



COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The Columbia City Council conducted a regular meeting on Tuesday, December 3, 2024 at City Hall (Council Chambers), 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201. The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor called the meeting to order at 4:20 p.m. and the following members were present: The Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr., The Honorable Will Brennan, Mayor Pro-Tem, The Honorable Aditi Bussells, The Honorable Tina N. Herbert, The Honorable Peter M. Brown, and The Honorable Tyler D. Bailey. 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 Ms. Herbert, Council voted unanimously to approve the adoption of the agenda, as presented.

PUBLIC INPUT

Ms. Diane Wiley spoke in opposition to **Item 23** (*Zoning Map Amendment for 3201 Two Notch Road and a portion of 3215 Two Road*). She expressed concerns with the oversaturation of car dealerships in the area and a desire for other types of businesses.

There was discussion about potential project outcomes; alternative developments; and caring for the community.

Mr. James Fenner expressed appreciation for City Council's consideration of his ideas from the last meeting: transferability of visitor permits and matching enforcement hours in both the Main Street corridor and the Vista. He also inquired about the lack of parking meters in the 1600 block of Main Street.



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Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager explained that there was a pilot program in place as those businesses were just getting started. With this new ordinance and moving towards more consistency, that block will be treated the same.

Ms. Sarah Simmons expressed her support for the parking ordinance but suggested postponing the original January 1 start date. She recommended implementing it in the second quarter to allow businesses to recover after the holiday season. She emphasized the need for both a density and elasticity study while gathering data.

Mayor Rickenmann said I have spoken with fellow mayors about methods for a smoother transition and as a result of those discussions, we will recommend a start date of March 1. This will allow us the necessary time to arrange the new signage, equipment, and everything else needed for a seamless transition.

Ms. Lee Chamberlain expressed concerns about the rise in parking tickets rates and asked for support for business owners with empty lots.

Mayor Rickenmann discussed efforts where business associations partner with property owners to revitalize areas. He highlighted the underutilization of parking during nights and weekends and emphasized the need for better communication about available spaces. He stressed investing in the parking system to support downtown growth, with the goal of attracting more residents and visitors.

Councilor Brown emphasized the importance of the feedback received throughout the process, particularly regarding parking costs. He suggested that by considering the overall parking needs and working with individual businesses, they can help save money for businesses in the Vista area.

Ms. Abby Anderson, Executive Director/Congaree Vista Guild expressed concerns about the impact of extended parking enforcement on Vista businesses, noting that over 40 businesses have closed since 2019. She recommended further study to better understand the potential impact on local businesses.

Mayor Rickenmann explained that in his discussions with mayors from other municipalities, those areas saw turnover rather than a decrease in business. Employee parking is crucial. Foot traffic will continue to increase due to the area's central location for events. Parking enforcement on Saturdays, which would allow free parking during peak times. The 90-day waiting period allows for better communication and collaboration to ensure the new parking policies benefit both businesses and visitors.



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Ms. Mary Sparrow thanked the Mayor and City Council for the progress made in the parking discussions since the last meeting. She raised concerns about the perception of safety in downtown parking areas and emphasized the need for clear communication about available parking for students and employees.

Ms. Rosy Craig expressed concerns about communication, noting that the Vista's merchants did not receive the promised survey before or after Thanksgiving. She pointed out that the data shared included detailed information for Main Street but lacked similar details for the Vista. She also requested clarification on the number of parking spots and their contributions in the Vista.

Councilor Brown requested a citywide survey for businesses to gather data on the number of employees they have and where those employees currently park.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager explained that preliminary information had been shared as part of the decision-making process. Following the discussion to delay implementation until March, the City would now proceed with sending out the survey. She noted that Greg Williams, Business Liaison along with Parking Services staff had visited nearly every business in the hospitality districts to gather data, which is now available.

Mr. Stephen Munion requested clarification about the \$35/month hospitality parking.

Mayor Rickenmann deferred his question to Parking Services staff.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Council is asked to approve the November 19, 2024 City Council Meeting Minutes - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to approve the November 19, 2024 City Council Meeting Minutes.

