

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – COLUMBIA, TENNESSEE

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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.

Reverend Stan Breeden of First Baptist Church offered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member McCullen.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

PRESENTATIONS:

Item 5.1 – **PRESENTATION BY CATHY HAYES, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR, SOUTH CENTRAL HUMAN RESOURCE AGENCY, ON LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP).** Ms. Hayes said South Central Human Resource Agency covers thirteen counties for a variety of programs. Ms. Hayes said she is in charge of the LIHEAP program and the CSBG program, which keeps their offices open in all thirteen counties. Ms. Hayes passed out handouts with two of the agency's brochures, her business card and three pieces of paper about the LIHEAP program and information about the CSBG program. Ms. Hayes spoke about the CSBG program being a recipient of funds from the Recovery Program. Ms. Hayes said the first page show funds they have sent to the four major utilities. Ms. Hayes advised the totals at the top do not match the totals at the bottom of the page because they also make payments to propane companies and for wood throughout the thirteen counties. Ms. Hayes said there are probably a hundred households or more that are not represented on the handout because of the volume of information. Ms. Hayes advised the third page of the handout is very important because she came before Council last year to speak to them about the leveraging program. Ms. Hayes said last year Columbia Power, and several other utilities, said they could not participate

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in the leveraging due to their contract with TVA. Ms. Hayes said included in the handout is a letter that was sent out to every contractor with TVA, which is basically every electric company in the State of Tennessee. Ms. Hayes said the letter states that the companies could not take funds and match the leveraging program. Ms. Hayes said the companies that were able to contribute this year have said if this is not lifted at the state level they will not be able to leverage next year. Ms. Hayes said she does not understand it and she has not seen the contract, but it seems to her that somehow they can get the money through at a local level that they are taking in that can be matched and given back to them. Ms. Hayes said the leveraging program gives two dollars of federal money for every one dollar of local money, so they would be getting money back. Ms. Hayes said last year the program was one of three in the state that spent every leverage dollar; the agency even received an award for leveraging all their dollars. Ms. Hayes advised they have not been able to leverage much in Maury County. Ms. Hayes advised because of the size of Maury County and population, the state allocates money to the thirteen counties at a locked in rate, other than leveraging, and Maury gets 16.73% of all the funds that the agency receives. Ms. Hayes said this year they started out with about \$1.5 million and now they have \$3.3 million for the thirteen counties that they are making payments on. Ms. Hayes said Maury County's total allocation for LIHEAP is \$533,013.60 and so far they have obligated \$224,100 with applications waiting in excess of \$60,000. Ms. Hayes said they will take applications up until the last week of June. Ms. Hayes said things have changed drastically; most of the money just showed up on their level in February. Ms. Hayes said on March 3rd, the State Legislature passed a bill so that effective March 5th LIHEAP funding eligibility went from 125% of poverty level to 200% of the poverty level; they can serve a lot more people and are only halfway through Maury County's money. Ms. Hayes said the money has to be spent in the next three months. Ms. Hayes said she has sent letters to all the utility districts to say please let their customers know that if they need assistance on their bill and haven't received payment from them yet to come to the agency's office and apply right away because the energy money takes time. Ms. Hayes said it will not handle a shutoff but it will help and they will get somewhere between a \$300 and \$450 payment on their bill. Council Member Matthews thanked Ms. Hayes for coming. Council Member Matthews reiterated some of the points that Ms. Hayes made. Ms. Hayes said with the poverty ratio they look at the total

