

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – COLUMBIA, TENNESSEE

May 21, 2009 – 6:30 p.m.

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

Pastor Randy Miller of Trinity Lutheran Church offered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Matthews.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

PRESENTATION:

Vice Mayor Kennedy arrived to the meeting.

Item 5.1 – **PRESENTATION OF THE POLICE STAR AWARD.** Mayor Gentner invited Chief Bishop, Officer Sarah Howell, Officer Alex MacPherson, and Officer Jeff Seagroves to stand with him at the front of the room. Mayor Gentner read the following “For outstanding professionalism distinguished by bravery above and beyond the normal demands of duty. In that; at approximately 05:30 a.m., on January 2, 2009, these officers did respond to a reported traffic accident involving a vehicle which had overturned and was engulfed in flames. Further, that upon arrival, these officers, at great risk to their own personal safety, approached the crashed vehicle, and upon discovering the presence of two incapacitated and unresponsive subjects still within the vehicle, these officers did, at great personal risk, assist in the rescue of both occupants, pulling them from the fire and taking them to safety. This selfless act of heroism serves to exemplify the highest standards of the Columbia Police Department. It is therefore, with great appreciation and the deepest sense of pride in testimony of the courage demonstrated by these officers that the Columbia

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Police Department now confers upon them the commendation of the Police Star.” Chief Bishop presented each officer with the Police Star.

Item 5.2 – PRESENTATION OF EMS STAR OF LIFE AWARD PROCLAMATION. Mayor Gentner informed everyone that the people that were going to be recognized tonight are on duty. Mayor Gentner read the Proclamation, which was about Sergeant Brian Owens of the Maury County Sheriff’s Department being shot while responding to a domestic dispute on December 10, 2008; and the EMS members that responded and worked to save Sergeant Owens’ life. Jennifer Murks, George Whitwell, Joshua McClarren, Michael Bridges, Patrick Hall, Daniel Horne, Danny Cupples, Amanda Watson Schatz and Garry McPeak are the EMS personnel that responded the night of the shooting and they were awarded the *EMS Star of Life Award* on May 12, 2009 at the Tennessee EMSC Award Ceremony in Nashville, Tennessee. Mayor Gentner advised the award is designed to honor the accomplishments of EMS personnel from all over the state of Tennessee who provide exemplary life saving care to adult and pediatric patients. Sheriff Enoch George thanked everyone for the proclamation and thanked God for being with them the night Sergeant Owens was shot.

Item 5.3 - PRESENTATION OF NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK PROCLAMATION. Mayor Gentner read the proclamation and handed it to Ken Donaldson, Director of Public Works. The Proclamation proclaimed the week of May 17th 2009 as National Public Works Week in Columbia, Tennessee. Ken Donaldson said the employees are a wonderful group of people and this is a great City to work in.

Item 5.4 - DISCUSSION AND UPDATE REGARDING PASTOR STEVE GRAY’S PROGRESS TOWARD BUILDING A NEW FACILITY FOR WORD OF LIFE MINISTRY AND CONTINUED USE OF MACEDONIA RECREATION CENTER ON SUNDAYS FOR CHURCH SERVICES FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR – PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT. Pastor Steve Gray said it is an honor to be before Council tonight even though he has chosen many times not to come before Council. Pastor Gray said he is here to try to save the children. Pastor Gray said he has over five hundred signatures from people

