



COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2019

WORK SESSION - 2:00 P.M.

The Columbia City Council held a Work Session on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201. The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 2:11 p.m. and the following members of Council were present: The Honorable Sam Davis, The Honorable Mayor Pro-Tempore Tameika Isaac Devine, The Honorable Howard E. Duvall, Jr., and The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann. The Honorable Moe Baddourah arrived at 3:02 p.m. and The Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr. arrived at 3:06 p.m. Also present were Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Moore, City Clerk. This meeting was advertised in accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin offered the invocation.

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION

1. 2019 Federal Legislative Update - Mr. Ralph Garboushian, CapitalEdge, LLC

Mr. Ralph Garboushian, CapitalEdge, LLC provided a 2019 federal legislative update. In July 2019, President Trump and the Congressional leadership reached a two-year budget agreement. They agreed to waive the sequester for FY 2020 and FY 2021. Instead of deep cuts for FY 2020, we are going to see a 4.3% increase in non-defense discretionary spending. They also waived the debt limit until March 2021. We are looking at steep cuts once again to non-defense discretionary spending, which is the Community Development Block Grant, Justice Assistance Grant, Homeland Security Grant, Parks and Conservation Grant, and so on. Congress passed a continuing resolution to keep the federal government open until November 21st and they passed another one to keep the government open until December 21st. The House and the Senate Appropriations Committee have agreed on the top line number for non-defense and defense discretionary spending. The House and Senate Appropriations Committee announced that they have agreed on how to divide that top line. It is likely that some of the appropriation laws will become law before Christmas and for the rest they will have to pass a continuance until next year. This means that HUD can't put out CDBG allocations until Congress has enacted a final appropriations bill for HUD.



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There are a lot of tax provisions that have a sunset date on them and generally at the end of every year, Congress would take out the tax extenders package. Particularly for the City, the New Markets Tax Credit expires at the end of 2019. That is a valuable economic development tool and a good chunk of the City's census tracts are eligible for that economic development tool. That is something we want to see included in the extenders package. Also, a lot of alternative energy tax provisions are set to expire in the upcoming year. That will be part of the tax extenders package. The eligibility criteria for Opportunity Zones is the same for the New Markets Tax Credit, but the governor can only designate 25% of the eligible census tracts. Columbia has two designated census tracts. The IRS has been slow to roll out regulations for Opportunity Zones. The designations are good through 2027. There is already talk about an extension and possibly another round. The tax exemption for municipal bonds was not taken away. The final bill did eliminate the tax exemption for advanced refunding. There is legislation in the House to reinstate advanced refunding.

The biggest issue we will work on over the next year is reauthorization of the Federal Surface Transportation Programs. The FAST Act expires on September 30, 2020. We were able to increase the share of Surface Transportation Block Grant funds that are sub-allocated to urbanized areas. This will increase the funds that come down to Central Midlands Council of Governments. For Columbia, that meant going from \$10 million in FY 2015 to nearly \$14 million in FY 2018. The U.S. Conference of Mayors, National League of Cities, and National Association of Counties recently convened a meeting among themselves and with city representatives to develop a lobbying strategy and focus to grow the amount of money that is localized in the next highway and transit bill. This is important, because South Carolina's metro areas account for 90% of South Carolina's economy. The Columbia metro area accounts for 18.4% of South Carolina's economy. Of the \$723 million in federal highway funds that South Carolina received, only 5.8% was sub-allocated to urbanized areas. Your \$14million works out to about 1.6%. Your voice on this is going to be important over the next year. Another priority in that bill is maintaining a robust transit program and growing the Transportation Alternatives bill. The federal government spends over \$40 billion a year on highways and \$12 billion on transit. The bulk of the money goes out by formula to state DOTs and MPOs on the highway side and by formula to states and transit agencies on the transit side.

There are a few competitive discretionary grant programs including the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation discretionary grant program. BUILD was funded at \$900 million last year. We are looking at \$1 billion for FY 2020. Last year, Congress told the Administration to split that between urban and rural. The average BUILD applicant applies three times before they receive a grant.



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Now, I am going to talk about local authority and regulation. On telecommunications, the FCC continues to mount an assault on local authority even while local governments are challenging them in court on small cell siting. They put out another proposed rule that would broaden the definition of what constitutes a colocation that cities must approve. The Administration has an aggressive deregulatory agenda. There is legislation in the House and Senate to make major changes to how disaster relief is implemented and managed. We are seeing an emerging theme on both sides of the aisle that local governments are barriers to affordable housing. Secretary Carson's opinion is that CDBG funds should be withheld from local governments that have planning and zoning [regulations] that are an impediment to affordable housing.

