

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – COLUMBIA, TENNESSEE

October 6, 2011 – 6:30 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING - ON ORDINANCE NO. 3893 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 3638, THE SAME BEING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, TENNESSEE, BY REZONING 2.47 ACRES OFF HIGHWAY 31 SOUTH BEING A PORTION OF TAX MAP 113 PARCEL 80.00 FROM RS-40 (RESIDENTIAL SINGLE-FAMILY) TO GCS (GENERAL COMMERCIAL SERVICE) – WARD 4 – GRANTS AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT.

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

There being no one present to speak on Ordinance No. 3893, Council Member Martin moved to close the Public Hearing. Council Member Greene 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, Council Members Carl McCullen, Christa Martin, Mike Greene, City Manager Paul C. Boyer, Jr., Attorney Cara Lynn, City Recorder Betty Modrall, and Recording Secretary Liz Bermudez. Vice Mayor Wayne Kennedy, City Attorney Tim Tisher, Council Members Debbie Matthews and Susan Stephenson were absent.

Council Member Martin offered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led Council Member McCullen.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

PRESENTATIONS:

Item 5.1 – **QUARTERLY PRESENTATION BY MAURY ALLIANCE PRESIDENT BRANDOM GENGELBACH.** Mr. Brandom Gengelbach spoke about a trip that was taken to Detroit to meet with General Motors about bringing a vehicle back to the Spring Hill plant. Mr. Gengelbach advised the trip was productive and instead of one vehicle, the plant will be getting two vehicles. Mr. Gengelbach said there is one hot prospect for the City that they have been working with for a couple of months and they expect a decision will be made in the 4th quarter. Mr. Gengelbach advised the information he can reveal about the prospect is that there would be a fair amount of jobs; it is a capital investment and the finalists are the City of Columbia and one other city in Tennessee. Mr. Gengelbach mentioned the work that is being done, or looked at, along Interstate 65 and at Cherry Glen. Mr. Gengelbach said there are five potential sites along I-65. Mr. Gengelbach advised TRG Customer Solution was a job announcement that will bring 300 or more new jobs to the County. Mr. Gengelbach said they are taking a trip to Cullman, Alabama to study their best practices as it relates to economic development. Mr. Gengelbach advised he has been talking to the Mayor and City Manager about the traffic flow outside the Northpointe Industrial Park. Mr. Gengelbach said they have been getting

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feedback from the businesses in that area about the difficulty of getting in and out of the area, onto Highway 31. Mr. Gengelbach said they continue to market the Auto2Auto building and Al's Garden Art building. Mr. Gengelbach spoke of the challenges that both buildings pose. Mr. Gengelbach advised that the Alliance is ready and willing to support the City as it relates to the James Campbell Boulevard project. Mr. Gengelbach described some of the "wins" for 2011 and the figures. Mr. Gengelbach advised when they count jobs and investment they do not include General Motors figures. Mr. Gengelbach said it was their intent to do as much as they could to diversify the economy. Mr. Gengelbach went over the "wins" for Columbia, which include Integrity, GrafTech, MarinRea, Kroger, Maury Regional Medical Center and Express Employment.

Council Member Martin advised she likes the format that Mr. Gengelbach used tonight for his presentation. Council Member Martin said the format is very specific and lets them see areas where the successes have been. Mayor Dickey asked about an update on the Chamber operation that is in place. Mr. Gengelbach said Kara Huckaby is the Director and Renee Nealy is the new Events Manager for the Chamber. Mr. Gengelbach said Kara has been able to help move the Chamber to the next level in being able to provide services to the businesses in our community. Mr. Gengelbach said there are wonderful businesses doing things here and they need to be able to provide service to them. Mr. Gengelbach spoke of the different events that the Chamber does. Council Member Martin commented about the Lunch and Learn that just took place and the good information that they received from that event. Council Member McCullen asked about the flow chart for the Alliance. Mr. Gengelbach advised he is the President and then Kara Huckaby would be next as the Director of the Chamber and Renee Nealy is under her as the Events Manager.