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household income. Ms. Hayes said if someone is receiving food stamps, they are automatically eligible for the program. Ms. Hayes advised their office has moved from the downtown area to the very edge of Columbia. Ms. Hayes advised the parking around the square caused an issue and so they have been looking for a new location for about two years. Council Member Matthews said the Governor has made it easier for people to participate in the program by making those who are making a little more money that may be struggling eligible to participate in this program. Council Member Matthews asked what happens to \$233,000 for Maury County if it is not spent in the next three months. Ms. Hayes said the state keeps the money; they usually do not get “carry forward funds”. Ms. Hayes said the money can be given to someone else; the entire system is based on reimbursements. Ms. Hayes said the agency does not see the dollars if they do not spend them. Ms. Hayes said Maury County never spends all of its money. Ms. Hayes also spoke about weatherization and how they are fixing people s’ homes and they received \$6 million with that grant. Ms. Hayes spoke about unemployment stubs and people receiving unemployment being eligible for the program as well. Council Member Matthews asked Ms. Hayes if she would be willing to put some brochures at the front desk of City Hall. Council Member Matthews said there is an issue in our community with people losing their homes because they cannot pay their energy bill and there is an issue with families sitting in the dark with children. Council Member Matthews asked what the deadline date is for the weatherization dollars to be used. Ms. Hayes said the weatherization is recovery money and that the program ends at the end of September but she believes there is talk about extending that deadline. Ms. Hayes said Tennessee has done a good job nationwide in starting weatherization. Ms. Hayes said those funds come through the Department of Energy and there are many things they have to do to get started on the program. Ms. Hayes said there is a lot of money for Maury County with the weatherization program as well. Ms. Hayes said weatherization goes hand-in-hand with LIHEAP. Ms. Hayes said the handout shows that they have leveraged \$28,133.80 but before she left the office today, she found out that they have spent \$51,832.51 that was allocated for leveraging. Ms. Hayes said they found the match and worked with the Family Center, local churches and anyone willing to make a contribution. Ms. Hayes said there are people willing to work with them but it would be easier if it was the local utilities. Council Member Stephenson thanked Ms. Hayes for coming tonight.

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Council Member Stephenson asked if she was correct in that Maury County did not use all the money it could have last year. Ms. Hayes advised that is correct. Council Member Stephenson asked if that money was turned back into the state or reallocated to other counties. Ms. Hayes said this year was the first year they have had money left. Ms. Hayes said in the past she had to get Board and State approval to pull money from Maury County to fund other counties. Ms. Hayes said Maury County has never spent all their money. Council Member Stephenson asked if the percentage changes year to year. Ms. Hayes said it has changed fractionally. Council Member Stephenson asked if the state has ever indicated that they may reduce the allocation to Maury County if Maury County does not start using the money. Ms. Hayes said she does not think they will because there is the provision of moving funds. Ms. Hayes said the board has approved moving money and the State tentatively said when you need to move money you should. Council Member Stephenson said if they get approval from the State then the Board can move money to other counties. Ms. Hayes said she has to do that on an as-needed basis and she has to inform the state where she is taking the money from and where it is going. Council Member Stephenson asked about the ability to roll money over to the next fiscal year. Ms. Hayes advised they have never had money to roll over, they start each year brand new. Council Member Matthews reminded Council that last year Ms. Hayes transferred \$27,000 from Maury County to go to another county. Council Member Matthews said this is our biggest complaint and worry in town. Ms. Hayes said she has not been able to figure out why with the County size, why they are not seeing people in their office. Ms. Hayes advised their new address is 1740 North Main Street, Suite E in Hamilton Plaza. Council Member Martin thanked Ms. Hayes for the information she shared. Council Member Martin said starting in October or November of last year after getting so many calls about utilities and not being able to pay the bills a subcommittee was started on utilities here in Columbia and Maury County. Council Member Martin said at CPWS study session this month representatives from the subcommittee, which she chairs and Shawn Brooks, E. Ann Ingram, Elaine Williams and Michelle Miller, will be going to the study session with a family to make a presentation of what they have found in the last six months. Council Member Martin said she is glad Ms. Hayes came tonight so she can add the information to the rest of the information they have for that presentation. Mayor Dickey said to Council Member McCullen, who serves on the Columbia Power and Water Systems

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Board, you heard the questions and examples that have been given tonight about the approval of grants, will you get with Management and in a letter form; explain what is happening and what they intend to do about the situation; and mail those to each Council Member at their home so they can get them as soon as possible. City Manager Boyer said in the interest of public records, he has no problem with them doing that but if they are communicating with City Officials then a copy needs to come to City Hall for the public record. City Manager Boyer advised there have been communications with Council this week that have not been forwarded by CPWS to the City to be part of the public record. City Manager Boyer said that kind of stuff needs to stop so the City does not get in trouble over open records checks. Mayor Dickey asked Council Member McCullen to send the letters to the City Manager and then he can disburse them. City Manager Boyer said people can communicate with Council Members at their home, but City Hall needs a copy also. Mayor Dickey said he feels it would be better if Mr. Boyer would receive them. Council Member Martin said that is why she announced that the presentation would be made at the board's study session so that it would be part of the public record. Council Member McCullen stated that the Mayor was asking for him to respond to what was presented by Ms. Hayes in a letter form and then to give that letter to the City Manager. Mayor Dickey asked that Council Member McCullen share the information with the CPWS management team and respond to what they intend to do by June 30th and get the information to Mr. Boyer so he can distribute that to each member of Council.

ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS:

Item 6.1 – **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 18, 2010.** Vice Mayor Kennedy moved to approve the March 18, 2010 City Council Meeting Minutes. Council Member Matthews seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted aye.

Item 6.2 – **RATIFICATION OF MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF MS. PAT SELLE TO THE COLUMBIA HISTORIC ZONING COMMISSION FOR A FIVE-YEAR TERM, EXPIRING APRIL 1, 2015.** Mayor Dickey moved to approve the reappointment of Ms. Selle to

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the Columbia Historic Zoning Commission. Vice Mayor Kennedy seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted aye.

Item 6.3 – RATIFICATION OF MAYOR’S REAPPOINTMENT OF MR. WILLIE MORGAN TO THE COLUMBIA HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR A FIVE-YEAR TERM, EXPIRING APRIL 1, 2015. Mayor Dickey moved to approve the appointment of Mr. Morgan to the Columbia Housing Authority. Council Member Martin seconded the motion. Council Member Matthews said she wanted the audience to be aware of comments that were made Tuesday night. Council Member Matthews said the Mayor is diligently trying to get new people to serve on committees, both Items 6.2 and 6.3 have talked about reappointments. Council Member Matthews advised the Mayor let Council know in both cases the appointees had finished out a smaller term and this is their first official appointment for a full term. All Council Members present voted aye.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Council Member Matthews moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member McCullen seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted aye and the following items were approved:

1. Acceptance of Annual Reports of City of Columbia Employees’ Retirement Plan Fund and the City of Columbia, Tennessee Retirement Health Insurance Post-Employment Benefit Trust for the year 2009.
2. Bid award for Police Patrol Vehicles – Police Department.
3. Approval of Change Order Number 1 with W&O Construction Company for Rutherford Creek Interceptor Sewer Project – Ward 5 – Wastewater Department.
4. Authorization for the Mayor to sign the Non-Exclusive Use and Occupancy Permit between the City of Columbia and the Columbia Road Dog’s Travel Baseball Club for the 2010 Season – Ward 2 – Parks and Recreation Department.
5. Ratify agreement and authorize Change Order Number 1 with ECS Southeast, LLC for additional testing and engineering services at Fire Station Number 2 (711 Lion Parkway) – Ward 1 – Fire Department.

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6. Authorization for the Mayor to sign the application for Tennessee Department of Agriculture grant funds to provide additional funding for design and construction of the Columbia Farmers Fresh Market – City Manager’s Office.

ADMINISTRATION:

Item 8.1 – **CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE FOR BHADRESH PATEL TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT FUZZY DUCK LIQUORS LOCATED AT 203 WEST SIXTH STREET.** Council Member Matthews moved to approve the Certificate of Compliance for Mr. Patel to sell alcoholic beverages at Fuzzy Duck Liquors. Vice Mayor Kennedy seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted aye.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 10-15 - TAX CORRECTIONS – CITY RECORDER’S OFFICE.

Council Member Stephenson moved to approve Resolution No. 10-15. Council Member Martin seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-16 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RIDLEY PARK ATHLETIC COMPLEX TOURNAMENT FEES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2010-2011 FOR THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, TENNESSEE, PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT – WARD 1 – PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT.

Vice Mayor Kennedy moved to approve Resolution No. 10-16. Council Member McCullen seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-17 - TO ACCEPT OWNERSHIP AND MAINTENANCE OF THE STREET AND

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DRAINAGE OF TWIN LAKES DRIVE IN
THE LAKES OF COLUMBIA IN THE
CITY OF COLUMBIA, TENNESSEE –
WARD 1 – ENGINEERING
DEPARTMENT.

Council Member McCullen moved to approve Resolution No. 10-17. Vice Mayor Kennedy seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted aye.

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE NO. 3839 - AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT
THROUGH TRUCK TRAFFIC RATED
OVER 16,000 GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT
(GVW) ON THE FOLLOWING STREETS
IN WARD 2 – PUBLIC WORKS

THIRD CONSIDERATION DEPARTMENT.