There was a brief discussion among Council regarding the need for livable wages, the rising cost of housing, taxing structures, incentives, NIMBY, and historic overlays.

Mr. Ralph Garboushian, CapitalEdge, LLC reported that the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) is modeled on CDBG as direct funding to states, cities, and counties for a broad array of energy efficiency and conservation purposes. The City used its one-time allocation in FY 2009 to retrofit City buildings. The reauthorization of this program is another priority. We've been working on disaster assistance a lot. Your delegation secured another allocation of CDBG mitigation funds. The 2020 Census is ramping up. The Census Bureau is hiring people and setting up field offices. The more you can do between now and April, the better. You have control over your local complete count efforts.

Councilor Devine asked about the likelihood of the Second Chance Act passing. We passed Ban the Box and we want to make sure that as those conversations come, people know that we are interested in that as well.

Mr. Ralph Garboushian, CapitalEdge, LLC said apart from spending bills and things that must be done, not a lot will become law in this Congress. There is bipartisan support for improving and bolstering ex-offender services.

The members of Council thanked Ralph for the update.



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2. 2019 State Legislative Update - Mr. Kyle Michel, Esq., Michel Law Firm

Mr. Kyle Michel, Esq., Michel Law Firm provided a 2019 state legislative update. The Local Government Fund was resolved this year with legislation that changes how it is done each year with \$10 million being added this year. The City received \$3,064,713 this year and we worked with Representative Rutherford to secure \$500,000 to extend the Vista Trail toward Earlewood. With the help of Senator Harpootlian, we were awarded \$400,000 for railroad crossing safety projects in the City.

Mayor Benjamin asked how much the greenway cost per mile.

Councilor Devine said he committed to helping us extend the trail to North Main. We need to stay on him to get more.

Councilor Rickenmann said the center of state government is here and we need to figure out how to get more for infrastructure. We need a plan for going to the legislature with projects.

Mr. Kyle Michel, Esq., Michel Law Firm said a law passed that sets the Local Government Fund and it will go up or down depending on the projected state budget. This year, it will go up by 5%. They put another 1% in the Pension Plan Budget Reimbursement. We have been working for years to get DOT to pay for the relocation of utility lines on DOT projects so we didn't have to pay that cost. It has a sunset of July 2026. Up to 4% of state funds will be available to pay for the relocation of our water and sewer utilities. This is a big win for Columbia Water. After the tragedy in Five Points, the Ridesharing Safety Act was passed with support from the City and others. We supported an increase in Community Development Tax Credits and it was increased from \$1 million to \$3 million and a 33% tax credit to a 50% tax credit for donations to certified community development organizations in the state.

There was a change to the Textile Communities Revitalization Act, but it did not affect anything in the City of Columbia. They continue to tweak that law. The Animal Control and Shelters Bill is a culmination from years of work on animal shelter rules. They did not include tethering or animal shelters standards language. The Columbia Animal Shelter led by Marli Drum and other animal shelters around the state have been in a long discussion/battle/negotiation with private providers to reach this bill. This year, the bill was passed by the House and Senate and signed by the Governor. The Audit of Emergency Telephone System Fund and Statewide 911 System Bill passed. It tightens up the oversight of the local government 911 operations.



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The Business License Tax legislation is pending and it will have the biggest negative impact on the City. It was put forward by the State Chamber of Commerce and a number of other groups. If your business is not located in the City of Columbia, you could get a business license as a foreign business permitted to be in the City and your license would be \$100.

Councilor Duvall said we need to start addressing this issue, because the Municipal Association's portal is operational now and more businesses are using the portal. By having the cities adopt the model ordinance voluntarily, we can pre-empt this state attempt to take away our business license authority. We need to put that on our agenda.

Mr. Kyle Michel, Esq., Michel Law Firm said the Municipal Housing Authority State of Emergency bill came from the incident at Allen Benedict Court. Senator Jackson got it passed in the Senate and now it is in the House. Senator Jackson was resolute about passing a bill that would provide better processes if this were to happen again in the future. The Tort Claims Act was a strong charge by a number of senators coming into this last year. There was a bill that would make the caps unlimited for torts. Today, it is \$300,000 and \$500,000 per incident. The only bill that passed the Senate, was one that raises the limits to \$600,000 and \$1 million.

