



COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The Columbia City Council conducted a regular meeting on Tuesday, December 2, 2025 at City Hall (Council Chambers), 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201. The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor called the meeting to order at 4:22 p.m. and the following members were present: The Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr., The Honorable Will Brennan, Mayor Pro-Tempore, The Honorable Aditi Bussells, The Honorable Peter M. Brown, and The Honorable Tyler D. Bailey. The Honorable Tina N. Herbert was absent. Also present were Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Moore Hammond, City Clerk. This meeting was advertised in accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr. offered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Brennan, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda.

PUBLIC INPUT

No one appeared at this time.

Mayor Rickenmann welcomed college students to Council Chambers. They are receiving class credit for their attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Council is asked to approve the October 28, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes. – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to approve the October 28, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes.



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PRESENTATIONS

2. Columbia (SC) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Day Proclamation - The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor – *Received as information*

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager welcomed the Columbia Alumnae Chapter to the podium, noting that her mother has proudly been a member of the sorority for 56 years. She highlighted their legacy of sisterhood, service, advocacy, and lifelong commitment. The chapter recently celebrated the sorority's 85th anniversary.

Ms. Adedra Edwards, First Vice President of the Columbia (SC) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority thanked the Mayor and City Council for recognizing their 85th anniversary. She noted that the proclamation affirms the sorority's long-standing commitment to service, advocacy, and community development while inspiring members to continue advancing equity and positive change. She expressed appreciation for the City's partnership and support in uplifting the community.

Mayor Rickenmann and members of the City Council recognized the 85th anniversary of the Columbia (SC) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and proclaimed November 15, 2025 in their honor.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 3 THROUGH 25

Councilor Bailey highlighted **Item 3** (ForceMetrics Core Platform Software), noting this technology will help streamline processes and free up officers' time to focus more on investigations.

Upon a single motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Brennan, Council voted unanimously to approve **Consent Agenda Items 3** through **25**.

3. Council is asked to approve a new Contract for Forcemetrics Core Platform Software, as requested by the Columbia Police Department on October 21, 2025. Award to Carahsoft Technologies Corporation using the OMNIA Cooperative Contract in the amount of \$75,328.00 for year one (1). The term of this contract is for two (2) years beginning January 1, 2026. This vendor is located in Reston, VA. – *Approved*



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Funding Source: Federal Equitable Sharing Program - Software License (2042412-627510) - \$75,328.00. The original budget amount is \$75,328.00.

4. Council is asked to approve the Annual Renewal of Mobile Area Routing and Vehicle Location Information System (MARVLIS) Software Support, as requested by the Columbia Police Department on October 21, 2025. Award to Bradshaw Consulting Services, Inc., in the amount of \$114,583.34. This vendor is located in Aiken, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Police Administrative Services - Software License (1012402-627510). The original budget amount is \$114,583.34.

5. Council is asked to approve a new Contract for Geographic Information System (GIS) Software License and Maintenance Services, as requested by the Information Technology Department on October 29, 2025. Award to Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc., using the SC State Contract in the amount of \$120,300.00 for year one (1). The term of this contract is three years. This vendor is located in Redlands, CA. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Geographic Information System - Maintenance and Service Contract (5511121-638200). The original budget amount is \$120,300.00.

6. Council is asked to approve a new Construction Contract for the Replacement of two staircases as part of the Riverfront Park Trail Enhancement Project, as requested by the Parks and Recreation Department on May 16, 2025. Award to Southern Vistas, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$124,694.50, which includes contingency. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed with an end date of ninety (90) days from commencement. This contractor is located in Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: General Capital Projects - Riverfront Staircase - Capital Project Costs (4039999-PK102405-6586500) \$124,694.50. The original budget amount is \$124,694.50.

Park Construction of NC, Inc. is the prime contractor and will provide concrete retaining wall services at 45.00% (\$48,793.50) of the total contract amount.

The following subcontractors will provide additional services and materials:

Black Creek Construction, Inc., located in Ellabell, GA will provide boardwalk exterior step construction services at 55.00% (\$59,636.50) of the total contract amount.



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7. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of a Prefabricated Restroom Facility for Woodland Park, as requested by the Parks and Recreation Department on October 15, 2025. Award to CXT, Inc., using the Sourcewell Cooperative Contract in the amount of \$130,609.30. This vendor is located in Spokane, WA. – *Approved*

Funding Source: General Capital Projects - Woodland Park Outdoor Restroom - Capital Projects Costs (4039999-PK001226-658650). The original budget amount is \$130,609.30.