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in the community that support the Word of Life Ministry and what they are trying to do. Pastor Gray thanked his supporters and asked the supporters in the audience to stand. Pastor Gray said there has been a lot of crime in the area and since the beginning of Word of Life Ministries; he has had over 250 children that they have helped stay off the streets and out of drugs and gangs. Pastor Gray said they are making a difference and he asked that the City of Columbia allow him to continue to make a difference by allowing them to continue to use the Macedonia Center. Mayor Gentner said at Study Session there were requests for information about this issue. Mayor Gentner said he thought this item was going to be deferred due to the need for the information. Council Member Martin said there were requests for an executive summary of the Word of Life Ministry, of where we began and where we are today because there are new members of Council. Council Member Martin said the Macedonia Center is located in the Ward 3 and she appreciates what the Word of Life Ministry is doing at the center. Council Member Martin advised there is positive involvement coming out of Word of Life Ministry. She said Word of Life youth are involved tremendously in the community. Council Member Martin recognized Pastor Gray's wife Mamie Gray. Council Member Martin said with Word of Life Ministry the youth is encouraged to achieve academic excellence. Council Member Martin said we need partners like Word of Life working with us and she endorsed getting the information from Pastor Gray on what Word of Life Ministry is doing with some of the information coming from the City Manager. Council Member McCullen said Pastor Gray and his wife are very fine people and they are doing great work with the youth. Vice Mayor Kennedy asked if the fee for the use of Macedonia is common or if they can lower the fee to try to help Word of Life get their Church built. Council Member Stephenson asked about any statistics or data in the information that had been passed out to Council because she did not see any in the packet. Council Member Stephenson asked if the 250 children with the Word of Life Ministry is an unduplicated number. Pastor Gray said that is an accurate number. Council Member Stephenson asked if there has been any progress on the building of the facility. Pastor Gray said there has been progress, they have a retention pond and put the driveways in and the drawings are done. Council Member Stephenson asked if they submitted a grant application to the New Day Focus Foundation. Pastor Gray said they did. Council Member Stephenson said the letter about the grant talks about July or August of 2009 in regards to the funds from the grant. Pastor Gray

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said they have already been approved for the grant and that is when they expect to see the funds from the grant. Pastor Gray said the words of encouragement really mean a lot. Pastor Gray said he would like to talk to those with authority like Mr. Boyer to share some insight about helping with the Police Department to help make a difference. Council Member McCullen moved to allow Word of Life to use Macedonia with a reduction in the amount of payment for the use of the facility. Vice Mayor Kennedy seconded the motion. City Manager Boyer reminded the Council Members that were present back in 2006 that the City Attorney and former City Manager cautioned Council on showing a preference to one group in using City facilities. City Manager Boyer advised the revenue from allowing Word of Life Ministry to use the Macedonia Center is figured into the budget that Council will be considering later tonight. City Manager Boyer informed Council that the fee is an expenditure for Pastor Gray but it is a revenue for the City and without that money they would have to reduce the amount in the budget for Parks and Recreation. City Manager Boyer asked the Director of Parks and Recreation Brian Borden what the facility fees are. Director Borden advised during operating hours the Parks and Recreation facility fees are twenty dollars per hour, during non-operating hours (which is what Word of Life uses) the fee is forty dollars per hour. Director Borden advised Word of Life usually reserves Macedonia Center from 9:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. on Sundays. City Manager Boyer said the previous advice from the City Attorney and former City Manager is good advice. City Attorney Tisher said that is one problem (showing a preference to a group using a City facility) and another problem is subsidizing religion. City Attorney Tisher said Council needs to think long and hard before they do anything different with the fees. Council Member Matthews moved to defer Item 5.4. Council Member Matthews spoke about getting more information in front of them. Council Member Stephenson seconded the motion. Mayor Gentner explained that a motion to defer takes precedence over any other motion. Pastor Gray mentioned the possibilities of letting him lease the building or even buying the building. Mayor Gentner advised due to the motion to defer that is all that can be discussed. Mayor Gentner asked Pastor Gray if deferring this matter would cause a problem for him. Pastor Gray advised it would not cause a problem. Council Member Matthews advised a motion to defer is by no means her not supporting Word of Life Ministry. Council Member Matthews asked if the grant gives the

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opportunity for in-kind contributions or other things on how to raise funds. All Council Members present voted aye to defer.

ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS:

Item 6.1 – MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 7, 2009. Council Member Martin moved to approve the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of May 7, 2009. Council Member Matthews seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted aye.