We hope that the Accommodations and Hospitality Tax Revenue bill will help with repairs at the Canal. It was initiated by coastal interests and would allow the use of some hospitality tax revenue for mitigation of flooding and the effects of flooding. The language allows us to use it for repair of flood damaged facilities. We will try to make that more explicit. The Municipal Tax Relief Act has been filed for a couple of years. It would allow municipalities to put a one cent sales tax onto the sales tax and a minimum of 20% would have to go to the rollback of taxes. If this passes, the City of Spartanburg intends to add a penny and make all of the money apply to 6% property to rollback business property taxes.

Councilor Duvall asked if that is constitutional. You have to treat all classes equally.

Councilor Rickenmann said it is a single class, which would help with affordable housing. The problem is that you are taking it from one pocket and adding it to another. In Columbia, where you have 52% rentals, you are hurting the individual.

Mr. Kyle Michel, Esq., Michel Law Firm said the City would have the option. The impetus for the bill comes out of Horry County where the City of Myrtle Beach wants to tax the tourists to be able to take care of their capital projects. The Annexation bill continues to be strongly opposed by the County Association.



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The Community Charge bill would allow the City to impose a community charge on nonprofits with more than \$1 billion. The opposite of that is a bill that would have allowed a property tax exemption for privately owned properties as long as they are carrying out the functions of a public university or a public body. We quickly jumped into action with that and I don't think it will see a committee hearing. Over at the University of South Carolina, they want to have some of their private sector partners own and develop property that would be utilized by the University, but it would be owned by the private sector partner. They want that private sector partner to not have to pay.

The Municipal Court Reporting bill came out of the Emmanuel Church tragedy and it has to do with the faster reporting of crimes. Senator Kimpson doesn't want the bill without gun control provisions and too many on the other side of the aisle don't want gun control in the bill. We've tried to make these provisions in the bill something that our Municipal Court system could comply with if the bill passes. We are not advocating for or against the bill.

The Mental Health Patient Transport bill came out of a tragedy in Marion County. It requires law enforcement officers to have training if they are going to drive a mental health patient transport van. We will continue to work on the bill so that it has the least amount of negative impact on our Police Department as possible.

The Childcare Facilities bill is an attempt to bring more childcare facilities under DHEC regulations. It captures the summer programs operated at City of Columbia parks. It continues to have problems passing and we want our concerns addressed in case it passes.

The Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act bill gives a balance between the need to install new equipment and the City's need to be able to protect certain properties from having small wireless facilities attached to them. The bill has opposition from some other cities.

Mayor Benjamin said the questions have been about whether or not local governments have the ability to monetize right away, the aesthetics, security, and safety issues.

Mr. Kyle Michel, Esq., Michel Law Firm said we went through a very good process to reach a compromise on both sides. The Power of County Sheriff bill was pushed by Senator Harpootlian in an effort to get the Richland County Sheriff to go into Five Points to enforce alcohol laws. It is largely non-controversial.



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I don't know how much the Vaping bill will go forward now, with all of the controversy around the healthcare aspects of vaping. They added a provision that would allow our ordinance to stand.

The Cannot Deny License Because of a Prior Criminal Conviction bill is a part of criminal justice reform. He presented the 2020 State Legislative Priorities.

There was a consensus of Council to oppose the passage of tort claims legislation.

Mayor Benjamin asked that we discuss the annexation bill with the County and the County Sheriff Powers bill with Chief Holbrook.

Mr. Kyle Michel, Esq., Michel Law Firm said we are against the Vaping bill. With the hiring of the new executive director, MASC may not have any public priorities this year. We will monitor these other bills for any negative effects or possible positive impacts on the City. In terms of marching orders, we will take out the tort claims.

Councilor Rickenmann said we should have a discussion about what we want from the legislature this year. These are broad and there are some specific things we would like to see. It would be worth us working together to provide something for our representatives.

Councilor Devine said this is reactionary to what is already pending. There might be things like addressing our taxing structure that we may need to push. What's the status of something that would pre-empt local governments ability to pass plastic bag bans?

Mr. Kyle Michel, Esq., Michel Law Firm said the ban on bans is a response from the plastic bag industry to municipalities along the coast banning single-use plastic bags. The legislation was pushed last year, but it did not get out of the Senate. It was put up as a budget proviso as a one-year ban on bags. It was roundly defeated in the Senate.

Councilor Devine said we need to monitor that, because there have been discussions among City Council and County Council about doing a similar ban. Recently, Marvin Pendarvis proposed the Malls Revitalization Act. Can we monitor that? He also put one out on affordable housing and we should monitor that as well.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said we already sent the letter endorsing any hate crime legislation.



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Councilor Duvall said everybody needs to put the City's February 25, 2020 Legislative Reception on their calendar. We all need to be there and politic on two or three of these issues.