8. Council is asked to approve a new Professional Services Contract for a Homeless Services Consultant, as requested by the Homeless Services Department on April 23, 2025. Award to Health Management Associates, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$168,727.00, which includes contingency. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed with an end date eight (8) months from commencement and the option to renew for two (2) additional six-month periods. This firm is located in Raleigh, NC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Rapid Shelter Homeless - Consultant Fees (1014501-636700). The original budget amount is \$168,727.00.

Health Management Associates, Inc. is the prime and will be providing project management, needs assessment, program mapping and resource inventory, community engagement, reporting, and presentation services at 96.59% (\$156,900.00) of the total contract amount.

The following subconsultants will provide additional services:

Jeff Olivet Consulting Group, LLC, located in Washington, DC, will provide subject matter consulting services at 3.41% (\$5,535.00) of the total contract amount.

9. Council is asked to approve the Renewal of Computer Aided Dispatch Maintenance Software Services, as requested by the Columbia - Richland 911 Communications Center on November 6, 2025. Award to CentralSquare Software Systems in the amount of \$341,202.48. The term of this contract is December 1, 2025 to November 30, 2026. This vendor is located in Lake Mary, FL. – *Approved*



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Funding Source: City of Columbia Emergency Communications/311 - Maintenance and Service Contract (1012701-638200) \$170,601.24 and Richland County Emergency Communications - Maintenance and Service Contract (2082702-638200) \$170,601.24. The original budget amount is \$341,202.48.

10. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Vehicles and Heavy Equipment for several City Departments, as requested by the Fleet Services Division. Award to multiple vendors in the total amount of \$387,481.53. – *Approved*

Item	Vendor	Vehicle/Heavy Equipment	Procurement Method	Amount
a.	Shealy's Truck Center, Inc. Columbia, SC	One (1) 2025 Isuzu NRR Crew Cab Truck for the Wastewater Maintenance Division, as requested on October 3, 2025.	SC State Contract #4400035137	\$77,125.97
<i>Funding Source: Utilities Wastewater Maintenance - Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment - Capital (5516205-658500). The original budget amount is \$77,125.97.</i>				
b.	Dick Smith Ford, Inc. Columbia, SC	One (1) 2026 Ford F-750 Truck for the Columbia Canal Water Treatment Plant, as requested on October 15, 2025.	SC State Contract #4400035139	\$242,524.00
<i>Funding Source: Utilities Lake Murray Water Plant - Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment - Capital (5516207-658500) \$121,262.00 and Utilities Columbia Canal Water Treatment Plant – Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment-Capital (5516206-658500) \$121,262.00 The original budget amount is \$242,524.00.</i>				



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c.	BBA Pumps, Inc. North Charleston, SC	One (1) Skid mounted diesel driven pump for the Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant, as requested on October 10, 2025.	North Carolina Sheriffs' Association Contract #26-10-0422	\$67,831.56
<i>Funding Source: Utilities Metro Wastewater Plant – Machinery and Equipment - Capital (5516208-658300) \$67,375.80 and Utilities Metro Wastewater Plant and Meters, Parts, and Supplies (5516208-625600) \$455.76. The original budget amount is \$67,831.56.</i>				
Total				\$387,481.53

11. Council is asked to approve a new Contract to Purchase Body Worn Cameras, Fleet In-Car and Interview Room Camera Systems, Tasers, Virtual Storage, and Subscription Services, as requested by the Columbia Police Department on November 5, 2025. Award to Axon Enterprise, Inc., using the Sourcewell Cooperative Contract in the amount of \$1,339,235.68 for year one (1). The term of the contract is five (5) years beginning December 1, 2025. This vendor is located in Scottsdale, AZ. – *Approved*
Funding Source: Police Administration Services - Cloud Based Solution Services (1012402-632170) \$1,339,235.68. The original budget amount is \$1,339,235.68 for year 1.
12. Council is asked to approve Contract Amendment #7 for the Water & Sewer Line Repair Warranty Program Marketing Agreement, as requested by Columbia Water on November 4, 2025. Award to HomeServe USA Corp. at no cost. The renewal term of the agreement is for an initial term of five (5) years. This firm is located in Norwalk, CT. – *Approved*
13. Council is asked to approve Contract Amendment #7 for the Water and Sewer Rate Study, as requested by Columbia Water on October 14, 2025. Award to Black & Veatch Management Consulting, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$52,661.88. The current term of the contract ends on December 31, 2026. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. – *Approved*
Funding Source: Admin Assistant City Manager - Professional Services (5511109-636600). The current budget amount is \$75,598.12. The budget amount for this amendment is \$52,661.88. The revised budget amount is \$128,260.00.