AGENDA ITEMS 2 THROUGH 16

Upon a single motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Ms. Herbert, Council voted unanimously to approve **Consent Agenda Items 2 through 16.**



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2. Council is asked to approve a new Sole Source Contract for two (2) Inflatable Rescue Boats, as requested by the Columbia Fire Department on November 15, 2024. Award to River Ridge Ventures, LLC, in the amount of \$62,033.00. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon issuance of a Notice to Proceed with an end date of June 30, 2025, with the option to renew for one (1) additional one-year period. This vendor is located in Haysville, KS. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Homeland Security Grant Control - SCTF-5-REG. Urban/Collapse SRT - Special Departmental Supplies (2549999-CFD0000025-627100). The original budget amount is \$62,033.00.

3. Council is asked to approve a new Construction Contract for Project # CP901501; Addition of Firearms Training Building, as requested by the Columbia Police Department on September 24, 2024. Award to Cutting Edge Design and Contracting-SC, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$442,750.00, which includes contingency. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed with an end date two hundred fourteen (214) days from commencement. This contractor is located in Columbia, SC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: General Capital Projects - Police Station Renovations - Capital Project Costs (4039999 - CP901501 - 658650). The original budget amount is \$442,750.00.

Cutting Edge Design and Contracting-SC, Inc., is the prime contractor and will provide building services at 50.65% (\$195,000.00) of the total contract amount.

The following subcontractors/suppliers will provide the following services/supplies:

Mill Stream Millworks, located in Lexington, SC, will provide interior finishes, millwork, cabinetry and framing services at 38.44% (\$148,000.00) of the total contract amount.

Airport HVAC, located in West Columbia, SC, will provide heating and air conditioning services at 8.31% (\$32,000.00) of the total contract amount.

Gene Branham Concrete Finishing, located in Lugoff, SC, will provide foundation services at 2.60% (\$10,000.00) of the total contract amount.



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4. Council is asked to approve a new Professional Services Contract for Engineering Construction Inspection Services, as requested by Columbia Water on November 11, 2024. Award to Carper Civil Consulting, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$146,370.00. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon issuance of a Notice to Proceed with an end date two (2) years from commencement and the option to renew for two (2) additional one-year periods. This firm is located in Wando, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Engineering Water Systems Improvement - Special Contracts Water/Sewer/Stormwater (5516220-638305) \$146,370.00. The original budget amount is \$146,370.00.

This is a Mentor Protégé Program Protégé Only project. Carper Civil Consulting, LLC is the approved protégé and will provide 100% of the services.

5. Council is asked to approve Contract Amendment #1 to an Indefinite Delivery Contract; Asphalt and Concrete Repair and Restoration, as requested by Columbia Water on November 8, 2024. Award to CR Jackson, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00. The current term of the contract ends on June 30, 2025. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Engineering - Water System Improvements - Special Projects (5516220 - 6385500). The original budget amount is \$600,000.00. The budget amount for this amendment is \$300,000.00. The revised budget amount is \$900,000.00

6. Council is asked to approve a new Contract for Project SD8448; Portobello Road Wall Extension and Repair, as requested by Columbia Water on September 26, 2024. Award to Construction Resource Group, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$305,560.00, which includes contingency. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed with an end date one hundred five (105) days from commencement. This contractor is located in Union, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Storm Water Improvement Capital Project Control - Portobello Road Wall Extension - Capital Project Costs (5549999-SD844801-658650). The original budget amount is \$305,560.00.



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This is a Columbia Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (CDBE) program project with a 12% CDBE goal. The CDBE Goal is currently being met at 12%.

Construction Resource Group, Inc. is the prime contractor and will provide concrete retaining wall services at 88.00% (\$224,077.33) of the total contract amount.

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

Cruz Landscaping & Concrete, LLC, a Minority Business Enterprise and a CDBE located in Columbia, SC, will provide concrete installation services at 12.00% (\$30,556.00) of the total contract amount.