Councilor Rickenmann said we have to focus on what we need. I suggest that we huddle up and we all focus on the same things.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said staff has done a great job of putting up big boards on the specific asks. We need to make sure you all have identified which ones you will cover.

Councilor Devine said there is no time for discussion during the reception. We need a meeting where we have the opportunity to discuss our priorities and the reasons. They don't always understand our challenges. Speaking with the group as a concerted effort would be helpful.

Mayor Benjamin said we have been meeting with most of the delegation and it went very well. It would be helpful to do that while they are in session.

Councilor Davis said we can invite members of the delegation with particular interests to our committee meetings, as well. They can hear us go through the issue with citizens, too.

Mr. William "Skip" Holbrook, Police Chief said the proposed transport bill has a huge impact on the municipalities' capacity to deliver core services to citizens. As written, it is a major drain on resources. Mental Health has a police department and they don't participate in any transports. It is an unfair burden.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said it should be opposed as written. Kyle and Whanna, we will get together to streamline this. You all could send us anything else that you want specifically. We will look at options for briefing the delegation. We talk about every year and with Ms. Devine's leadership role with the NLC, I don't know if that is something Council remains interested in doing in March or at another time. Ralph and Deborah, can you suggest some dates that we could float with Council?

Councilor Rickenmann said we need to go when everybody else is not there.

Councilor Devine said when they are in the district, we should have an opportunity to bring them to things we are having, just to reiterate the good things that we are doing with our federal funding.



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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 3:56 p.m. for the discussion of **Items 3** through **7**, subject to removing the discussion of external auditors from **Item 4**.

3. Receipt of legal advice relating to a pending, threatened or potential claim pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2)

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4. Receipt of legal advice related to matters covered by attorney-client privilege pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2)

*External-Auditors
Legal Update 2019*

5. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2)

*Finlay Park
2221 Devine Street*

6. Discussion of matters relating to proposed location or expansion of services to encourage location or expansion of industries or other businesses pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2)

Farrow Road Opportunity

7. Discussion of the employment of an employee pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(1)

*Development Corporations
City Manager and City Attorney Evaluations*



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COUNCIL MEETING - 6:00 P.M.

The Columbia City Council conducted a meeting on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201. The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. and the following members of Council were present: The Honorable Sam Davis, The Honorable Moe Baddourah, The Honorable Howard E. Duvall, Jr., The Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr., and The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann. The Honorable Mayor Pro-Tempore Tameika Isaac Devine was absent. Also present were Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Moore, City Clerk. This meeting was advertised in accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Students from the Center for Inquiry led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve the adoption of the agenda.

PUBLIC INPUT RELATED TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

No one appeared at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 8 THROUGH 17

Upon a single motion made by Mr. Rickenmann and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to approve the **Consent Agenda Items 8 through 17**.

8. Council is asked to approve the purchase of Cornerstone On Demand Automated Recruiting Software Solutions, as requested by the Human Resources Department. Award to Cornerstone OnDemand, Inc. in the amount of \$60,415.22. This firm is located in Santa Monica, CA. – *Approved*



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Funding Source: Program Management Office - Software Licenses (6218950-627510). The original budget amount is \$70,000.00.

9. Council is asked to approve the purchase of a 2020 Isuzu NRR 19,500 Gross Vehicle Weight Rating Chassis with 18' Landscaper Body, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to National Auto Fleet Group, using the Sourcewell Cooperative Contract in the amount of \$66,287.00. This vendor is located in Watsonville, CA. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Utilities Wastewater Management - Auto Trucks, Heavy Equipment Capital (5516205-658500). The original budget amount is \$66,287.00.

10. Council is asked to approve an Engineering Agreement for Project WM4484; Water Valve and Hydrant Survey, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Chao and Associates, a Local Business Enterprise, in the amount of \$759,761.71. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: 5516203-WM4484-638200. The original budget amount is \$500,000.00. Remaining funding will be allocated through the 2020-2021 O&M budget.