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14. Council is asked to approve Contract Amendment #6 for Project WM4401; Relocation of Water Mains for U.S. 1 Bridge Replacement over CSX Railroad at Fontaine Road, as requested by Columbia Water on November 3, 2025. Award to Michael Baker International, in an amount not to exceed \$103,740.00. The current term of the contract ends on December 31, 2025 and this amendment extends the contract to June 30, 2026. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Water and Sewer Capital Projects - US-1 Bridge Replacement over Railroad Capital Project Costs (5529999-WM440101-658650). The current budget amount is \$241,474.00. The budget amount for this amendment is \$103,740.00. The revised budget amount is \$345,214.00.

15. Council is asked to approve a new Contract for Glass Lined Pipes and Fittings at the Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant, as requested by Columbia Water on September 10, 2025. Award to Fortiline, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$107,021.52. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed with an end date on June 30, 2026. This vendor is located in Lexington, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Utilities Metro Wastewater Plant - Pipe, Fittings, Hydrants, Etc. (5516208-625700). The original budget amount is \$107,021.52.

16. Council is asked to approve a new Construction Contract for Project WM4870; 6-inch Water Main for Oakley Court, as requested by Columbia Water on October 23, 2025. Award to Lake Murray Utility Company, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$111,923.18, which includes contingency. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed with an end date ninety (90) days from commencement. This contractor is located in Prosperity, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Water and Sewer Capital Projects - 6-inch Water Main for Oakley Court - Capital Project Costs (5529999-WM48701-658650). The original budget amount is \$111,923.18.

This is a Mentor Protégé Program project. Lake Murray Utility Company, Inc., is the mentor and will be providing utility locates, safety, traffic control and clean up services at 55.00% (\$53,528.46) of the total contract amount.

JW Brown Construction, LLC, located in Lexington, SC, is the protégé and will provide project oversight services at 20.00% (\$19,464.90) of the total contract amount.



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The following sub-contractors will provide additional services and materials:

STAlone Waterworks, Inc., located in Columbia, SC, will provide pipe at 15.00% (\$14,598.68) of the total contract amount.

Knight's Redi-Mix, located in Summerville, SC, will provide flowable fill at 5.00% (\$4,866.23) of the total contract amount.

Reeves Construction Company, located in Duncan, SC, will provide asphalt at 5.00% (\$4,866.23) of the total contract amount.

17. Council is asked to approve a new Sole Source Contract for a Preventative Maintenance Plan for six (6) Turbo Blowers at the Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant, as requested by Columbia Water on November 5, 2025. Award to APGN, Inc., in the amount of \$151,200.00. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed with an end date on June 30, 2026 and the option to renew for an additional one (1) year period. This vendor is located in Plattsburgh, NY. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Utilities Metro Wastewater Plant - Equipment Repair and Service Supply (5516208-631800) \$151,200.00. The original budget amount is \$151,200.00.

18. Council is asked to approve a new Construction Contract for Project WM4787; 6-inch Water Main for Shandon Oaks Apartments, as requested by Columbia Water on October 23, 2025. Award to Lake Murray Utility Company, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$169,170.75, which includes contingency. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed with an end date ninety (90) days from commencement. This contractor is located in Prosperity, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Water and Sewer Capital Projects - 6-inch Water Main for Shandon Oaks Apartments - Capital Project Costs (5529999-WM48701-658650). The original budget amount is \$169,170.75.

This is a Mentor Protégé Program project. Lake Murray Utility Company, Inc., is the mentor and will be providing utility locates, safety, traffic control and clean up services at 55.00% (\$80,907.75) of the total contract amount.

JW Brown Construction, LLC, located in Lexington, SC, is the protégé and will provide project oversight services at 20.00% (\$29,421.00) of the total contract amount.



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The following sub-contractors will provide additional services and materials:

STAlone Waterworks, Inc., located in Columbia, SC, will provide pipes at 15.00% (\$22,065.75) of the total contract amount.

Knight's Redi-Mix, located in Summerville, SC, will provide flowable fill at 5.00% (\$7,355.25) of the total contract amount.

Reeves Construction Company, located in Duncan, SC, will provide asphalt at 5.00% (\$7,355.25) of the total contract amount.

19. Council is asked to approve Contract Amendment #4 for Project SS7497; Mill Creek Pump Station Miscellaneous Improvements, as requested by Columbia Water on October 31, 2025. Award to Weston and Sampson Engineers, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$352,677.00. The current term of the contract ends on June 30, 2026 and this amendment extends the contract to December 31, 2027. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Water and Sewer Capital Projects - Mill Creek Pump Station Miscellaneous Improvements - Capital Project Costs (5529999-SS749701-658650). The current budget amount is \$555,615.00. The budget amount for this amendment is \$352,677.00. The total revised budget amount is \$908,292.00.