7. Council is asked to approve Contract Amendment #2 for Project SD8450; Stormwater Program Management Services, as requested by Columbia Water on November 5, 2024. Award to Woolpert, Incorporated, in an amount not to exceed \$1,630,000.00. The current term of the contract ends on October 24, 2024 and this amendment extends the contract to December 31, 2025. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Stormwater Improvements Capital Projects Control - Project Management Bond Project - Capital Project Costs (5549999-SD845001-658650). The current budget amount is \$3,988,000.00. The budget amount for this amendment is \$1,630,000.00. The revised budget amount is \$5,618,000.00.

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 percentage is 14.97% 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 85.03% (\$1,386,000.00) of the amendment amount.

The following subconsultants will provide additional services:

Chao & Associates, a Minority Business Enterprise and a CDBE, will provide engineering, inventory, and mapping services at 8.59% (\$140,000.00) of the amendment amount.

PJ Noble & Associates, a Minority Business Enterprise and a CDBE, will schedule public meetings and outreach, easement/right of way and construction management services at 6.13% (\$100,000.00) of the amendment amount.

Southern Commercial Development, a Minority Business Enterprise (W) and a DBE, will provide traffic control at 0.25% (\$4,000.00) of the amendment amount.



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8. Ordinance No.: 2024-076 - Granting an encroachment to Jake's of Columbia for the use of the right of way area of the 2100 block of Devine Street for the installation and maintenance of concrete pavers adjacent to 2112 Devine Street, Richland County TMS# 11312-15-03 – *Approved on second reading.*

First reading approval was given on November 19, 2024.

9. Ordinance No.: 2024-079 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Contract of Sale between the City of Columbia and Grommet LLC for the sale of approximately 0.61 acres being known as 2725 Main Street, Richland County TMS #R09110-12-02 – *Approved on second reading.*

Endorsed by the Economic Development & Infrastructure Committee on September 24, 2024.

First reading approval was given on November 19, 2024.

10. Ordinance No.: 2024-084 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 15, Parks and Recreation, Sec. 15-1 Prohibited acts in parks and Sec. 15-4 Hours of operation - *Approved on second reading.*

Amended to add Page Ellington Park and Busby Street Community Center to the list of parks that allow consumption of beer and wine only.

First reading approval was given on November 19, 2024.

11. Ordinance No.: 2024-088 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 8, Environmental Health and Sanitation, Article VII, Weeds and Debris, Sec. 8-301, et seq. – *Approved on second reading.*

Endorsed by the Health, Social and Environmental Affairs Committee on October 22, 2024.

First reading approval was given on November 19, 2024.

12. Ordinance No.: 2024-093 - Amending Ordinance 2023-041 Consenting to the Inclusion of Property in a Multi-County Industrial/Business Park (2019 Bull Street Owner, LLC, Richland County TMS # R09016-07-01) – *Approved on second reading.*



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13. Ordinance No.: 2024-094 - Authorizing the City of Columbia to execute and deliver an Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement in the amount of not exceeding \$15,000,000 between the City and the Lessor thereof to defray the cost of acquiring certain equipment; and other matters relating thereto – *Approved on second reading.*

First reading approval was given on November 19, 2024.

14. ANNEXATION, FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 0.73 acre Part of Lot A, 2.268 acre Part of Lot 11, and Lot 10 Skyland Terrace Subdivision (Elwyn Lane), TMS# 09004-02-03, 09004-02-04, and 09004-02-05 – *Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2024-091 - Annexing 0.73 acre Part of Lot A, 2.268 acre Part of Lot 11, and Lot 10 Skyland Terrace Subdivision (Elwyn Lane), Richland County TMS # 09004-02-03, 09004-02-04, and 09004-02-05 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map – Approved on second reading.

Council District: 2

Proposal: Request to annex the property, assign the land use classification of Urban Edge Mixed Residential (UEMR) and assign of zoning of Residential Mixed District (RM-2), portions within the Floodplain Overlay District (OV-FP) and Floodway Overlay District (OV-FW). The property is currently classified as Mixed Residential (High Density) and zoned Residential 2 (R2) and Residential Transition (RT) by Richland County.

Applicant: Cottrell Holdings, LLC

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 10/10/2024; Approval (6-0)

First reading approval was given on November 19, 2024.

15. ANNEXATION, FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 6709 David Street, TMS# 14305-17-06 – *Approved on second reading.*



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Ordinance No.: 2024-090- Annexing 6709 David Street, Richland County TMS # 14305-17-06 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map – Approved on second reading.