11. Ordinance No.: 2019-085 Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 11, Licenses, Permits and Miscellaneous Business Regulations, Article II, Contractors, Sec. 11-71, Permit, indemnification and insurance requirements for work affecting streets or other public property to add (e) Outdoor dining encroachments - *Commercial Corridor Redevelopment Program action item - First reading approval was given on November 25, 2019 – Approved on second reading.*
12. Ordinance No.: 2019-092 Granting an encroachment to Central Midlands Transit Authority – The COMET for the use of the right of way areas of the 1300 block of Bower Parkway adjacent to 350 Harbison Boulevard, 2300 block of Elmwood Avenue adjacent to 2325 Elmwood Avenue, and 5300 Block of Forest Drive adjacent to 5340 Forest Drive for the installation and maintenance of bus Shelters, Lexington County TMS#002898-01-031, and Richland County TMS#11505-05-01 and 16706-04-09 - *First reading approval was given on November 25, 2019 - Approved on second reading.*
13. Ordinance No.: 2019-095 Authorizing the City Manager to sign a lease between the City of Columbia and Columbia Dog Park, a South Carolina Charitable Organization for property located at 127 Humane Lane - *First reading approval was given on November 25, 2019 - Approved on second reading.*



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14. Ordinance No.: 2019-096 Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Eighth Amendment to Lease between the City of Columbia and Old Boy Properties, LLC for property consisting of 100± acres in Richland County, South Carolina being a portion of the property formerly owned by Columbia Venture, LLC and Sunday School, LLC - *First reading approval was given on November 25, 2019 - Approved on second reading.*
 15. Ordinance No.: 2019-098 amend Sec. 3-352 Definitions, Employer (Conviction-Wage History) - *First reading approval was given on November 25, 2019 - Approved on second reading.*
 16. Ordinance No.: 2019-099 Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 8, Environmental Health and Sanitation, Article II, Nuisances, Sec. 8-31 Nuisance - Definitions (b) Nuisances affecting public health - *First reading approval was given on November 25, 2019 - Approved on second reading.*
 17. Resolution No.: R-2019-100 Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at the Sola Station and Canal Side Sign Lighting Party at Canalside on Thursday, December 5, 2019 with a rain contingency date of Friday, December 6, 2019 - *Approved*

PRESENTATIONS

18. Support for the Representation of Women in Downtown Street Names, Markers, and Memorials - Dr. Chris Hass, Center for Inquiry

Mayor Benjamin said I was invited last year to discuss this issue with the children. It was the most compelling presentation that I have heard with a clear acknowledgement that we have never given women their due in helping build this incredible country, city, and state.

Little Miss Maya Samsonov-Segal, Center for Inquiry student said Columbia has only one street named after a woman. Lady Street is named after Martha Washington, but there are many others named after men. This is unfair because women deserve to be represented for what they've done as well. About 50% of people who live in Columbia are female but only 4% of the street names and landmarks are named for women. The other 96% are named after men. Our hope is that you will consider this when naming new streets or creating new landmarks.



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Little Miss Raleigh Green, Center for Inquiry student said we are going to share some women and some of the things they've done. One of them is Dr. Matilda Arabelle Evans. Dr. Evans graduated from the Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania in 1897. She is the first African American woman licensed to practice medicine in South Carolina. Nimrata Haley also known as Nikki Haley is an American diplomat, businesswoman, author, and politician who served as the United States Ambassador to the United Nations from January 2017 to December 2018. Niki Haley served in South Carolina as a state representative from 2005 to 2011 and as it's governor from 2001 to 2017. She is the first woman to become governor in South Carolina.

Little Miss Tiffany Irizarry, Center for Inquiry student said I will be sharing some women who should have streets named after them. Marian Wright Eldelman was the first black woman to [be admitted to the Mississippi bar].

Little Miss Kiersten Wright, Center for Inquiry student said this is important, because women should be recognized for the important things they've done just as much as men are. It's not just street signs and landmarks. In our class, we looked at the social studies history book that teaches us about South Carolina's history. We found that mostly white men get recognized for what they've done. Women and people of color are hardly in there. Our City needs to work harder to recognize the effort and accomplishments of everyone.

Mayor Benjamin said we've had some wonderful discussions at the City amongst staff and some of our community leaders that your students have served as the impetus of and expect that we will have some major announcements in the not too distant future because of it. We will make sure that you all are fully looped in and will participate.

Dr. Chris Hass, Center for Inquiry said we learned about a lot of women who deserve recognition as well. We had to go out of our way to learn those histories, because they aren't readily available to us. We are proud of the efforts the City of Columbia has taken to start addressing this, but we also know it is not far enough.

Mayor Benjamin said we work to support the City of Women and ColumbiaSC 63 financially. You can walk Main Street and look at the history of the Civil Rights movement in this state and the work of women like Sarah Mae Fleming. We've had amazing women help build this city from the very birth of the city in 1786. We look forward to taking on the challenge of these young people and making the overall goal of inclusion right for all of us prospectively.