This is a Clean Water Program project and a Mentor Protégé Program project. Weston and Sampson Engineers, Inc., is the mentor and will provide design, bid documents, bidding, and construction engineering services at 76.19% (\$268,707.00) of the amendment amount.

Carper Civil Consulting, a Minority Business Enterprise (W) located in Columbia, SC, is the protégé and will provide permitting and management services at 17.32% (\$61,070.00) of the amendment amount.

The following subconsultants will provide additional services:

Howard Engineering, a Minority Business Enterprise (W) located in Marietta, GA, will assist with engineering design services at 6.49% (\$22,900.00) of the amendment amount.



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20. Council is asked to approve a new Construction Contract for Project SD8506; Cured-In-Place-Pipe to Rehabilitate Multiple City-owned Stormwater Pipes, as requested by Columbia Water on October 13, 2025. Award to Gulf Coast Underground, LLC, using the Helping Governments Across the Country Cooperative Contract (HGAC) in the amount of \$460,149.93, which includes contingency. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed with an end date forty-four (44) days from commencement. This vendor is located in Theodore, AL. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Storm Water Improvement Capital Project Control - Assembly and Redbay Storm Drain Improvements - Capital Project Costs (5549999-SD850602-658650). The original budget amount is \$460,149.93.

21. Council is asked to approve Change Order #1 for Project WM4039; SC-277 36-inch Waterline and 24-inch Bore for the new Harden Street Pump Station - Phase I, as requested by Columbia Water on October 10, 2025. Award to DS Utilities in an amount not to exceed \$555,005.89. The current term of the contract ends on May 18, 2026 and this change order extends the contract to August 17, 2026. This firm is located in Little Mountain, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Water and Sewer Capital Projects - 277 36-inch Waterline 24-inch Bore - Capital Project Costs (5529999-WM403901-658650). The current budget amount is \$2,858,313.00. The budget amount for this change order is \$555,005.89. The revised budget amount is \$3,413,318.89.

22. Council is asked to approve Contract Amendment #3 for Project SD8450; Stormwater Program Management Services, as requested by Columbia Water on October 23, 2025. Award to Woolpert, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$1,250,000.00. The current term of the contract ends on December 31, 2025 and this amendment exercises the first of two options to renew the contract to December 31, 2026. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Stormwater Improvements Capital Projects Control - Program Management Bond Project - Capital Project Costs (5549999-SD845001-658650). The current budget amount is \$5,618,000.00. The budget amount for this amendment is \$1,250,000.00. The revised budget amount is \$6,868,000.00.



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This is a Columbia Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (CDBE) Program project with an 11.98% CDBE goal. With the approval of this contract amendment, the CDBE participation is 12.00% of the revised amendment. Woolpert is the prime contractor and will provide capital improvement project services, asset management program services, and program management services at 88.00% (\$1,100,000.00) of the amendment amount.

The following subconsultants will provide additional services:

Keefer Engineering, LLC, a Minority Business Enterprise (W) and a CDBE, will provide stormwater infrastructure maintenance and repair services at 2.08% (\$26,000.00) of the amendment amount.

PJ Noble & Associates, a Minority Business Enterprise (W) and a CDBE, will schedule public meetings and outreach, and provide easement/right-of-way and construction management services at 9.60% (\$120,000.00) of the amendment amount.

Southern Commercial Development, a Minority Business Enterprise (W) and a CDBE, will provide traffic control services at 0.32% (\$4,000.00) of the amendment amount.

23. Council is asked to approve the issuance of Indefinite Delivery Contracts (IDCs) for Project WM4879/SS7665; Utility Relocation and Improvement Services, as requested by Columbia Water on March 17, 2025. Award to the following firms in a total amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.00. Project specific work order(s) shall be required, executed and issued for each utility relocation project identified and awarded under the approved Indefinite Delivery Contract(s) to include design, consulting, and coordination services performed by the firms. The total amount of each work order shall not exceed \$50,000.00 per utility relocation project. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon the issuance of the Notice to Proceed with an end date three (3) years from commencement and the option to renew for two (2) additional one-year periods. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Water and Sewer Capital Projects - Capital Project Costs (5529999-658650). The original budget amount is \$1,200,000.00.

Projects awarded under these Indefinite Delivery Contracts will utilize the Mentor Protégé Program, requiring a minimum 20% of the project to be completed by the protégé.