Council District: 1

Proposal: Request to annex the property, assign the land use classification of Urban Edge Residential Small Lot (UER-1) and assign of zoning of Residential Single Family Medium Lot (RSF-2). The property is currently classified as Mixed Residential (High Density) and zoned Residential 4 (R4) by Richland County.

Applicant: Northminster United Presbyterian Church

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 10/10/2024; Approval (6-0)

First reading was given on November 19, 2024.

16. **ANNEXATION, FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 3516 and 3528 Broad River Road, TMS# 06110-03-07 – *Approved on second reading.***

Ordinance No.: 2024-092 - Annexing 3516 and 3528 Broad River Road, Richland County TMS # 06110-03-07 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map – Approved on second reading.

Council District: 1

Proposal: Request to annex the property, assign the land use classification of Urban Edge Mixed Residential (UEMR) and assign zoning of Community Activity Center/Corridor District (CAC). The property is currently classified as Mixed Use Corridor and zoned General Commercial (GC) by Richland County.

Applicant: Hopelight, LLC

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 10/10/2024; Approval (6-0)

First reading approval was given on November 19, 2024.



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CONSIDERATION OF BIDS, CONTRACTS AND CHANGE ORDERS

17. Council is asked to approve a new Contract for Professional Services for treatment, prevention, training, and research to combat the opioid epidemic, as requested by the Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (formerly known as the Office of Violent Crime Prevention) on November 20, 2024. Award to The Courage Center in an amount not to exceed \$133,760.00. The initial term of the agreement is October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: South Carolina Opioid Recovery Fund- 2024 SCORF Project-Award # COLCTY100124 in the total amount of \$509,024.00. Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement - Professional Services (2209999-636600). The original budget amount is \$133,760.00.

18. Council is asked to approve a new Contract for Professional Services for treatment, prevention, training, and research to combat the opioid epidemic, as requested by the Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (formerly known as the Office of Violent Crime Prevention) on November 20, 2024. Award to A Second Chance Resource Center Network United, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$285,264.00. The initial term of the agreement is October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: South Carolina Opioid Recovery Fund- 2024 SCORF Project-Award # COLCTY100124 in the total amount of \$509,024.00. Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement - Professional Services (2209999-636600). The original budget amount is \$285,264.00.

Dr. Trevon Fordham, Director/Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement explained that the South Carolina Opioid Recovery Fund (SCORF) was established to manage and distribute opioid recovery funds in alignment with settlement agreements aiming to address the opioid epidemic's impact in the state. We received a grant of \$509,024.00 from the guaranteed political subdivision category to fund various approved initiatives, including opioid overdose reversal medications, treatment expansion, warm handoff programs, prevention efforts, data collection, and staff training. Both the Courage Place and A Second Chance were selected as partners because they were already doing work with SCORF.

Upon a single motion made by Ms. Herbert and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to approve **Items 17** and **18**.



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Dr. Bussells expressed appreciation for the discussion around the SCORF application and emphasized the importance of connecting community factors like safety and violence prevention. Addressing opioid addiction is not just about increasing access to Narcan, but about taking a broader approach that incorporates the social determinants of health. I hope that the work being done would serve as a model for other municipalities and I look forward to hearing about the success of the project.

Councilor Herbert said that everyone needed to hear that presentation, as a part of the many things that the City is doing. With this office, we're able to impact people's lives by finding the funding and giving it to the organization that need it.

19. Council is asked to approve Contract Amendment #2 for Project SS7644; Consent Decree and Capital Improvements Program Management Professional Services, as requested by Columbia Water on October 25, 2024. Award to CDM Smith, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$3,900,000.00. The current term of the contract ends on April 25, 2025 and this amendment extends the contract to December 31, 2025. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Water and Sewer Capital Projects - Consent Decree Program Management - Capital Projects Cost (552999-SS7644-658650). The current budget amount is \$3,950,000.00. The budget amount for this amendment is \$3,900,000.00. The revised budget amount is \$7,850,000.00.

