

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – COLUMBIA, TENNESSEE

October 20, 2011 – 6:30 p.m.

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, Council Members Carl McCullen, Debbie Matthews, Christa Martin, and Mike Greene, City Manager Paul C. Boyer, Jr., City Attorney Tim Tisher, City Recorder Betty Modrall, and Recording Secretary Liz Bermudez. Council Member Susan Stephenson was absent.

Meredith Campbell Bybee offered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led Council Member Greene.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor Dickey asked that a motion be made to remove Item 6.2, approve retirement benefits for Jon Inman, (former) fire fighter, Fire Department – Personnel Department, from the Agenda before it is approved. Council Member Matthews moved to approve the Agenda with the removal of Item 6.2. Council Member Martin seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted aye. Mayor Dickey asked that there be a motion to approve the Agenda with the removal of Item 6.2. Vice Mayor Kennedy moved to approve the Agenda. Council Member Martin seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted aye.

ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS:

Item 6.1 – MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 6, 2011. Council Member Martin moved to approve the October 6, 2011 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes. Council Member Matthews seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted aye.

Item 6.3 - CONFIRMATION OF MAYOR’S REAPPOINTMENT OF CHARLES GARNER TO THE CITY OF COLUMBIA PLANNING COMMISSION FOR A THREE YEAR TERM EXPIRING ON OCTOBER 20, 2014. Mayor Dickey moved to approve Item 6.3. Vice Mayor Kennedy seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted aye.

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CONSENT AGENDA:

Council Member Matthews asked to remove Item 7.6 from the Consent Agenda. Council Member McCullen moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Item 7.6. Council Member Matthews seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted aye and the following items were approved:

1. Disbursements for the month of September 2011 in the amount of \$4,511,071.56 – Finance Department.
2. Consideration to approve the certification of City of Columbia Real and Personal Property Tax Assessments, for the year 2011 – City Recorder's Office.
3. Award bid for uniform cleaning, alteration and repair – Finance Department.
4. Approval of payment of City of Columbia portion of Interlocal Agreement between City of Columbia and Columbia Power and Water Systems (CPWS) for joint ESRI Software Maintenance for fiscal year 2012- MIS Department.
5. Approval of quote from Presidio, the current vendor of record on the State of Tennessee Purchasing Division, for maintenance and support of Network Devices including VOIP Telephony Systems – MIS Department.
7. Ratification of emergency repairs with Crosspoint Cummins for generator repairs at the Carter Creek Pump Station and authorize related transfer of funds – Wastewater Department.

Item 7.6 – Vice Mayor Kennedy moved to approve Item 7.6, Approval of proposal with hydrostructures, P.A. for closed circuit television inspection (CCTV) in the Greenlick Basin – Ward 1 – Wastewater Department. Council Member Greene seconded the motion. Council Member Matthews advised on Tuesday night they were told that the City has not done one of these inspections since Riverside and it had been done with City equipment. Council Member Matthews said they also spoke about needing new equipment and that the new equipment would cost around \$100,000, but to do the inspection at this one spot in the Greenlick Basin, it would cost \$40,000. Council Member Matthews asked the City Manager to explain what this is and why it is needed. City Manager Boyer advised this is a contract to do television inspection of micro basin within the Greenlick

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Basin and it is necessary investigation work in order to do the engineering to begin the rehabilitation of the lines that is required by the moratorium that the City is under. City Manager Boyer advised that the City does own a TV truck and has a crew that operates the TV truck, but that truck will not go off-road and the basin requires off-road equipment to conduct the inspection. City Manager Boyer said he believes that Wastewater Director Mike Anderson said on Tuesday night that a study in Riverside was the last one the City had done by contract. City Manager Boyer said research has been done and the cost for a truck that would be similar to the one in the Agenda Item would cost at least \$150,000. City Manager Boyer advised originally staff had planned to buy a new TV truck in this budget, but that purchase along with all other equipment purchases in this fund was postponed to minimize the rate increase for wastewater. City Manager Boyer said the City is currently not in the position to make the purchase of a TV truck and they need to get the work done quickly, so they can begin to present a case to the State to give us relief on the moratorium. City Manager Boyer spoke about the length of time it would take to purchase a TV truck due to governmental purchasing requirements and it being a custom built truck. Council Member Matthews said when the loan was originally requested for \$1 million for the Greenlick Basin they voted that it would be an infrastructure investment. Council Member Matthews asked about being able to amend their vote to say they are going to purchase a piece of capital equipment with the loan. City Manager Boyer said they can vote, but it would be a lengthy process and a majority of the bondholders would have to agree to the amendment of the bond resolution. Council Member Matthews said she is not talking about holding this vote up. Council Member Matthews spoke about being cost effective with buying a TV truck versus paying a certain amount for an inspection in one area. City Manager Boyer advised staff does plan on including an off-road TV truck in next year's proposed budget and fund it out of ongoing revenue.