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Vendor & Location	Protégé & Location	Not to Exceed Amount
CHA Consulting, Inc., Columbia, SC	Keefer Engineering, LLC (Minority Business Enterprise (W)) Lexington, SC	\$300,000.00
Hazen and Sawyer Columbia, SC	DESA, Inc. (Minority Business Enterprise (W)) Columbia, SC Carper Civil Consulting, LLC (Minority Business Enterprise (W)) Columbia, SC	\$300,000.00
HDR Engineering, Inc. Columbia, SC	Highfill Infrastructure Engineering, PA Columbia, SC Civil Engineering of Columbia, LLC, Irmo, SC	\$300,000.00
Michael Baker International, Inc. Columbia, SC	Chao and Associates, Inc. (Minority Business Enterprise) Columbia, SC	\$300,000.00

24. Ordinance No.: 2025-089 - Granting an encroachment to 2222, LLC for the use of the right of way areas of the 2200 and 2300 blocks of Main Street, the 2100 and 2200 blocks of Sumter Street, the 1200 block of Franklin Street and the 1200 block of Scott Street for the installation and maintenance of sidewalks, landscaping and irrigation adjacent to 2222 Main Street, Richland County TMS# 09016-02-06 – *Approved on second reading.*

First reading approval was given on October 28, 2025.

25. Ordinance No.: 2025-091 - Consenting to the Inclusion of Property in a Multi-County Industrial/Business Park (Project Senate TMS # R08916-02-09) – *Approved on second reading.*

Endorsed by the Economic Development & Infrastructure Committee on August 26, 2025.

First reading approval was given on October 28, 2025.



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CONSIDERATION OF BIDS, CONTRACTS AND CHANGE ORDERS

26. Council is asked to approve Contract Amendment #4 for Project SS7644; Professional Services for Consent Decree and Capital Improvements Program Management, as requested by Columbia Water on October 10, 2025. Award to CDM Smith, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$3,850,000.00. The current term of the contract ends on March 31, 2026. This amendment exercises the second of five options to renew the contract to December 31, 2026. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Water and Sewer Capital Projects - Consent Decree Program Management - Capital Project Costs (5529999-SS764426-658650. The original budget amount is \$3,850,000.00.

This is a CleanWater Program project. CDM Smith is the prime and will provide program management, program control, technical support, project delivery and capital program improvement program management, operations and maintenance, information management system support, and miscellaneous consent decree services as requested at 80.97% (\$3,117,292.00) of the amendment amount.

The following subconsultants will provide additional services:

Atlantic South Consulting Services, LLC, a Minority Business Enterprise located in Columbia, SC, will provide document standardization assistance and project management support services at 2.69% (\$103,766.00) of the amendment amount.

Comprehensive Business Consultants, a Minority Business Enterprise (W) located in Columbia, SC, will provide project management oversight services at 6.15% (\$236,670.00) of the amendment amount.

DESA, Inc., a Minority Business Enterprise (W) located in Columbia, SC, will provide document control support and public outreach assistance services 5.32% (\$204,724.00) of the amendment amount.

ELL Enterprises, LLC, a Minority Business Enterprise (W) located in Chapin, SC, will provide support with EPA Lead and Copper Rule compliance, Continuing Sewer Assessment Program (CSAP) plan maintenance, Computerized Maintenance Management System (CMMS) maintenance, and asset management process services at 4.87% (\$187,548.00) of the amendment amount.



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Mayor Rickenmann explained that CDM Smith has been working with the City for more than a decade on the Clean Water Program, which oversees all consent decree projects required by the EPA. He noted that the program includes more than 20 long-term projects extending into 2032 and that the item before Council reflects the renewal of a six-year contract.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to approve Contract Amendment #4 for Project SS7644; Professional Services for Consent Decree and Capital Improvements Program Management, as requested by Columbia Water on October 10, 2025. Award to CDM Smith, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$3,850,000.00. The current term of the contract ends on March 31, 2026. This amendment exercises the second of five options to renew the contract to December 31, 2026. This firm is located in Columbia, SC.

27. Council is asked to approve a new Construction Contract for Project CP108001; Olympia Fire Station, as requested by the Columbia Fire Department on July 28, 2025. Award to Reeves Young, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$10,675,489.00, which includes contingency. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed with an end date five hundred forty-six (546) days from commencement. This contractor is located in Greenville, SC. – *Approved*
Funding Source: General Capital Projects - Olympia Fire Station Construction - Capital Project Costs (4039999-CP108001-658650). The original budget amount is \$10,675,489.00.

Reeves Young, LLC, is the prime and will perform construction and construction management services at 51.56% (\$5,004,520.00) of the total contract amount.

The following subcontractors will provide additional services and materials:

Syndicate Concrete Company, located in Columbia, SC, will provide concrete at 4.99% (\$484,966.00) of the total contract amount.

Voyles Masonry, located in Columbia, SC, will provide masonry services at 10.16% (\$985,900.00) of the total contract amount.

Cayce Steel Company, located in Cayce, SC, will provide steel at 5.67% (\$550,000.00) of the total contract amount.