This is a CleanWater 2020 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 as requested miscellaneous consent decree services at 79.50% (\$3,100,500.00) 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 2.64% (\$103,076.60) of the amendment amount.

Blue Cypress Consulting, LLC, a Minority Business Enterprise (W) located in Decatur, GA, will provide review of existing data to evolve the inspection/cleaning program to reduce sanitary sewer overflow at 0.17% (\$6,619.58) of the amendment amount.

Comprehensive Business Consultants, a Minority Business Enterprise (W) located in Columbia, SC, will provide project management oversight at 7.81% (\$304,740.80) of the amendment amount.



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DESA Inc., a Minority Business Enterprise (W) located in Columbia, SC, will provide document controls support and public outreach assistance services at 5.21% (\$202,972.20) 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, CSAP Plan maintenance, CMMS maintenance, and asset management processes at 4.67% (\$182,090.82) of the amendment amount.

Mr. Clint Shealy, P.E., Assistant City Manager/Columbia Water shared that we are continuing to fulfill our requirement for the EPA Consent Decree to improve the city's wastewater collection systems. This is the second year of the new agreement and the thirteenth year that we've been engaged with this team. They have helped us with negotiating time extensions and maintaining compliance with 50 major capital improvement projects. Over 20% of the contract value will be allocated to local disadvantaged business enterprise subcontractors, which is an important aspect of the project.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to approve Contract Amendment #2 for Project SS7644; Consent Decree and Capital Improvements Program Management Professional Services, as requested by Columbia Water on October 25, 2024. Award to CDM Smith, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$3,900,000.00. The current term of the contract ends on April 25, 2025 and this amendment extends the contract to December 31, 2025. This firm is located in Columbia, SC.

20. Council is asked to approve Project WM4549; City of Columbia Resilient Water Supply and Renewal of Grant Management Services. Award to the following firms in the total amount of \$66,130,308.00. – *Approved*

Item	Vendor & Location	Description & Term	Amount
a.	Ruby-Collins, Inc. Smyrna, GA	Project WM4549; City of Columbia Resilient Water Supply Project, as requested on March 26, 2024. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed with an end date nine hundred fourteen (914) days from commencement.	\$63,841,015.00
<i>Ruby-Collins, Inc. is the prime and will be providing construction services at 97.58% (\$60,349,063.00) of the contract amount. The following subcontractors will provide additional services:</i>			
<i>Lindlers Construction of South Carolina, LLC, a Minority Business Enterprise (W), located in Newberry,</i>			



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SC, will provide hauling services at 0.61% (\$374,734.00) of the total contract amount.
CITI, Inc., located in Charlotte, NC, will provide Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) services at 0.97% (\$598,350.00) of the total contract amount.

Engineered Systems, Inc., located in Duncan, SC, will provide bridge crane services at 0.68% (\$422,838.00) of the total contract amount.

The Sharon Company, Inc. a Minority Business Enterprise (W), located in Lexington, SC, will provide guardrail services at 0.05% (\$28,959.00) of the total contract amount.

Three Oaks Engineering, Inc., located in Durham, NC, will provide mussel relocation services at 0.05% (\$28,296.00) of the total contract amount.

Chao & Associates, Inc. a Minority Business Enterprise, located in Columbia, SC, will provide surveying services at 0.06% (\$38,775.00) of the total contract amount.

Funding Source: FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Grant (\$32,635,784) and Water and Sewer Fund Capital Improvement Program (\$31,205,231) - Professional Services for Capital Projects (5589999-658560) \$63,841,015.00.

b.	Landmark Consulting, LLC New Orleans, LA	Renewal of Grant Management Services associated with the FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure & Communities grant and City's continuation of FEMA associated grant programs, as requested on November 18, 2024. The term of the agreement is January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.	\$2,289,293.00
Funding Source: Flood Recovery Program Management - 2015 October Flood Recovery (2531116-638400); Flood Recovery Program Management - Coronavirus Services (2531116-638412). The budget amount is \$2,289,293.00.			
Total			\$66,130,308.00

Mr. Clint Shealy, P.E., Assistant City Manager/Columbia Water provided an update on the ongoing Canal recovery process, highlighting an important step in securing the water supply for over 200,000 residents in Southeast Columbia. He explained that the City has been considering a new water intake project since the 1950s, with more recent efforts gaining traction after the October 2015 flood. The project is partially funded by a \$32.6 million FEMA resilience grant and aims to build an independent intake system to ensure a reliable water supply even during seismic or flood events. This addition of redundancy and resilience is critical to the recovery process and will help protect the city's water supply in future disasters. The project will support green energy generation through hydroelectric power contributing to a more sustainable water treatment system.



