WEST 7TH STREET TO WEST 10TH STREET.

Council Member Matthews moved to approve Ordinance No. 3839 on second consideration. Council Member Martin seconded the motion for discussion. Council Member Matthews said she has been working on this since she was elected in 2007. Council Member Matthews said there are Service Requests and letters from 2007 regarding the truck traffic from West 8th Street. Council Member Matthews said the City Manager and the Public Works Director said this is an issue for the entire City not West 8th Street. Council Member Matthews said there is a money issue with the City street paving. Council Member Matthews said the biggest concern is public safety when it comes to West 8th Street and School Street. Council Member Matthews spoke about the traffic count that was done and how in a 24-hour period there were 55 semi trucks going down the neighborhood street. Council Member Matthews said at the intersection with the stop sign most of the trucks are not stopping at the stop sign. Council Member Matthews said she wants progress if she cannot get perfection. Council Member Matthews said her main objective is to help residents have a safer, better quality of life in a neighborhood. Council Member Matthews spoke about the investments the residents make in older homes and the City protecting the integrity of the neighborhood, streets and houses in that area. Council Member Matthews said there is damage from the trucks because the houses are close to the street. Council Member Matthews said there are legal handouts that were passed out. Council Member Matthews said one of the handouts said it is hard to make restrictions on such things if it is deemed unreasonable, a stress on a business. Council Member Matthews advised the handout does say that cities may restrict trucks from driving through residential areas if another route is available and may impose weight restrictions on travel on other city streets. Council Member Matthews went on to say that the handout mentions if city streets are damaged by excessive

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use by a business employing heavy trucks there is case law to support a case against such business for the cost of repairing the streets. Council Member Matthews said this is not about the Post Office; it is about the quality of life of the taxpayers. Council Member Matthews advised she has spoken with King's Daughters School and they are asking their delivery trucks to make deliveries by coming in on Beckett Street to West 8th Street and then going back out on Beckett to West 7th Street. Council Member Matthews said they have been very accommodating. Council Member Matthews advised Fred's and Foodland have not objected to a change in their route. Council Member Matthews said she understands the Post Office says it is impossible to go out the other way and she disagrees with that. Council Member Matthews asked two things of the Post Master. Council Member Matthews said there are trucks that are coming down West 8th Street and making a left hand turn on School Street and then emptying onto West 7th Street. Council Member Matthews asked if the trucks are exiting on West 8th Street that they stay straight to go out to Garden Street and do not go to the left on School Street. City Manager Boyer advised if Council adopts this Ordinance the trucks would have to do that. Council Member Matthews asked if there is a possibility for the early morning trucks to go back to the right, go up the ramp at Foodland and then come out on West 7th Street so that the night time truck noise does not affect the residents. Council Member Matthews spoke about the Police Department ticketing the area for through traffic and watching the stop sign area. Council Member Matthews reiterated her comment of at least having progress if they cannot have perfection. Council Member Martin said there is additional information in front of Council tonight. Council Member Martin asked the City Attorney to explain the Attorney General's opinion. City Attorney Tisher advised this information is the Attorney General's opinion that is cited several times in the information that Council was given Tuesday. City Attorney Tisher said he ordered the data and this is the case that was cited several times in the information Council had at Study Session. Council Member Martin asked the City Manager if the Ordinance, the way it is written, would be impeding the delivery of mail. City Manager Boyer advised no. Council Member Martin asked if the Ordinance would be impeding local deliveries. City Manager Boyer advised trucks can make local deliveries from West 8th Street as necessary and exit on West 8th Street after making the deliveries. Council Member Matthews went over the amount of trucks the businesses have. Council Member Matthews recognized that the City Manager has