Mechanical Solutions of the Carolinas, LLC, located in Charlotte, NC, will provide Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) services at 7.15% (\$693,500.00) of the total contract amount.



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Southern Magnolia Enterprises, located in Travelers Rest, SC, will provide site prep, earthwork, drainage, and paving services at 12.98% (\$1,259,946.00) of the total contract amount.

SC Drywall, LLC, located in Sandy Springs, SC, will provide drywall, framing, and Asbestos-Containing Transite (ACT) services at 7.48% (\$726,158.00) of the total contract amount.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to approve a new Construction Contract for Project CP108001; Olympia Fire Station, as requested by the Columbia Fire Department on July 28, 2025. Award to Reeves Young, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$10,675,489.00, which includes contingency. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed with an end date five hundred forty-six (546) days from commencement. This contractor is located in Greenville, SC.

28. Council is asked to approve a new Construction Contract for Project SS733701; East Rocky Branch Improvements Phase 1A, as requested by Columbia Water on August 12, 2025. Award to Park Construction of NC, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$16,145,273.76, which includes contingency. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed with an end date seven hundred thirty (730) days from commencement. This contractor is located in Morrisville, NC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Water & Sewer Capital Projects - East Rocky Branch Improvements Phase 01 - Capital Project Costs (552999-SS733701-658650). The original budget amount is \$16,145,273.76.

This is a Columbia Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (CDBE) program project with a 5.00% CDBE goal. The CDBE participation is currently 4.34%.

Park Construction of NC, Inc. is the prime contractor and will provide concrete retaining wall services at 65.66% (\$9,638,393.04) of the total contract amount.

The following subcontractors/suppliers will provide additional services and supplies:

Young Construction located in Wake Forest, NC, will provide closed jack and bore services at 25.17% (\$3,693,690.00) of the total contract amount.

Wallace Mechanical Supply, Co., a MBE located in Cheraw, SC, will provide Fiber-Reinforced Polymer and Ductile Iron Pipe at 4.83% (\$708,924.29) of the total contract amount.



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CES Engineers, a MBE (W) and CDBE located in Columbia, SC, will provide surveying services at 0.17% (\$24,951.78) of the total contract amount.

L.A. Barrier & Son, Inc., a MBE (W) and CDBE located in Lexington, SC, will provide hauling services at 0.43% (\$62,623.19) of the total contract amount.

R & G Construction, a MBE and CDBE located in Columbia, SC, will provide concrete at 3.58% (\$525,455.27) of the total contract amount.

SCA Underground, a MBE (W) and CDBE located in West Columbia, SC, will provide Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) at 0.16% (\$23,484.03) of the total contract amount.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. Bailey, Council voted unanimously to approve a new Construction Contract for Project SS733701; East Rocky Branch Improvements Phase 1A, as requested by Columbia Water on August 12, 2025. Award to Park Construction of NC, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$16,145,273.76, which includes contingency. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed with an end date seven hundred thirty (730) days from commencement. This contractor is located in Morrisville, NC.

Mayor Rickenmann explained that this project is part of a multi-phase plan for Rocky Branch. Last year, this work was divided into phases to allow progress to begin sooner.

ZONING / PLANNING MATTERS - SECOND READING

29. ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 5003 Rhett Street, TMS# 11701-10-03 – *Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2025-050 - Amending the Official Zoning Map to modify the zoning for 5003 Rhett Street, Richland County TMS # 11701-10-03 – Approved on second reading.

Proposal: Request to rezone the property from Neighborhood Activity Center/Corridor District in the North Main Corridor Design Overlay District (NAC, OV-NMC) to Community Activity Center/Corridor District in the North Main Corridor Design Overlay District (CAC, OV-NMC).

Council District: 1

Applicant: Ronita Caesar



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Staff Recommendation: Denial

PC Recommendation: 03/13/2025; Deferred by applicant and 05/08/2025; Approval (6-0)

First reading approval was given on October 21, 2025.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager shared that Councilor Herbert has met with the applicant and confirmed that the applicant and the community have met and appear to all be on the same page.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to give second reading approval to the Zoning Map Amendment for 5003 Rhett Street, TMS# 11701-10-03 and Ordinance No.: 2025-050 - Amending the Official Zoning Map to modify the zoning for 5003 Rhett Street, Richland County TMS # 11701-10-03.

Mayor Rickenmann noted that although Councilor Herbert was not in attendance, she wanted to ensure the item received a second reading.