Item 6.2 – APPOINTMENT OF PAM PRESSNELL TO THE MAURY COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY, THE TERM WILL EXPIRE MAY 21, 2014. Mayor Gentner moved to appoint Pam Pressnell to the Maury County Airport Authority with the term to expire on May 21, 2014. Council Member Martin seconded the motion. 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. Disbursements for the month of April 2009, in the amount of \$4,848,397.29.
2. Consider authorizing payment to Maury County to provide funding for the Maury County/City of Columbia Animal Services Facility for the third quarter of FY 2008-2009 – Finance Department.
3. Bid award for City Hall painting – Finance Department.
4. Bid award for turnout gear – Fire Department.

ADMINISTRATION:

Item 8.1 – REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO EXERCISE EMINENT DOMAIN CONCERNING TWO (2) TRACTS ON RIVERSIDE DRIVE RELATED TO THE DUCK RIVERWALK

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PROJECT. Council Member Matthews moved to defer the authorization to exercise eminent domain concerning two tracts on Riverside Drive related to the Duck Riverwalk Project. Vice Mayor Kennedy seconded the motion. Council Member Matthews asked that part of the information they are getting include dollar figures for the back part of the properties being discussed. Also, she would like information on what the total value for both properties are and are they going to see a revised draft of the design for the Riverwalk. City Manager Boyer advised the reason staff is asking for deferral on this item is because Fisher and Arnold are developing a design that eliminates the need for any part of the two properties so the need for eminent domain is not needed. City Attorney Tisher said the appraisals have a square footage price and they can take the appraisals and multiply it out or we can give the tax records. Council Member Stephenson asked if there will be opportunity at Study Session to discuss this. Mayor Gentner said there would be. Council Member Martin asked what was being worked on with the new design. City Manager Boyer advised it is just a draft for proposal that is being worked on. All Council Members present voted aye to defer the item.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 09-14 - REQUESTING COUNCIL TO ACCEPT A FRED'S DEPARTMENT STORE DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$338.10 TO BE USED FOR THE D.A.R.E. PROGRAM – POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Council Member Dickey moved to approve Resolution No. 09-14. Council Member Martin seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted aye.

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE NO. 3805 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 18, CHAPTER 1, SECTION 18-103 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA WITH REFERENCE TO SEWER SERVICE CHARGES –

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THIRD CONSIDERATION WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT.

Vice Mayor Kennedy moved to approve Ordinance No. 3805 on third consideration. Council Member Dickey seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted aye with the exception of Council Members Matthews and Stephenson who voted no and with the exception of Council Members Martin and McCullen who abstained from the vote. Motion to approve Ordinance No. 3805 on third consideration fails.

ORDINANCE NO. 3807 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 3638 – THE SAME BEING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, BY REZONING 1119 SOUTH MAIN STREET FROM I-G (INDUSTRIAL GENERAL) TO GCS (GENERAL COMMERCIAL SERVICES) DISTRICT - WARD 3 – GRANTS AND PLANNING

SECOND CONSIDERATION DEPARTMENT.

Council Member Martin moved to approve Ordinance No. 3807 on second consideration. Council Member McCullen seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted aye with the exception of Council Member Stephenson who abstained.

ORDINANCE NO. 3808 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 3448, THE SAME BEING THE ORDINANCE ADOPTING A NEW PROCEDURE AND SANITATION FEE SCHEDULE, BY ADOPTING A NEW FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE COLLECTION OF COMMERCIAL REFUSE WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, TENNESSEE – PUBLIC WORKS

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Council Member Stephenson moved to approve Ordinance No. 3808 on second consideration. Vice Mayor Kennedy seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted aye with the exception of Council Member Matthews who voted no.

ORDINANCE NO. 3721 - AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX PROPERTY KNOWN AS WINDY HILL FARM LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF CAMPBELLSVILLE PIKE CONTAINING 131.89 ACRES AND ESTABLISH THE DATE OF JUNE 18, 2009 AS THE DATE OF THE PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE ANNEXATION AND PLAN OF SERVICES – GRANTS AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT.