City Manager Boyer cautioned Council on reopening existing bond resolutions and going to bondholders nationwide and asking them to modify the bond resolution; it is risky business. Council Member Matthews spoke about "good government" being able to buy a piece of equipment and using it for many years instead of paying \$40,000 for a contractor each time. Council Member Matthews said buying the equipment is a long term savings for the City, but she does understand why the City is moving on this

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tonight. Council Member Matthews said she will be voting against this tonight for the reasons she spoke about earlier. All Council Members present voted aye with the exception of Council Member Matthews who voted no.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 11-67 - A RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FY 2012 ENHANCEMENT GRANT PROGRAM FOR BEAUTIFICATION AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES AT THE INTERSECTION OF TROTWOOD AVENUE AND JAMES CAMPBELL BOULEVARD WARDS 1, 2, AND 4 – GRANTS AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT.

Council Member Matthews moved to approve Resolution No. 11-67. Mayor Dickey seconded the motion. Council Member Matthews said she was on a recent trip to North Carolina due to a death in her family and the entire way from I-40 to Wilmington, North Carolina, there were planted exits and on-ramps of lilies, wild flowers, etc. Council Member Matthews spoke about how beautification makes a difference to communities and brings more economic development. Council Member Matthews said she is thrilled about the possibility of this grant. Council Member Martin asked about the funding for this grant because the application deadline for the grant is November 1, 2011, and the award is pushed out to the Fall of 2012. City Manager Boyer said staff will budget the funding for the match in next fiscal year's budget. City Manager Boyer advised if the grant is awarded then the matching funds are in place, and if it is not awarded, the funding will roll to the reserves. All Council Members present voted aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-68 - A RESOLUTION TO APPLY TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FY 2011 TIGER III DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROGRAM

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FOR FUNDING OF THE BOULEVARD
PROJECT TO SUPPORT
CONSTRUCTION OF ROADWAY,
PEDESTRIAN, AND SCENIC
IMPROVEMENTS TO SR-50/JAMES
CAMPBELL BOULEVARD – WARDS 2
AND 4 – GRANTS AND PLANNING
DEPARTMENT.

Council Member Matthews moved to approve Resolution No. 11-68. Mayor Dickey seconded the motion. Council Member Martin said with this grant the application deadline is October 31, 2011, and the award is expected to be announced December 31, 2011. Council Member Martin advised there is language with this item that says the City is not required to provide a non-federal match for the project and may be considered for funding up to 100% of the total project cost. Council Member Martin asked the City Manager about the likelihood of the City receiving 100% funding for this project. City Manager Boyer said he thinks the City of Columbia has a pretty good case, one reason is we are considered a “rural community”. City Manager Boyer advised there is an emphasis on funding rural projects. City Manager Boyer said another reason is that we are an economically distressed community, and economically distressed communities are to be given priority for the no match grant. City Manager Boyer said staff feels like the City has an excellent case. City Manager Boyer spoke of others that think the City has an excellent case. City Manager advised the City is competing against others. Council Member Martin said they feel a sense of caution as they look at the grants; 80% of funds is good, but the City would still have to come up with the 20%. Council Member Martin said this grant is more inviting because it could be 100% funding. Vice Mayor Kennedy said there are not any right-of-away acquisitions with this project. City Manager Boyer advised the project is designed with the current right-of-ways. Council Member Matthews spoke about the City being awarded a grant from the State and it having been completed quickly. Council Member Matthews said the Planning Commission has approved it and there is a Special Called Planning Commission on October 31st, the City should be one of the first to respond to this. Council Member Matthews said the City should have a good chance with this grant. City Manager Boyer said they believe the City is the first

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city nationwide to complete the project under the previous grant and that will count. City Manager Boyer advised that they want to see that the City is performing. All Council Members present voted aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-69 - TAX CORRECTIONS – CITY RECORDER’S OFFICE.

Council Member Martin moved to approve Resolution No. 11-69. Vice Mayor Kennedy seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-71 - A RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION RECREATION TRAILS PROGRAM GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE ENHANCEMENT OF RIVERWALK PARK – WARD 5 – PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT.