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

30. Ordinance No.: 2025-092 - Granting an encroachment to Francis Goldstein for the use of the right of way area of the 300 and 400 blocks of Harden Street for the installation and maintenance of a stucco wall with two gates, landscaping and irrigation adjacent to 411 Harden Street, Richland County TMS# 11311-03-09 – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Bailey, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2025-092 - Granting an encroachment to Francis Goldstein for the use of the right of way area of the 300 and 400 blocks of Harden Street for the installation and maintenance of a stucco wall with two gates, landscaping and irrigation adjacent to 411 Harden Street, Richland County TMS# 11311-03-09.

31. Ordinance No.: 2025-097 - Granting an encroachment to Stephen Gillespie for the use of the right of way areas of the 800 block of Kilbourne Road and the 3800 block of Devereaux Road for the installation and maintenance of landscaping and irrigation adjacent to 854 Kilbourne Road, Richland County TMS# 13905-11-01 – *Approved on first reading.*



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Upon a motion made by Dr. Bussells and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2025-097 - Granting an encroachment to Stephen Gillespie for the use of the right of way areas of the 800 block of Kilbourne Road and the 3800 block of Devereaux Road for the installation and maintenance of landscaping and irrigation adjacent to 854 Kilbourne Road, Richland County TMS# 13905-11-01.

32. Ordinance No.: 2025-093 - A Eighteenth Supplemental Ordinance Providing for the Issuance and Sale of City of Columbia, South Carolina, Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, in one or more series, in the aggregate principal amount of not exceeding \$215,000,000, in order to refinance certain outstanding indebtedness and to finance various capital projects and improvements to the system, any necessary debt service reserves, capitalized interest and issuance costs; authorizing the Mayor, the City Manager and the Assistant City Manager for Finance and Economic Services, or any two of them acting together, to determine certain matters with respect to the bonds; prescribing the form and details of such bonds; and other matters relating thereto – *Approved on first reading.*

Mr. Jeff Palen, CFO / Assistant City Manager of Economic & Financial Services explained that the City annually brings forward a bond ordinance to support its Capital Improvement Program. This year's approved CIP totals \$93 million, with \$50 million funded through new bond proceeds included in the requested \$215 million bond package. The remainder funds covers potential refunding of existing bonds, along with required debt reserve and issuance costs.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Bailey, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2025-093 - A Eighteenth Supplemental Ordinance Providing for the Issuance and Sale of City of Columbia, South Carolina, Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, in one or more series, in the aggregate principal amount of not exceeding \$215,000,000, in order to refinance certain outstanding indebtedness and to finance various capital projects and improvements to the system, any necessary debt service reserves, capitalized interest and issuance costs; authorizing the Mayor, the City Manager and the Assistant City Manager for Finance and Economic Services, or any two of them acting together, to determine certain matters with respect to the bonds; prescribing the form and details of such bonds; and other matters relating thereto.



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33. Ordinance No.: 2025-098 - Consenting to the Inclusion of Property in a Multi-County Industrial/Business Park (Project Rocky, Portion of Richland County TMS # R09113-16-01) – *Approved on first reading.*

Endorsed by the Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee on November 11, 2025.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2025-098 - Consenting to the Inclusion of Property in a Multi-County Industrial/Business Park (Project Rocky, Portion of Richland County TMS # R09113-16-01).

34. Ordinance No.: 2025-100 - Approval for Conveyance of Tract 4 (0.059 Acre) being a portion of the Lower Richland Fire Station located at 2612 Lower Richland Boulevard to Richland County for the Lower Richland Boulevard Widening Project; Richland County TMS#21800-01-20 (Portion); CF#250-677 – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2025-100 - Approval for Conveyance of Tract 4 (0.059 Acre) being a portion of the Lower Richland Fire Station located at 2612 Lower Richland Boulevard to Richland County for the Lower Richland Boulevard Widening Project; Richland County TMS#21800-01-20 (Portion); CF#250-677.

RESOLUTIONS

35. Resolution No.: R-2025-074 - Authorizing acceptance and dedication of streets known as Ranger Point Court, located in Shop Grove Commercial – Portion of Richland County TMS#16200-04-46 (Portion of Parent Parcel TMS#16200-04-18); CF#DPI-2022-08-0026 - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Dr. Bussells and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2025-074 - Authorizing acceptance and dedication of streets known as Ranger Point Court, located in Shop Grove Commercial – Portion of Richland County TMS#16200-04-46 (Portion of Parent Parcel TMS#16200-04-18); CF#DPI-2022-08-0026.



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36. Resolution No.: R-2025-076 - Authorizing acceptance and dedication of streets known as a portion of Council Loop, Beacons Field Road, Scribes Lane, Trading Path Lane, and Corner Wind Lane, located in The Village at Burnside Farm, Phase 2; Richland County TMS#19101-05-03; CF#295-15B – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. Brown, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2025-076 - Authorizing acceptance and dedication of streets known as a portion of Council Loop, Beacons Field Road, Scribes Lane, Trading Path Lane, and Corner Wind Lane, located in The Village at Burnside Farm, Phase 2; Richland County TMS#19101-05-03; CF#295-15B.