FIRST CONSIDERATION

Vice Mayor Kennedy moved to approve Ordinance No. 3721 on first consideration. Council Member Dickey seconded the motion. It was asked that the motion be clarified. Vice Mayor Kennedy advised he is making the motion to approve and not to defer. Council Member Dickey advised he thought the motion was to defer and since it is not he would like to withdraw his second. There was not a second to the motion. Mayor Gentner advised he would accept any other motions. Council Member Martin moved to defer Ordinance No. 3721 on first consideration. Council Member Dickey seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted aye to defer Ordinance No. 3721 on first consideration.

ORDINANCE NO. 3722 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 3638 – THE SAME BEING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, TO ZONE PROPERTY BEING ANNEXED BY ORDINANCE NO. 3721 KNOWN AS WINDY HILL FARM LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF CAMPBELLSVILLE PIKE CONTAINING 131.89 ACRES TO R-0 PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT AND ESTABLISH THE DATE OF JUNE

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18, 2009 AS THE DATE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING – GRANTS AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT.
FIRST CONSIDERATION

Council Member Dickey moved to defer Ordinance No. 3722 on first consideration until the next Regular City Council Meeting. Council Member McCullen seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted aye to defer Ordinance No. 3722 on first consideration.

ORDINANCE NO. 3806 - APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2009 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2010 AND ESTABLISH THE DATE OF JUNE 18, 2009 AS THE DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING – FINANCE DEPARTMENT.
FIRST CONSIDERATION

Vice Mayor Kennedy moved to approve Ordinance No. 3806 on first consideration and to establish the date of June 18, 2009, as the date of the Public Hearing. Council Member McCullen seconded the motion. City Manager Boyer said this is the Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. City Manager Boyer said the total budget is \$63,042,731.25 and it does not require a property tax increase. City Manager Boyer said due to the failure of the wastewater rate increase earlier tonight an amended wastewater budget will have to be presented to Council at the workshop scheduled for next Thursday at 5:30 p.m. City Manager Boyer advised the Public Hearing if the Ordinance passes will be on June 18, 2009. Council Member Matthews said she was under the understanding that the wastewater rate increase was not included in the proposed to the budget for Wastewater. City Manager Boyer advised to an extent it was in there, but now they have to make sure everything that was proposed is possible. Council Member Martin asked if there can still be adjustments on second and third consideration. City Manager Boyer advised Council can still make amendments on second and third consideration. Council Member Matthews advised she did not know on their “wish lists” they could put what they want to take away from the budget on their “wish list” for the proposed budget. Council Member Matthews referenced the Mayor’s “wish list” when talking about taking items away. Mayor Gentner clarified what his “wish list” said. Council

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Member Stephenson advised Council has not even gotten into a detailed discussion on the requests from Council. All Council Members present voted aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 3809 - AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR THE CITY OF COLUMBIA FOR THE YEAR 2009 ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY AT THE RATE OF \$1.38 PER \$100.00 – CITY RECORDER’S OFFICE.
FIRST CONSIDERATION

Vice Mayor Kennedy moved to approve Ordinance No. 3809 on first consideration. City Manager Boyer advised the tax rate of \$1.38 per \$100.00 is the rate needed to support the proposed budget, which Council just approved on first consideration. Council Member Martin seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 3810 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FY 2008-09 BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 3753 AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED, PROVIDING FOR REVISIONS TO THE GENERAL FUND AND ESTABLISH THE DATE OF JUNE 18, 2009 AS THE DATE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING – FINANCE DEPARTMENT.
FIRST CONSIDERATION

Council Member Dickey moved to approve Ordinance No. 3810 on first consideration and to establish the date of June 18, 2009, as the date of the Public Hearing. Vice Mayor Kennedy seconded the motion. City Manager Boyer went over the changes, which are various revenues that have been received. Mayor Gentner asked if the City qualifies for disaster assistance with the recent flooding. City Manager Boyer advised the County as a whole did not meet the minimum threshold for the damages from the flood. Council Member Martin asked what the damages that were turned in were. City Manager Boyer advised damages were turned in for City property. All Council Members present voted aye.