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asked the Acting Fire Chief to make sure the fire trucks go home on West 7th as opposed to West 8th to keep the noise level down in the neighborhood. Vice Mayor Kennedy said he has a problem with the number of 55 trucks going down the neighborhood. City Manager Boyer advised the count was from the fall of 2009. City Manager Boyer advised the counter could not tell us if the vehicle was a semi truck; it could just tell them if the vehicle weighed 16,000 lbs or more. Vice Mayor Kennedy said he went up there today and there is the same safety issue with the sidewalks by the library. Vice Mayor Kennedy said he did not see any signs of road damage or cracked walls. Vice Mayor Kennedy spoke about exempting the Post Office and the other businesses. City Manager Boyer said the City is not exempting anyone. City Manager Boyer said the standard is that you cannot unreasonably regulate commerce, so in this situation that is generally interpreted to mean you have to allow local deliveries. City Manager Boyer advised they are not exempting anyone; it is a reasonableness consideration. City Manager Boyer said the Public Works Director does not think the trucks can make the turn also and he used to drive trucks. City Manager Boyer advised he somewhat disagrees with the Vice Mayor because he used to live on West 8th Street, and there are a lot of trucks that cut through there just to cut through and avoid West 7th and Garden Street. Vice Mayor Kennedy thanked the City Manager for his opinion and said he thinks everyone will be happy. City Manager Boyer said on Tuesday an amendment to the Ordinance was suggested. City Manager Boyer said they recommend amending out “565 Feet East of Beckett Street” and start the zone at West 8th Street and Beckett Street to avoid trucks running into the sign in the middle of the block. City Manager Boyer said it will have no bearing on those that live on West 8th Street or anyone who operates a business on West 8th Street. City Manager Boyer said it would give a way to police the situation of pass through trucks, which should not be happening on the street. City Manager Boyer advised the Police will begin strict enforcement of the stop sign. Police Chief Bishop advised it has already started. Council Member Greene asked the Post Master, Kathy Hinkle, if this will work for the Post Office. Ms. Hinkle advised it is not a problem as long as they can get there to deliver the mail. Council Member Martin moved to amend Section 1 Number 1 by remove the “565 Feet East of”. Vice Mayor Kennedy seconded the amendment. All Council Members present voted aye on the amendment. All Council Members present voted aye on the Ordinance as amended.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Camille Allen of 900 School Street said she appreciates Council looking at the matter with trucks. Mrs. Allen said they value their house and everyone in the Athenaeum District works hard. Mrs. Allen advised that the Athenaeum is a treasure. Mrs. Allen said they are just trying to keep it walking, pedestrian friendly. Mrs. Allen said she does not care whose trucks are coming down the street, it is like an interstate truck ramp. Mrs. Allen invited Vice Mayor Kennedy to come and count trucks with her on her front porch. Mrs. Allen advised the Vice Mayor that their wall is the one that is crumbling. Mrs. Allen thanked Council for addressing the issue.

John Allen of 900 School Street said there are three houses that are King's Daughters that have mentally challenged people. Mr. Allen said there are two to three escapes a week, where people have to chase them. Mr. Allen said they need to figure out how to protect the kids. Mr. Allen said something needs to be done to slow them down. Mr. Allen advised the kids run through the intersection with people chasing them and they cannot see around the corner near his house and the truck cannot see them. Mr. Allen said it is only going to take one and it will be really treacherous. Council Member Matthews said this is not the end game and hopefully they will get a new post office. Council Member Matthews said she also has a King's Daughters house near her and she knows there are runners and there will be an unfortunate situation at West 8th and School Street because of the trucks and children. Council Member Matthews spoke about doing the best they can until they get to the end game.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Council Member Stephenson said, "Mayor Dickey, and I can't um recall right now if these were Study Sessions or Council Meetings, but I know at approximately three or four of our meetings you have you have cut me off and I don't believe it was justified. And I want to read out of Robert's Rule of Order, page 42, and this is under the section Debate on the Question. And it clearly states that although although the presiding officer should give close attention to each speaker's remarks during debate he cannot interrupt the person who has the floor so long as the

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person does not violate any of the assembly's rules no disorder and no disorder arises. The presiding officer must never interrupt the speaker simply because he feels he might know more than the matter that the speaker is speaking on. The presiding officer cannot close debate so long as any member who has not exhausted his right to debate desires the floor. And I would ask the Mayor in the future to please let me finish speaking and he'll see how it ties into the Agenda Item. And I was speaking on the second half of that Agenda Item regarding the proposed assistant city manager position. But you cut me off sir before I got to that point, but what I was trying to share with you and the Council was relevant. And I understand clearly as the Vice Mayor stated and I made that remark too when I began speaking that of course the City Manager is the administrator of the City and he runs the day-to-day operations of the city and the City Manager does the hiring and the firing. And I certainly understand that. I certainly understand my boundaries, but I when I spoke to Mr. Boyer earlier um I pointed out though though that is his decision I can certainly discuss with him how he arrived at that decision and a whether or whether or not I agree with it. And the point I was trying to make was, we're talking about an individual here who will potentially in the near future have some kind of supervisory capacity. And I think it's important as I said before with the with the a Police Chief and the Fire Chief, the City Manager elected to advertise and interview for those two positions for those two department heads. And frankly I think the same thing is necessary for an assistant city manager because this person potentially could supervise all of the city employees and all of the other city department heads. And I would certainly want someone in that position who is serving as assistant city manager, who is going to serve in a a supervisory capacity to have some experience in supervision. And I think Council needs to um to um take a look at this and you know I I think we're and this is no slight to this individual in particular, it could be anybody. But, we're talking about someone who has served with this city for approximately six months of an internship and has served other cities in an internship. I think all together for a total of about eighteen months, but I don't feel that this person has other experience. Education yes, but but experience, and and Mr. Boyer may be absolutely correct I mean a year from now this individual may work