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19. The Hunger Project - Dr. Tamara L. Burk, Director and Ms. Lauren Fleming, M.A., Program Manager / Center for Leadership & Social Change

Dr. Tamara L. Burk, Director of the Center for Leadership & Social Change at Columbia College said a few months ago we presented the idea of packaging 30,000 meals for our family in 29203. We had over 100 donors and donations ranging from \$5 to \$2,500. We raised all the money and spent it locally. Over 300 volunteers came to our campus and it was a wonderful event.

Ms. Lauren Fleming, M.A., Program Manager of the Center for Leadership & Social Change at Columbia College said on August 24th, we packaged 30,230 meals. Some were earmarked for local grassroots initiatives in 29203. The remainder of the packages went to the Richland One social work program for families along with a recipe card made by a chef in 29203. We want to show you a cool video of what happened that day.

Mayor Benjamin said Dr. Burk, the work that you've done at Columbia College and in North Columbia, has been transformational. We had a meeting with Joel Berg, CEO of Hunger Free America on utilizing the opposition as an early primary state to try and elevate the discussion around hunger and solid policy proposals. We want to make sure we loop you in. Lauren, you are beyond your years as a student. It has been awesome watching you grow into a dynamic young professional.

ORDINANCES - SECOND READING

20. Ordinance No.: 2019-107 Consenting to the Inclusion of Property in a Multi-County Industrial/Business Park (Huger Hospitality, LLC, portion of Richland County TMS #08912-13-02) - *Commercial Development Incentive Program - First reading approval was given on November 25, 2019 – Approved on second reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted [6 to 1] to give second reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2019-107 Consenting to the Inclusion of Property in a Multi-County Industrial/Business Park (Huger Hospitality, LLC, portion of Richland County TMS #08912-13-02). Voting aye were Mr. Rickenmann, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Duvall, Ms. Devine, Mr. Davis, and Mayor Benjamin. Mr. Baddourah voted nay.



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21. Ordinance No.: 2019-093 Consenting to the Inclusion of Property in a Multi-County Industrial/Business Park (Ballpark, LLC, 17.5 acres, Richland County TMS#11204-02-02, 11204-02-06, 11204-02-07 and 11204-02-42) - *Commercial Development Incentive Program - First reading approval was given on November 25, 2019 – Approved on second reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted [6 to 1] to give second reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2019-093 Consenting to the Inclusion of Property in a Multi-County Industrial/Business Park (Ballpark, LLC, 17.5 acres, Richland County TMS#11204-02-02, 11204-02-06, 11204-02-07 and 11204-02-42). Voting aye were Mr. Rickenmann, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Duvall, Ms. Devine, Mr. Davis, and Mayor Benjamin. Mr. Baddourah voted nay.

22. ANNEXATION, INTERIM COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP AMENDMENT, AND INTERIM ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 4.91 acres Woodcreek Farms Road and +/- 0.17 acres W/S Woodcreek Farms Road; TMS# 25800-03-47 and 25800-03-28 - *First reading approval was given on November 25, 2019 – Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2019-088 Annexing 4.91 acres, Woodcreek Farms Road and 0.17 acres W/S Woodcreek Farms Road, Richland County TMS# 25800-03-47 and 25800-03-28 into the Plan Columbia Land Use Plan Putting the Pieces Together adopted by Ordinance No.: 2015-014 on February 17, 2015- *First reading approval was given on November 25, 2019 – Approved on second reading.*

Council District: 4

Proposal: Request recommendation to annex, assign land use classification of Neighborhood Activity Corridor (AC-1) and assign zoning of Planned Unit Development - Residential District (PUD-R). The property is currently classified as Neighborhood (Medium Density) and zoned PDD by Richland County.

Applicant: PD Limited, LLC and Woodcreek Development, LLC

Staff Recommendation: Annex, Assign Interim Land Use and Interim Zoning
APPROVE

PC Recommendation: 10/07/2019; Assign Interim Land Use and Interim Zoning
Approval (7-0)



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Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to give second reading approval to the *Annexation, Interim Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment, and Interim Zoning Map Amendment* for 4.91 acres Woodcreek Farms Road and +/- 0.17 acres W/S Woodcreek Farms Road; TMS# 25800-03-47 and 25800-03-28 **and** Ordinance No.: 2019-088 Annexing 4.91 acres, Woodcreek Farms Road and 0.17 acres W/S Woodcreek Farms Road, Richland County TMS# 25800-03-47 and 25800-03-28 into the Plan Columbia Land Use Plan Putting the Pieces Together adopted by Ordinance No.: 2015-014 on February 17, 2015. Mayor Benjamin abstained from voting due to a potential conflict of interest.