- 1) WEST 8TH STREET FROM 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 third consideration. Council Member Martin seconded the motion. Vice Mayor Kennedy asked for an explanation of whether the shopping center will continue to have deliveries. City Manager Boyer advised the City can not prohibit local deliveries on public streets, so any truck restrictions that is placed on a street must allow trucks to make deliveries to the addresses that abut that street. City Manager Boyer said deliveries will still be able to be made to the shopping center, post office, school administration building, Kings Daughter facility that accepts deliveries and anyone that lives in that area. Vice Mayor Kennedy asked if that wordage needs to be in the Ordinance. City Manager Boyer said it does not have to be in the Ordinance because it is a Federal Law and Constitutional Right. Vice Mayor Kennedy asked if an excerpt about the Federal Law could be placed in the Ordinance.

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City Attorney Tisher advised this just regulates through traffic. City Manager Boyer said he would not recommend doing that in any Ordinances that we construct because those types of laws and their interpretations are changed by the courts over time and if the City captures that in the Ordinance then the Ordinance has to be amended each time a court makes a decision that further interprets the rule. City Manager Boyer said that is the rule as it exists today and does not think it should be incorporated into the local Ordinance. Vice Mayor Kennedy asked if the City would end up in court if a truck that is making a delivery to the area is stopped by a Police Officer. City Manager Boyer said he thinks if a Police Officer stopped a truck and gives a ticket, and the truck driver decided to take the matter to court then the judge would find the driver not guilty on the same principal that he just mentioned. Council Member Matthews said unless they are stopped for running a stop sign. City Manager Boyer said the Police Officers are familiar with the laws and Chief Bishop has been present during all the discussions and he understands where the City is headed and has instructed his employees where we are headed. Council Member Matthews said this is something that she started working on a month before she was sworn in. Council Member Matthews said there is a problem on historic streets in the Athenaeum District. Council Member Matthews said it is important to make sure we are doing this correctly and Public Works Director Ken Donaldson has said this will continue happening city-wide. Council Member Matthews said the City wants to reduce truck traffic and Interim Fire Chief Cross has already directed Fire Trucks not to go down West 8th Street. Council Member Matthews said that neighbors feel they are finally being heard. Council Member Stephenson clarified the Ordinance for Council. All Council Members present voted aye with the exception of Vice Mayor Kennedy who abstained.

ORDINANCE NO. 3843 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 3638, THE SAME BEING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, TENNESSEE REGARDING THE APPEAL PROCESS FOR HISTORIC ZONING COMMISSION, AND ESTABLISH THE DATE OF MAY 6, 2010 AS THE DATE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING – GRANTS AND PLANNING

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FIRST CONSIDERATION DEPARTMENT.

Council Member Matthews moved to approve Ordinance No. 3843 on first consideration and establish the date of May 6, 2010 as the date of the Public Hearing. Council Member Stephenson seconded the motion. Council Member Matthews said she appreciates the new planning director's hard work in finding mistakes and correcting them as he goes. All Council Members present voted aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 3844 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 3638, THE SAME BEING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, TENNESSEE REGARDING SIGN REGULATIONS FOR REAL ESTATE SIGNAGE, AND ESTABLISH THE DATE OF MAY 6, 2010 AS THE DATE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING – GRANTS AND PLANNING

FIRST CONSIDERATION DEPARTMENT.

Council Member Matthews moved to approve Ordinance No. 3844 on first consideration and to establish the date of May 6, 2010 as the date of the Public Hearing. Mayor Dickey seconded the motion for discussion. Vice Mayor Kennedy asks whether this Ordinance applies to political signs. City Manager Boyer advised it does not; the Ordinance applies to real estate signs. All Council Members present voted aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 3845 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 3638, THE SAME BEING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, TENNESSEE REGARDING THE USE OF HUMAN BILLBOARDS WITHIN THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, AND ESTABLISH THE DATE OF MAY 6, 2010 AS THE DATE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING – GRANTS

FIRST CONSIDERATION AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT.