Item 5.2 – PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT PLAQUE AND GIFT CHECK TO PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE R.B. BROOKS. Mayor Dickey said it his pleasure to recognize R. B. tonight in honor of his retirement. Mayor Dickey read the retirement plaque and presented his retirement check. Mr. Brooks said he has enjoyed working with the City for 25 years and he has made a lot of friends. Public Works Director Ken Donaldson said R.B. is a wonderful human being, he will miss

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him around the office because he made days pleasant. Director Donaldson said R. B. is a wonderful and kind person.

ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS:

Item 6.1 – **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2011.** Council Member Greene moved to approve the September 15, 2011 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes. Council Member Martin seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted aye.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Council Member Martin 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. Award bid for tandem axle tractor – Public Works Department.
2. Award bid for soft body armor – Police Department.

ADMINISTRATION:

Item 8.1 – **CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE FOR JAMES BEARD TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT MAURY PACKAGE STORE LOCATED AT 2002A CARMACK BOULEVARD.** Council Member Martin moved to approve the Certificate of Compliance for Mr. Beard. Council Member McCullen seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted aye.

Item 8.2 – **RATIFY AUTHORIZATION FOR THE MAYOR TO SIGN A LETTER TO THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REQUESTING THE ADDITION OF THE SR-50/JAMES CAMPBELL BOULEVARD PROJECT INTO THE STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – WARDS 2 & 4 – CITY MANAGER’S OFFICE.** Council Member Greene moved to approve Item 8.2. Council Member Martin seconded the motion. All Council Members presented voted aye.

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Item 8.3 - **APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE MAYOR SIGN CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 AND CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 TO THE FY 2011-2012 STREET RESURFACING CONTRACT – ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.** Council Member Greene moved to approve Item 8.3. Council Member McCullen seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted aye.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 11-59 - TAX CORRECTIONS – CITY RECORDER’S OFFICE.

Council Member Martin moved to approve Resolution No. 11-59. Council Member McCullen seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-62 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA ADOPTING A DEBT MANAGEMENT POLICY – FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

Council Member Greene moved to approve Resolution No. 11-62. Council Member Martin seconded the motion. Council Member Martin asked if the City can go outside the policy. City Manager Boyer advised the objective of the State Comptroller is to ensure that both City Council and the public are adequately informed of the actions that are being taken. City Manager Boyer said he believes that as long as it is a conscious properly advertised decision, Council can go outside the policy at its own vote. All Council Members present voted aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-63 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA ADOPTING A FUND BALANCE POLICY – FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

Council Member Greene moved to approve Resolution No. 11-63. Council Member McCullen seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted aye.

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RESOLUTION NO. 11-65 - TO ACCEPT OWNERSHIP AND MAINTENANCE OF THE STREETS AND DRAINAGE OF HUNTINGTON WOODS, SECTION 3 (SECTIONS 3A & 3B) IN THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, TENNESSEE – WARD 3 – ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

Council Member Martin moved to approve Resolution No. 11-65. Council Member McCullen seconded the motion. Council Member Martin asked whether there are other parts of this project/service that have not been approved or that are pending. City Manager Boyer said Council previously accepted the wastewater operation and maintenance. All Council Members present voted aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-66 – A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE RECIPIENTS FOR MAYOR’S DESIGN AWARD AND MAYOR’S BEAUTIFICATION AWARD AS PRESENTED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW TEAM – WARDS 2, 3, & 5 – GRANTS AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT.

Council Member Martin moved to approve Resolution No. 11-66. Council Member Greene seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted aye. Mayor Dickey recognized Mrs. Fuston, who was in the audience, her house is located at 305 West 6th Street. Mayor Dickey said at some point, there will be a reception for the winners. Mayor Dickey congratulated the winners. All Council Members present voted aye.

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE NO. 3893 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 3638 – THE SAME BEING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA BY

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THIRD CONSIDERATION PLANNING DEPARTMENT.

Council Member Greene moved to approve Ordinance No. 3893 on third consideration. Council Member Martin seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted aye.