23. ANNEXATION, INTERIM COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP AMENDMENT, AND INTERIM ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 118 Woodcreek Ridge Drive; TMS# 25716-02-03 - *First reading approval was given on November 25, 2019 – Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2019-090 Annexing 118 Woodcreek Ridge Drive, Richland County TMS# 25716-02-03 into the Plan Columbia Land Use Plan Putting the Pieces Together adopted by Ordinance No.: 2015-014 on February 17, 2015 - *First reading approval was given on November 25, 2019 – Approved on second reading.*

Council District: 4

Proposal: Request to annex, assign land use classification of Urban Edge Residential Large Lot (UER-2) and assign zoning of Development District (D-1). The property is currently classified as Neighborhood (Medium Density) and zoned Rural District (RU) by Richland County

Applicant: Cascata Development, LLC

Staff Recommendation: Annex, Assign Interim Land Use and Interim Zoning APPROVE

PC Recommendation: 10/07/2019; Assign Interim Land Use and Interim Zoning Approval (7-0)

Upon a motion made by Mr. Rickenmann and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to give second reading approval to the *Annexation, Interim Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment, and Interim Zoning Map Amendment* for 118 Woodcreek Ridge Drive; TMS# 25716-02-03 **and** Ordinance No.: 2019-090 Annexing 118 Woodcreek Ridge Drive, Richland County TMS# 25716-02-03 into the Plan Columbia Land Use Plan Putting the Pieces Together adopted by Ordinance No.: 2015-014 on February 17, 2015. Mayor Benjamin abstained from voting due to a potential conflict of interest.



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ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

24. Ordinance No.: 2019-103 Granting an Easement to South Carolina Electric & Gas Company n/k/a Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. (Dominion) Along a Portion of City-Owned Property Identified as Richland County TMS#17305-02-03 for gas services to the Farrow Pointe (Briercliff) Sanitary Sewer Lift Station; CF#250-65 & CF#288-11 – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2019-103 Granting an Easement to South Carolina Electric & Gas Company n/k/a Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. (Dominion) Along a Portion of City-Owned Property Identified as Richland County TMS#17305-02-03 for gas services to the Farrow Pointe (Briercliff) Sanitary Sewer Lift Station; CF#250-65 & CF#288-11.

25. Ordinance No.: 2019-104 Granting an Easement to South Carolina Electric & Gas Company n/k/a Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. (Dominion) Along a Portion of City-Owned Property Identified as Richland County TMS#11100-01-12 for gas services to The Retreat Sanitary Sewer Lift Station; CF#250-470 & CF#304-11 – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2019-104 Granting an Easement to South Carolina Electric & Gas Company n/k/a Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. (Dominion) Along a Portion of City-Owned Property Identified as Richland County TMS#11100-01-12 for gas services to The Retreat Sanitary Sewer Lift Station; CF#250-470 & CF#304-11.



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26. ANNEXATION, INTERIM COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP AMENDMENT, AND INTERIM ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 2.69 acres NW/S Clemson Road; TMS# 25705-07-36 – *Approved on first reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2019-100 Annexing 2.69 acres NW/S Clemson Road, Richland County TMS #25705-07-36 – *Approved on first reading.*

Council District: 4
Proposal: Request to annex, assign interim land use classification of Regional Activity Corridor (AC-3) and assign interim zoning of General Commercial District (C-3). The property is currently classified as Mixed Use Corridor and zoned General Commercial (GC) by Richland County.
Applicant: Gallion Group, Inc.
Staff Recommendation: Annex, Assign Interim Land Use and Interim Zoning APPROVE
PC Recommendation: 11/04/2019; Annex, Assign Interim Land Use & Interim Zoning Approval (6-0)

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the *Annexation, Interim Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment, and Interim Zoning Map Amendment* for 2.69 acres NW/S Clemson Road; TMS# 25705-07-36 **and** Ordinance No.: 2019-100 Annexing 2.69 acres NW/S Clemson Road, Richland County TMS #25705-07-36.



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27. ANNEXATION, INTERIM COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP AMENDMENT, AND INTERIM ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 8550 Farrow Road; TMS# 17104-05-01 – *Approved on first reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2019-101 Annexing 8550 Farrow Road, Richland County TMS #17104-05-01 – *Approved on first reading.*

Council District: 1
Proposal: Request to annex, assign interim land use classification of Community Activity Corridor (AC-2) and assign interim zoning of Light Industrial District (M-1). The property is currently classified as Economic Development Corridor and zoned Light Industrial (M-1) by Richland County.
Applicant: Pantry Express, LLC
Staff Recommendation: Annex, Assign Interim Land Use and Interim Zoning APPROVE
PC Recommendation: 11/04/2019; Annex, Assign Interim Land Use & Interim Zoning Approval (6-0)

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the *Annexation, Interim Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment, and Interim Zoning Map Amendment* for 8550 Farrow Road; TMS# 17104-05-01 **and** Ordinance No.: 2019-101 Annexing 8550 Farrow Road, Richland County TMS #17104-05-01.