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Council Member McCullen moved to deny Ordinance No. 3845 on first consideration. Council Member Matthews seconded the motion. Council Member Stephenson said at the Study Session Council discussed the public safety issue for those that participate particularly in the right-of-ways. Council Member Stephenson said the problem with the Ordinance is that it is very broad based and it stipulated prohibiting their use in the City of Columbia and that would include private property. Council Member Stephenson said Council has some concerns with the way the Ordinance is currently written. Vice Mayor Kennedy said a yes vote, votes this down and they are talking about private property, right-of-way, everything. City Manager Boyer said this Ordinance does not apply to right-of-way because it is still illegal to display any sign of any type inside publicly owned right-of-way. All Council Members present voted aye to deny Ordinance No. 3845. Ordinance No. 3845 failed.

ORDINANCE NO. 3846 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FY 2009-10 BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 3806 AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED, PROVIDING FOR REVISIONS TO THE GENERAL, SANITATION AND SEWER SYSTEM REVENUE FUNDS AND ESTABLISH THE DATE OF APRIL 15, 2010 AS THE DATE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING – FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

Council Member Martin moved to approve Ordinance No. 3846 on first consideration and to establish the date of April 15, 2010 as the date of the Public Hearing. Council Member McCullen seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted aye.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Council Member Stephenson said the Mayor requested to reappoint Ms. Selle and Mr. Morgan. Council Member Stephenson advised she spoke with the Columbia Housing Authority and was told that Mr. Morgan has served for five years and this would be his second five years. Council Member Stephenson advised this conflicts with what Council Member

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Matthews stated earlier. Council Member Matthews advised she was going off the information that the Mayor shared with Council on Tuesday night. Mayor Dickey advised the information he has shows Mr. Morgan beginning in 2006 so he would only have served four years. Council Member Matthews said that he was finishing a term and was not ever elected officially for a full term. Council Member Stephenson said she knows they have had appointments and reappointments, and she would like for the City to track when terms end and when they begin. Council Member Stephenson said Council just reappointed someone to the Planning Commission for a sixth term, which means that individual has already served twenty years. Council Member Stephenson said they had discussion about an individual for the Civil Service Board who finished serving six years and if he was reappointed he would have served another six years for a total of twelve years. Council Member Stephenson said if Mr. Morgan completes his second term, he would have served ten years based on what Columbia Housing Authority is saying. Council Member Stephenson said Ms. Selle has served two and a half years on the Historic Zoning Commission and if she completes the five year term she will have served close to eight years on the board. Council Member Stephenson said she is concerned because Council does not seem to be consistent across the boards. Council Member Stephenson asked for discussion in the future on the appointments. Council Member Stephenson said with the Planning Commission the nominations are the prevue of the Mayor, but with the other boards any Council Member can make a nomination. Council Member Stephenson said they need to look at how the Council should apply the process and have some discussion on this in the future.

Council Member Matthews said she agrees with Council Member Stephenson but Mayor Dickey has been appointing a new person every time. Council Member Matthews said Mayor Dickey has been consistent; that the Planning Commission reappointment was done by the previous Mayor at the end of his term. Council Member Stephenson said she does not think that is correct, but the record can be checked.

Mayor Dickey said the Mule Day celebration is coming up next weekend and there will be people taking part in the festivities. Mayor Dickey said the City employees will be on duty and wish for a safe and happy time. Mayor Dickey said on April 17th the clean up the community, annual event

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will be held. Mayor Dickey reminded Council that he gave them a list about five weeks ago of parks and recreation board members that need to be reappointed or new members need to be recommended. Mayor Dickey advised he still has not heard from any Member of Council about that list.

Council Member Stephenson said the community lost two women recently who made significant contributions to the City and Maury County, Ms. Prebble Galloway and Ms. Alice Algood. Council Member Stephenson said they were two very active, inspiring and selfless women who served on a variety of different boards and commission. Council Member Stephenson said she is very thankful for their service and everything that they have done. Council Member Stephenson said she would like to send their condolences to the families. Council Member Stephenson asked for a Moment of Silence for both women.