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out just fine, but again I don't I don't feel that right now we need a new department head. I don't feel we need to add someone to the Management Team. I feel that what most of us communicated to the City Manager was the need for someone to assist us with grant writing. And when I say grant writing I'm talking about larger bricks and mortar, infrastructure those kinds of larger grants that we've missed out on. And I don't know that this individual has grant writing experience, or or public relations or marketing experience either. So, I just want to clarify um that I have concerns here and I um would appreciate it if Council takes a look at these things a little more closely because I think it's important. I mean you know this person could eventually when Mr. Boyer's out for whatever reason serve as the city's City Manager, the administrator of the city. And I I want someone in that position whose got some supervisory and some management experience. And I I don't feel that's appropriate to learn on the job training. Thank you.

Council Member Matthews said she lost a great friend this week, Mrs. Alice Algood. Council Member Matthews said she just wanted to pay comment and tribute to her for what she has given her and other women in this community. Council Member Matthews said Mrs. Algood was one of the first women to run for the State House. Council Member Matthews said she was someone always of principal. Council Member Matthews said the community has lost a great asset and a great daughter of Columbia. Council Member Matthews thanked the West 7th Street Church of Christ congregation, this afternoon she met a family that is doing a lease purchase on the **house** on Athenaeum. Council Member Matthews advised a contractor will begin the process of renovating the house in the next year. Council Member Matthews said the integrity of the historic neighborhood has elevated. Council Member Matthews again thanked the church for working with them on this.

Council Member Martin advised the City of Columbia has a lot of important items to be concerned about. Council Member Martin said Council just finished up the beginning of strategic planning for the City. Council Member Martin said an item that needs to be on their list is litter. Council Member Martin advised she has given the City Manager a Service Request Form. Council Member Martin advised she was alluded to in the Sound

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Off. Council Member Martin said she wants to address the concern that was in the Sound Off. Council Member Martin said litter is not just a problem in the 3rd Ward. Council Member Martin said she is asking the City Manager to share with them what is being done as the City employees see litter in various places. Council Member Martin said she understands that the City has a sanitation pick-up schedule, bulky item pick-up schedule and we are working on a recycling program. Council Member Martin said she heard a young lady speak and the young lady said litter and trash leads to the broken window syndrome which leads to crime at all levels. Council Member Martin said she hopes that the City Manager and the Management Team under his direction will get with City Council and talked with them as to how we can better serve the citizens so they do not have to call Sound Off. Council Member Martin spoke about being proactive. Council Member Martin said there is a East Columbia Revitalization Meeting coming up and she would like the Mayor to announce the details.

Mayor Dickey advised the meeting is the East Columbia Neighborhood Redevelopment and Urban Renewal Plan, which will take place on March 28th at 5:00 p.m. at the Fairview Community Center. Council Member Martin said she thought it was on the 23rd. Mayor Dickey said the notice he has says the 28th and the 23rd is the meeting with the plan area owners. Mayor Dickey said on Saturday, April 17th the annual Great Maury County Cleanup will take place to clean up Columbia and Maury County. Mayor Dickey spoke about making plans to support this event to make the community look better. Vice Mayor Kennedy said at the next meeting he will be bringing up a plan to have surveys placed in each department. Vice Mayor Kennedy said the survey would be concerning how the department's wait on people. Vice Mayor Kennedy said he would like to see people answer the survey to let us know how we are doing. Vice Mayor Kennedy said he would like to see that put in place.

Mayor Dickey advised the next item would be Executive Session. City Manager Boyer asked if Council would be able to adjourn before going to into Executive Session so those in the audience and some staff could leave. City Attorney Tisher advised Council would not be conducting any other business so he does not see any problem with adjourning the meeting.

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Council Member Greene moved to adjourn the meeting. Vice Mayor Kennedy seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted aye.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

APPROVED:

DEAN DICKEY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

BETTY MODRALL, CITY RECORDER