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

SECOND CONSIDERATION PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Council Member Martin moved to approve Ordinance No. 3894 on second consideration. Council Member Greene seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 3895 - AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE SPEED LIMIT ON TROTWOOD AVENUE AT FORTY-FIVE MILES PER HOUR FROM FOSTER LANE TO THE SOUTH CITY LIMITS – WARD 4 –

FIRST CONSIDERATION PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

City Manager Boyer said after the discussion Tuesday night and other conversations about the length of roadway, staff developed an alternate proposal that will address the safety problem near Ridley Park without unduly impacting the traffic flow in and out of Mt. Pleasant. City Manager Boyer said originally it was proposed to changed the speed limit to 45 mph from Foster Lane to the Mt. Pleasant city limits, but now they are proposing a shorter section that would start at Foster Lane and go 400 feet past the intersection with Ridley Park Road and then there would be 200 feet further towards Mt. Pleasant an advanced warning sign that says, “reduce speed

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ahead”. City Manager Boyer said an Ordinance has been drafted that captures the proposal he just spoke about, but the Ordinance has not been reviewed by the City Attorney. City Manager Boyer advised it has been drafted exactly like the Ordinance that was previously given to Council. City Manager Boyer passed out the newly drafted Ordinance, which is a substitute to the one Council previously received. City Manager Boyer said the newly drafted Ordinance sets the speed limit at 45 mph beginning at Foster Lane and extending 400 feet south of Ridley Park Road. Mayor Dickey advised Council that the substitute Ordinance is before them. Mayor Dickey read the title of the Ordinance, which is an Ordinance to establish the speed limit on Trotwood Avenue at 45 mph from Foster Lane southwest for a distance of 2000 feet. Council Member McCullen moved to approve the substituted Ordinance. Council Member Greene seconded the motion. Council Member Martin said she is glad to see this come forward. Council Member Martin advised they were looking at the traveling speed for the public against a safety concern that was brought before them. Council Member Martin said something had to be done and she does need to study this a little more. Council Member Martin spoke about it not being perceived as a speed trap. Council Member Martin said she appreciates this as something else to look at. Council Member McCullen asked about the signage problem. City Manager Boyer advised they did get an estimate for the signs that Vice Mayor Kennedy had described and they would cost \$7,000 to purchase and install. City Manager Boyer spoke about first trying the speed limit change, seeing how the public reacts to it and then later on, they may need to look at purchasing an additional warning device. City Manager Boyer said they may need to wait on spending the \$7,000 to see about the signal for that intersection. Council Member Greene said the plan that was brought before them carries the 45 mph speed limit from the James Campbell Blvd. intersection all the way past the park entrance, so they would have a continuous speed limit and once past the park entrance the speed limit would go back to 55 mph. Council Member Greene spoke of the continuous flow of traffic being a safer route to travel and he thinks this is a very good plan. All Council Members present voted aye.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Council Member Martin asked the City Manager about the energy saving grant that the City is finishing up on. City Manager Boyer said the grant has

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funded three projects to help reduce our energy consumption. City Manager Boyer advised the three projects were to finish the conversion of all traffic signals to LED lighting, replace the City Hall boiler, and replacing all the garage lighting and exit lights in City Hall to LED lighting. City Manager Boyer advised, even though City Hall will be moved to a different building, the Police Department will be moving into the current City Hall. City Manager Boyer said the grant was part of the Recovery Grant Program and the City did have to compete for the grant.

Council Member McCullen said he has had calls about the Tobacco Beer store on Hampshire Pike across from the school. City Manager Boyer said he has received many calls as well; the use is legal under the Beer Ordinance because it is beyond the 500 feet limit from the school. City Manager Boyer said he is not sure if they have been issued a beer permit. Council Member McCullen advised the Beer Board agenda shows their permit as an item of business at their next meeting. City Manager Boyer advised he believes the Dollar General Store in that shopping center has a beer permit, they just do not advertise the sale of beer like the other store.

Mayor Dickey asked that if members of Council plan on going on the trip to Cullman, Alabama that they RSVP to Tri-Nette.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Member Greene moved to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

APPROVED:

DEAN DICKEY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

BETTY MODRALL, CITY RECORDER