

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – COLUMBIA, TENNESSEE

October 1, 2009 – 6:30 p.m.

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

Reverend Kenny Anderson offered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Dickey.

Mayor Gentner welcomed Council Member McCullen back.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS:

Item 6.1 – **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2009.** Vice Mayor Kennedy moved to approve the September 17, 2009 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 MR. DEMETRIUS DOOLEY TO THE CITY OF COLUMBIA BEER BOARD FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM EXPIRING ON OCTOBER 1, 2010.** Mayor Gentner moved to approve the reappointment of Mr. Dooley to the City of Columbia Beer Board for a one-year term expiring on October 1, 2010. Vice Mayor Kennedy seconded the motion. Council Member Stephenson asked what small business Mr. Dooley has. Mayor Gentner advised he would discuss that with her after the meeting. All Council Members present voted aye.

Item 6.3 – **RATIFICATION OF COUNCIL MEMBER SUSAN STEPHENSON’S NOMINATION OF JERRY BRIDENBAUGH AS**

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WARD 5 MEMBER OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM EXPIRING ON OCTOBER 1, 2012. Council Member Stephenson moved to approve the appointment of Mr. Bridenbaugh to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a three-year term expiring on October 1, 2012. Vice Mayor Kennedy seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted aye.

Item 6.4 – DISCUSSION OF RESCHEDULING THE NOVEMBER 3, 2009 STUDY SESSION MEETING TO NOVEMBER 4, 2009 DUE TO THE CITY WIDE ELECTION. Mayor Gentner moved to reschedule the November 3, 2009 Study Session Meeting to November 4, 2009. Vice Mayor Kennedy seconded the motion. City Manager Boyer advised November 3rd is the date of the Mayoral and Vice Mayoral Election and that the recommendation is to move the Study Session to avoid any scheduling conflicts. All Council Members present voted aye.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

1. Approval of revised contractual agreement between the City of Columbia and Maury County Senior Citizens Center, Incorporated.
2. Approval of payment for City of Columbia portion of Interlocal Agreement between City of Columbia and Columbia Power and Water Systems (CPWS) for joint Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) Software Maintenance for fiscal year 2010 – MIS Department.
3. Approve amendment to Adoption Agreement with International City/County Management Association Retirement Corporation (ICMA-RC) for the City's 401(a) Plan – Finance Department.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 09-48 - APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF OWNERSHIP AND MAINTENANCE OF

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SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS
SERVING LITTLE RASCAL'S
DAYCARE – WARD 3 – WASTEWATER
DEPARTMENT.

Council Member Martin moved to approve Resolution No. 09-48. Council Member Matthews seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-49 - TAX CORRECTIONS – CITY
RECORDER'S OFFICE.

Council Member Dickey moved to approve Resolution No. 09-49. Council Member Martin seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted aye.

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE NO. 3824 - ORDINANCE NO. 3824 – AN
ORDINANCE TO CORRECT WARD
BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF
COLUMBIA – GRANTS AND
SECOND CONSIDERATION PLANNING DEPARTMENT.

Council Member Martin moved to approve Ordinance No. 3824 on second consideration. Vice Mayor Kennedy seconded the motion. Council Member Stephenson advised she previously asked for an amendment to the document just for clarification purposes. She had asked under Section 1 that they clarify that the errors were found by the Election Commission staff and verified by the City Manager, City Attorney, Planning Director and Planning Associate. Council Member Stephenson said if you don't document it on the actual document then it isn't documented on the legislative piece. Council Member Stephenson said other Councils will know errors were found but they won't know who found them and who verified them. Council Member Stephenson advised the attachments are not the legal document, the legislative history document. Council Member Stephenson advised they have documents from the Election Commission stating they found the errors but it is also important to point out that the City

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did due diligence and verified the errors. Council Member Stephenson moved to amend Section 1 to say “the errors were found by Election Commission Staff and then verified by the City Manager, City Attorney, City Planning Director and City Planning Associate.” Council Member McCullen seconded the motion. City Manager Boyer said his opinion wasn’t that Council needed to have the wordage in the Ordinance. City Manager Boyer said he is not recommending the wordage be put in there or not be put in there, he was speaking about the pros and cons. Mayor Gentner advised that is the wrong place to put that in the dialog. Council already has one set of Minutes on this subject matter and they will have a second set of Minutes from this meeting. Mayor Gentner said he thinks it is redundant. Council Member Stephenson voted aye with all other Council Members present voting no. The amendment failed. Council Member Matthews advised the errors pointed out by the Election Commission had nothing to do with the boundary change in Ward 2 & 3 during the 2007 Election. All Council Members present voted aye to approve Ordinance No. 3824 on second consideration.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Council Member McCullen thanked Council for their cards, prayers and support during his sickness. Council Member McCullen also thanked his constituents and members of the City for sending correspondence and for visiting him in the hospital. Council Member McCullen said he appreciates everything that was done and said during his illness.

City Manager Boyer advised he received written notification that Mr. David Holderfield will be retiring after some 25 years of service as the City’s Grants and Planning Director. City Manager Boyer advised Director Holderfield’s last day of work will be November 30th with the effective date of retirement of December 1, 2009, assuming the Retirement Board approves the retirement. City Manager Boyer said Mr. Holderfield’s retirement comes with mixed emotions. City Manager Boyer advised that Mr. Holderfield extended his best wishes and thanks for working with him over the years and offered to always to be available should the City need him for a project. Mayor Gentner asked if there would be an opportunity for Council and staff to say some comments to Mr. Holderfield. City Manager Boyer advised he would talk with to him about that.

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

APPROVED:

WILLIAM E. GENTNER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

BETTY MODRALL, CITY RECORDER