28. Ordinance No.: 2019-097 Consenting to the Inclusion of Property in a Multi-County Industrial/Business Park (B-6 Benet Horger, LLC, portions of Richland County TMS #R09113-16-03 and TMS R11501-02-01) - *Commercial Development Incentive Program - First reading approval was given on December 3, 2019. – Approved on first reading as amended.*

Councilor Rickenmann said this isn't listed correctly. It was presented and passed first as the PD Bull Street Apartments, LLC. The tax maps and everything matches, but it is not the name we had on the original agenda nor has it been on any of the documents that passed through.

Ms. Kay Hampton, Deputy Director of Economic Development said it is a change in name requested by the developer. Everything else is the same. The owners are still the same.



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Councilor Rickenmann asked if we have confirmation that this is the same ownership group and everything. That LLC name pops up multiple times.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said we should have caught that. The staff has confirmed that it is the same.

Mayor Benjamin said we are taking first reading now and we want that confirmation articulated and written by their counsel as well.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted [6 to 1] to give first reading approval to amended Ordinance No.: 2019-097 Consenting to the Inclusion of Property in a Multi-County Industrial/Business Park (B-6 Benet Horger LLC, portions of Richland County TMS #R09113-16-03 and TMS R11501-02-01). Voting aye were Mr. Rickenmann, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Duvall, Ms. Devine, Mr. Davis, and Mayor Benjamin. Mr. Baddourah voted nay.

RESOLUTIONS

29. Resolution No.: R-2019-104 Authorizing acceptance and dedication of that portion of a street known as Germany Street from Barhamville Road (S40-224) to the existing City portion of Germany Street at Waites Road, located in the Edgewood neighborhood of the City of Columbia; Richland County TMS#11512-01-31, n/f Richland County School District One; CF#250-436 – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2019-104 Authorizing acceptance and dedication of that portion of a street known as Germany Street from Barhamville Road (S40-224) to the existing City portion of Germany Street at Waites Road, located in the Edgewood neighborhood of the City of Columbia; Richland County TMS#11512-01-31, n/f Richland County School District One; CF#250-436.

30. Resolution No.: R-2019-105 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Maintenance and Security Agreement between Richland County and the City of Columbia for Gills Creek Section A Greenway – *Approved*

Councilor Rickenmann asked if we've identified the funding source. They provided the budget. Is it general fund money?



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Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said yes.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2019-105 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Maintenance and Security Agreement between Richland County and the City of Columbia for Gills Creek Section A Greenway.

OTHER MATTERS

31. Council is asked to approve a request for funding from Experience Columbia, as requested by The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin.

Mayor Benjamin said we made an obligation five years ago to fund the Watch Tower event prospectively for five years. We are not obligated for the last two years. Watch Tower is \$50,000. The annual contribution to the Miss South Carolina Pageant is for \$25,000. The first time the NAACP hosted their convention here in 20 years, post-boycott left us with a liability of \$49,800. The motion is to appropriate surplus hospitality tax funding in those respective amounts.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to appropriate surplus Hospitality Tax funding in the amounts of \$50,000 for Watchtower, \$25,000 for the Miss South Carolina Pageant 2019, and \$49,800 for the NAACP Regional Convention hosted in April 2019, totaling \$124,800. All approved items will require the submission of receipts and eligible expenditures prior to funding being distributed.

32. Council is asked to approve the Proposed Meeting Schedule for 2020.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve the Proposed Meeting Schedule for 2020 as amended to remove July 7, 2020 from the meeting schedule.

APPOINTMENTS

33. Climate Protection Action Committee

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mayor Benjamin, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Ms. Gretchen Lambert and Mr. Marty White to the Climate Protection Action Committee for a three-year term.



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34. Design Development Review Commission

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Mr. Sanford Dinkins to the planner position on the Design Development Review Commission for a term of three years and defer consideration of the remaining vacancy.

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS DISCUSSED DURING THE WORK SESSION

No matters were considered at this time.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS/REFERRALS

No reports or referrals were made at this time.

APPEARANCE OF THE PUBLIC

No one appeared at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Moore, CMC
City Clerk