Mayor Rickenmann shared that developers often construct new roads according to City specifications and then dedicate them to the City once complete. The City assumes ownership only after verifying the roads meet required standards, which is important because many rights-of-way also contain sewer and water infrastructure.

37. Resolution No.: R-2025-077 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute a 911 Communications Center Consolidation Agreement Extension between the City of Columbia and Richland County – *Approved*

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager clarified that the item is simply an extension of the City's current agreement and does not represent a new contract. She noted that this action keeps the City in compliance while discussions on a future agreement continue.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Brennan, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2025-077 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute a 911 Communications Center Consolidation Agreement Extension between the City of Columbia and Richland County.



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38. Resolution No.: R-2025-080 - Approving and Ratifying Mutual Aid Agreements between the City of Columbia and the City of Columbia Police Department and Various Law Enforcement Agencies and Authorizing the City Manager of the City of Columbia and the Chief of Police of the City of Columbia to execute all such Agreements – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Bailey, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2025-080 - Approving and Ratifying Mutual Aid Agreements between the City of Columbia and the City of Columbia Police Department and Various Law Enforcement Agencies and Authorizing the City Manager of the City of Columbia and the Chief of Police of the City of Columbia to execute all such Agreements.

EVENT RESOLUTIONS

39. Resolution No.: R-2025-075 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine beverages only for the 2026 Mardi Gras Festival at City Roots Farm in the 1000 block of Airport Boulevard between Jim Hamilton Boulevard and the north side of the entrance into Hunter Gatherer on Saturday, February 14, 2026 – *Approved*

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager explained for the visiting students that event resolutions are necessary to ensure City staff are aware of upcoming events and that all required protocols are followed. This includes coordination with special events and public safety teams, as well as securing proper permits for alcohol service in advance.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2025-075 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine beverages only for the 2026 Mardi Gras Festival at City Roots Farm in the 1000 block of Airport Boulevard between Jim Hamilton Boulevard and the north side of the entrance into Hunter Gatherer on Saturday, February 14, 2026.

40. Resolution No.: R-2025-079 - Authorizing consumption of beer, wine, and liquor for a New Year's Eve Event by LTC Hospitality at the 1600 block of Main Street between Taylor Street and Blanding Street on Wednesday, December 31, 2025 – *Approved*



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Upon a motion made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2025-079 - Authorizing consumption of beer, wine, and liquor for a New Year's Eve Event by LTC Hospitality at the 1600 block of Main Street between Taylor Street and Blanding Street on Wednesday, December 31, 2025.

OTHER MATTERS

41. Council is asked to approve the installation of three (3) Speed Humps on Preston Green Drive, as requested by the Preston Green Homeowners Association. – *Approved*

This request was reviewed and approved by the Columbia Fire Department and Columbia Police Department.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Brown, Council voted unanimously to approve the installation of three (3) Speed Humps on Preston Green Drive, as requested by the Preston Green Homeowners Association.

42. Proposed Regular Meeting Schedule for 2026 - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to approve the Proposed Regular Meeting Schedule for 2026.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REFERRALS, REPORTS AND NEW BUSINESS

Upon a motion made by Mayor Rickenmann and seconded by Mr. Brennan, Council voted unanimously to refer an honorary street naming application from Rosewood Elementary School to the Administrative Policy Committee.

PUBLIC INPUT

Dr. Germon "Mama G" Miller noted recent public discussions surrounding the concept of nursing and expressed concern about how these conversations may affect the field. She urged City Council to remain attentive to the issue.



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Mr. Gregory Williams, a United States Marine Corps veteran shared that during his service, nurses represented safety, stability, and the hope of returning home. He emphasized that both in the military and in the community, nurses are viewed as trusted professionals whose presence provides reassurance in difficult situations. He urged that nursing be recognized and upheld as a respected profession.

Mr. Brian Bucher thanked the Special Events staff for their expediency in processing licensing for LTC Hospitality and the upcoming New Year's Eve event.

Mr. Carmell Washington expressed concerns about long-term interactions with the Columbia Police Department, stating he feels harassed and that these encounters have affected his employment and well-being. He described past attempts to seek assistance through letters and legal avenues, noting he has experienced health challenges and difficulty securing support. He asked City Council for help in understanding and addressing his situation.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager acknowledged the speaker's concerns and stated that staff would follow up. She thanked Mr. Washington for attending and expressing his comments.

Councilor Bailey encouraged everyone to visit the newly reopened Finlay Park.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Erika D. Moore Hammond, MMC, CPM
City Clerk