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ORDINANCE NO. 3811 - AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLAN FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA FOR THE 2009-2010 FISCAL YEAR – PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT.
FIRST CONSIDERATION

Council Member Martin moved to approve Ordinance No. 3811 on first consideration. Council Member Stephenson seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted aye with the exception of Vice Mayor Kennedy who abstained from the vote.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Item 11.1 - PROCLAMATION TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IN SUPPORT OF GM-SPRING HILL (TN) MANUFACTURING PLANT.

Mayor Gentner read the Proclamation in which the City Council of the City of Columbia, Tennessee will be sending to President Barack Obama and the Automotive Transition Team. The Proclamation urged and encouraged them to do everything in their power to ensure the survival of the Saturn Plant for the good of General Motors Corporation as well as the economic and social benefit of Middle Tennessee. Council Member Stephenson moved to approve the Proclamation. Council Member Matthews seconded the motion. Mayor Gentner advised Council Member Dean Dickey is the author of this suggestion and he would like to give him credit and recognition. Council Member Dickey asked if the remodel figure was an accurate figure. Council Member Dickey was told it was an accurate figure. Council Member Dickey spoke about who they should send the Proclamation to. Mayor Gentner went over the list of people they plan on sending the Proclamation to in addition to the President of the United States. Mayor Gentner advised they are urging other cities to do a Proclamation also. Council Member Dickey asked that a copy be sent to Williamson County and to the President of the local General Motors. Council Member Martin thanked Council Member Dickey for this recommendation. Council Member Martin requested letting the coalition

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that they met about last week be included in this effort. Council Member Matthews asked that a copy of this be placed in the *Daily Herald*, the *Tennessean*, and the *Nashville Business Journal* because it being published would spread the word quicker. Mayor Gentner advised he did meet with Mark Palmer of the *Daily Herald* and encouraged him to put this on the front page of the *Daily Herald*. Council Member Stephenson said there are employees that commute from other counties in Tennessee and she would like to know if they should word the Proclamation differently to reflect those other counties. Council Member Dickey said he suggested that Mayors do their own Proclamation to fit their county and that is why the other counties are not listed on the Proclamation. Council Member Matthews said if each county does their own she doesn't want who it is getting sent to, to think they already got the Proclamation and discard it without even reading which county or city it is from. Council Member Matthews asked if there should be a master Proclamation or Regional one. Mayor Gentner advised time is crucial and there is not much of it to get this done. Council Member Dickey asked that the Proclamation stay as it be. All Council Members present voted aye.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Kenny Solomon thanked Council Member Dickey for the Proclamation. Mr. Solomon also asked that Council put the money that they had previously for neighborhood watch signs back into the budget.

Council Member Stephenson asked about the packet they received about the methadone treatment facility. She wanted to know the status of this facility. Council Member Stephenson asked if Council will have any opportunities to ask questions about this facility. City Manager Boyer advised it will not come before Council for approval, it is a permitted use under the zoning for that area. The final determination for their Certificate of Need won't be made until January 20, 2010. City Manager Boyer said there isn't any land use reason to prohibit the facility in that area. Council Member Stephenson clarified that she did not say anything about prohibiting the facility. City Manager Boyer said if Council has questions they have to contact the applicant directly. Council Member Stephenson advised she will meet with Mr. Boyer later to see where this permitted use is in the Zoning Ordinance.

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Council Member Dickey clarified that Council will have another budget study session meeting on May 28, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. in Conference Room 200.