Council Member Matthews moved to approve Resolution No. 11-71. Council Member Martin seconded the motion. Vice Mayor Kennedy asked if something has happened with grants lately because Council has seen a lot on this Agenda tonight. City Manager Boyer said the State and Federal Government are calling for grant applications to help justify grant budgets to their respective legislators. City Manager Boyer advised they are calling for applications, but do not know if they have the money yet for the grants. Vice Mayor Kennedy said right now it is just speculation. City Manager Boyer advised it can be called that, the departments want to do it, but they do not know how the legislator will view it. All Council Members present voted aye.

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE NO. 3894 - AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE INTERSECTION OF OLD HIGHWAY 31 AND SPRING MEADE BOULEVARD TO A FOUR-WAY STOP – WARD 5 –

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THIRD CONSIDERATION PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Council Member Martin moved to approve Ordinance No. 3894 on third consideration. Council Member Matthews seconded the motion. Vice Mayor Kennedy asked if this is at the Quickmart at Springmeade. Vice Mayor spoke about trying to get a red light for that area. City Manager Boyer said this is behind the Quickmart, and the red light is on Highway 31. All Council Members present voted aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 3895 - AS AMENDED AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE SPEED LIMIT ON TROTWOOD AVENUE AT FORTY-FIVE MILES PER HOUR FROM FOSTER LANE SOUTHWEST FOR A DISTANCE OF TWO THOUSAND FEET – WARD 4 –
SECOND CONSIDERATION PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Council Member Greene moved to approve Ordinance No. 3895 as amended on second consideration. Council Member Martin seconded the motion. City Attorney said motion for a formal amendment is needed for this item, the Ordinance is in the amended form. Vice Mayor Kennedy said he would make that motion. Council Member Matthews seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted aye.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Council Member McCullen spoke about creeks and ditches being overgrown. City Manager Boyer said he has to know what areas are being talked about. City Manager Boyer said there are some ditches that have been accepted by the City and there are some that have not been accepted. Council Member McCullen said he was speaking about University Drive and he would give the City Manager a call about this issue. City Manager Boyer said the City is working in that area right now.

Council Member Matthews asked that the City Manager request from the Assistant City Manager that she look into grants for the performing art center downtown. City Manager Boyer advised Assistant City Manager Moody has done the search twice and has found nothing. Council Member

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Matthews said maybe they could contact the Franklin Historic Theater to see if there is a historic grant instead of an arts grant. Mayor Dickey said he spoke with the Mayor in Franklin and the restoration of their theater came from the private sector, not grants. Council Member Matthews spoke about the traffic congestion on Trotwood Avenue near Pleasant Drive and how people have been asking for a traffic light in that area. Council Member Matthews said there is a traffic light in her Ward that she believes can be changed to a four-way stop. Council Member Matthews asked about the ability to take an existing light and move it to a more useful place in the City. City Manager said the City has discussed the intersection on Trotwood Avenue with the State more than once and the State refused to put a light up because the intersection did not meet warrants. City Manager Boyer advised the study was done before he came to work for the City and he can ask Public Works to get data together to get a preliminary discussion with TDOT. City Manager Boyer said a traffic study needs to be done to support a traffic light. Council Member Greene said in the last week he has discussed this particular issue with the Street Department and he has discussed it with the State since it is a State road.

Council Member Martin said some members of Council have had a conversation with a Pastor of one of the churches. Council Member Martin said this is regarding Riverview Church off Santa Fe Pike. Council Member Martin said there are several things going on near the church with a business, turning lanes, a merging lane, etc. Council Member Martin said people are saying it is very unsafe pulling in and out in that area. Council Member Martin asked for additional research on this issue and possibly request to the State to give some relief. City Manager Boyer advised he has not had a chance to discuss the map with the Public Works Director, but by just looking at the map, it seems to show that the area is not in the city limits. City Manager Boyer said if it is not in the city limits the best the city can do is request that TDOT do something. Council Member Martin said there is member of the group trying to revitalize the Polk Theater that would like to come before Council to give a presentation.

Vice Mayor Kennedy said he has had many calls from people in Rolling Fields about the paving project that just occurred in that neighborhood. City Manager Boyer said the Engineering staff has met with Rogers Group

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about the issue in Rolling Fields, and they have agreed that they need to come back and fix Rolling Fields.

City Manager Boyer advised that the November 1, 2011 Study Session is cancelled.

Vice Mayor Kennedy moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Matthews seconded motion. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

APPROVED:

DEAN DICKEY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

BETTY MODRALL, CITY RECORDER