City Manager Boyer said Council asked that staff investigate Mrs. Boehms' complaints that she brought about the contractor who has been working on an easement on Mrs. Boehms' property. City Manager Boyer asked Wastewater Director Mike Anderson to come forward and advise Council of what he has done. Director Anderson advised of what has taken place since the Tuesday night Study Session. Director Anderson advised on Wednesday he sent a correspondence to the contractors on the job asking them to do what they are suppose to do and no more. Director Anderson said on that same day he had staff go out between the hours of 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. to take photographs. Director Anderson advised the site looked very good and they found no outstanding issues. Director Anderson said since that time three photographs were turned in to City Hall. Director Anderson said the pictures show trenches with a drink bottle down in the twelve-foot ditch and a food container. Director Anderson said while that is not unusual on a work site he cannot say it is a condoned activity and they will be making contact with the contractor to restrict those activities. Director Anderson said at the time his staff was there they did not observe those activities. Director Anderson said they looked at the overall site and for the weather conditions, the City recently had, the site looked extremely well. Director Anderson said like all things in life he is sure it could probably be done better and they will encourage the contractor to do much better. City Manager Boyer went over the handouts that Council received from Director Anderson. City Manager Boyer said the three pictures from

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the Boehms' were received this afternoon and staff will be looking into that tomorrow. City Manager Boyer said when staff became aware of the issue they got on it and they have agreed to keep a closer eye on this. City Manager Boyer said he thinks Director Anderson and his staff have handled this issue responsibly. City Manager Boyer advised Director Anderson has spoken with the design engineer, the project manager, all the supervisors on the scene, and the company ownership; and emphasized to them that they need to button up their site and keep it cleaned up every day and remember they are on other people's property. City Manager Boyer advised he did let Mrs. Boehms' know if she would let them know of any issues staff will try to something that same day. Council Member Matthews asked Director Anderson to talk about how a contractor handles their port-a-potties and how many feet or the distance they have to be from the job site. Director Anderson said he cannot tell them the distance but he can say there has to be a port-a-potty on the job site. City Manager Boyer said the issue with the port-a-potty has been discussed as well. Council Member Stephenson asked who Mr. Graves is in the letter. Director Anderson advised Mr. Graves is with the engineering firm and he is the design engineer of the project.

City Manager Boyer said he had communication with Lyle Sumek about the next steps in the Strategic Planning Process. City Manager Boyer advised Mr. Sumek will be in town on April 26th & 27th to work with staff on developing the goals and performance measures to support the Strategic Plan. City Manager Boyer said Mr. Sumek is recommending having a "citizen summit" on the night of April 26th. City Manager Boyer said the way Mr. Sumek normally asks that it be done is that each Member of Council invite five to seven people from the community. City Manager Boyer said the group will work on parts of the Strategic Plan and he asked that Council be present at the meeting and go around the different tables to speak with the citizens. City Manager Boyer said Mr. Sumek's experience with this is that it goes a long way in getting the community to buy into what Council decides to be the forward movement. City Manager Boyer spoke about how well the process works. City Manager Boyer said if Council agrees to this then he will get with Mr. Sumek to have the Citizen Summit on April 26th. City Manager Boyer advised he needs Council to get him between five to eight names and addresses of people they want staff to invite to the summit. City Manager Boyer said we need the names as soon as possible to get invitations out. Council Member Stephenson asked if

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Council will be reviewing the plan before the Citizen Summit. City Manager Boyer said Council will be at the Citizen Summit and Mr. Sumek will be working with staff. Council Member Stephenson asked if Council will see the plan before April 26th. City Manager Boyer said no one will see it until Mr. Sumek comes on the 26th. Council Member Matthews said she understood from Mr. Sumek that Council will meet with him again. City Manager Boyer advised he will talk with Mr. Sumek about what he plans on doing. Vice Mayor Kennedy asked if this is a continuation of his last time here, what the City paid for. City Manager Boyer advised it is a continuation from the last time and the City has not paid for it yet, but it is part of what the City contracted Mr. Sumek to complete. City Manager Boyer advised Mr. Sumek recommends someone on Council inviting a couple of young people, high school age or college students to the summit. Vice Mayor Kennedy said he recommends Council Member Martin.

City Manager Boyer reminded Council that there will be a Special Called City Council Meeting on Tuesday, April 6th at 5:30 p.m. for second consideration of the Budget Ordinance Amendment.

Council Member Martin said she can ask the instructors at Columbia State Community College to make some recommendations for young people for the summit. Council Member Stephenson asked if it should be five to seven people from their Wards with the exception of the Mayor and Vice Mayor. City Manager Boyer said that would be a way to make sure they get representation from all parts of the community.

Vice Mayor Kennedy moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Matthews seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted aye. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

APPROVED:

DEAN DICKEY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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BETTY MODRALL, CITY RECORDER