Council Member Martin congratulated all those that received awards tonight. Council Member Martin said she stopped by Bethel AME Church and saw the Mayor there. She advised they looked at the draft revitalization plan. Council Member Martin said the entire Council needs to be aware of what is being put in the plan. Council Member Martin congratulated all the graduating seniors from the high schools and the graduates from Columbia State Community College. Council Member Martin asked Mr. Boyer when an applicant applies for an opportunity to build apartments in the City of Columbia where does that application begin. Mr. Boyer said they would start in the Grants and Planning Department. Council Member Martin said she is speaking about the Tom Hitch Parkway area and asked if the deciding body looks at how many apartments are already present in the area. City Manager Boyer advised he believes it would be part of the compatibility determination.

Council Member Matthews said she has some major concerns about a methadone clinic going into one of our business districts. Council Member Matthews said she would like to talk to Mr. David Holderfield and the City Manager about the possibility of changing the zoning and she would like to know if there is any footage restrictions. Council Member Matthews expressed concern about if the facility will decrease value of nearby businesses. Council Member Matthews asked if the fire hall bid will be on the first meeting in June. She was told it would be on the first meeting in June. Council Member Matthews said the Steering Committee for the Comprehensive Plan met the other day and the plan is in rough draft form. She advised the Steering Committee is looking at the plan and “tweaking” it. Council Member Matthews informed everyone that on June 25th the document will be open to the public to view and give their input. She did advise it is an estimated date. Council Member Matthews said she would like for Council to talk to their Utility Board Member, Council Member Carl McCullen, regarding the salary increase for Mr. Clark, Spring Hill water sale, and avoiding participating in LIHEAP by Columbia Power and Water Systems (CPWS). Council Member Matthews said CPWS is acting more

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like a private enterprise without consideration for the citizens of Columbia that own the utility. She said CPWS should service the citizens of Columbia first and she has major concerns about the salary increase while citizens are paying more for their utilities, which means the citizens are spending less money in the businesses around town. Council Member Matthews said she is looking forward to Council getting with Council Member McCullen regarding these decisions.

Council Member McCullen said he will gladly take any decision or any information back to the Utility Board because that is his role and he applauds Council Member Matthews for requesting that he do so. Council Member McCullen said in the future he would like to have Council examine their protocols and he asked that City Manager Boyer place that on the agenda so they can look at it again and make sure Council is respecting everyone and acting professionally.

Vice Mayor Kennedy said Council Member Matthews has some really good ideas but there are things that Council doesn't need to get involved in, like CPWS business. Council Member Matthews said the Utility Board has more power than Council has in regards to the utility. Council Member Matthews said the voting public elected them to oversee what is going on in the City and it is up to them to voice the concerns of the voters. Council Member McCullen asked that Council make sure the facts and statements they voice are true and accurate.

Mayor Gentner said he is excited and encouraged about what is being done in the East Hill Revitalization Plan. He advised he is irritated by the sixty additional units of public assisted housing on Tom Hitch Parkway. Mayor Gentner said he met with Mr. Ted Freedman, with the Tennessee Housing Development Corporation, and thought he explained the City's position clearly. Mayor Gentner said the Tennessee Housing Development Corporation's public policy of not really looking at the community and loading up the area with one type of housing extremely detrimental to this community. He said he does plan on following up with a letter for an explanation as to why they are doing what they are doing. City Manager Boyer advised he checked into the apartments that are being discussed today and advised the City has not received nor approved a project of that nature on Tom Hitch Parkway. Mayor Gentner said he is going to introduce

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legislation at the next meeting to put Columbia Housing Authority in a much different but broader and more comprehensive role relative to housing. Mayor Gentner said the Trustees met with financial advisors and he will give a report to Council at June 2, 2009, meeting. Mayor Gentner said they will seek advice on a new proposal that will involve looking at owning stock in companies that produce dividends. Council Member Martin asked how we modify what the community is designated as in regards to what kind of housing we receive. Mayor Gentner asked for a new Wastewater Rate Increase Ordinance, one that has blanks in it for the rate.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

APPROVED:

WILLIAM E. GENTNER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

BETTY MODRALL, CITY RECORDER