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Mayor Rickenmann highlighted the recent infrastructure improvements including upgrades to the head gates and the extension of the Lake Murray Water Treatment Plant. These enhancements ensure greater resilience during extreme weather events.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to approve Project WM4549; City of Columbia Resilient Water Supply and Renewal of Grant Management Services. Award to the following firms in the total amount of \$66,130,308.00.

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<i>Lindlers Construction of South Carolina, LLC, a Minority Business Enterprise (W), located in Newberry, SC, will provide hauling services at 0.61% (\$374,734.00) of the total contract amount.</i>			
<i>CITI, Inc., located in Charlotte, NC, will provide Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) services at 0.97% (\$598,350.00) of the total contract amount.</i>			
<i>Engineered Systems, Inc., located in Duncan, SC, will provide bridge crane services at 0.68% (\$422,838.00) of the total contract amount.</i>			
<i>The Sharon Company, Inc. a Minority Business Enterprise (W), located in Lexington, SC, will provide guardrail services at 0.05% (\$28,959.00) of the total contract amount.</i>			
<i>Three Oaks Engineering, Inc., located in Durham, NC, will provide mussel relocation services at 0.05% (\$28,296.00) of the total contract amount.</i>			
<i>Chao & Associates, Inc. a Minority Business Enterprise, located in Columbia, SC, will provide surveying services at 0.06% (\$38,775.00) of the total contract amount.</i>			
<i>Funding Source: FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Grant (\$32,635,784) and Water and Sewer Fund Capital Improvement Program (\$31,205,231) - Professional Services for Capital Projects (5589999-658560) \$63,841,015.00.</i>			
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		associated grant programs, as requested on November 18, 2024. The term of the agreement is January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.	
<i>Funding Source: Flood Recovery Program Management - 2015 October Flood Recovery (2531116-638400); Flood Recovery Program Management - Coronavirus Services (2531116-638412). The budget amount is \$2,289,293.00.</i>			
Total			\$66,130,308.00

ORDINANCES - SECOND READING

21. Ordinance No.: 2024-039 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 12, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article II, Stopping, Standing and Parking, Division 1, Generally, Sec. 12-51, Use of Loading Zones, Sec. 12-53, Immobilization and Impoundment of Vehicles, Division 2, Parking Meter Zones, Sec. 12-72, Location and Operation of Meters, Sec. 12-75, Deposit of Payment, Sec 12-79, Violations; citations; penalty, Sec. 12-81, Exemptions, Division 3, Residential Permit Parking Districts, Sec. 12-111, Permit Fees, Sec. 12-115, Appeals, Division 4, Valet Parking, Sec. 12-121, Definitions, Sec. 12-123, Process for Permits and Renewals, Sec. 12-125, Operating Requirements, Sec. 12-126, Penalties, Sec. 12-127, Grounds for Revocation and Denial, Sec. 12-130, Conformance with Applicable Laws, Sec. 12-131, Conditions Imposed on Permit and Article IV, Garages and City Owned Parking Facilities, Sec. 12-150, Fees – *Approved on second reading.*

A public hearing was held on October 15, 2024 and the ordinance was approved on first reading. The ordinance was subsequently revised and resubmitted for a second public hearing that was held on November 19, 2024. The revised ordinance was approved on first reading.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Rickenmann and seconded by Mr. Bailey, Council voted [6 to 1] to give second reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2024-039 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 12, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article II, Stopping, Standing and Parking, Division 1, Generally, Sec. 12-51, Use of Loading Zones, Sec. 12-53, Immobilization and Impoundment of Vehicles, Division 2, Parking Meter Zones, Sec. 12-72, Location and Operation of Meters, Sec. 12-75, Deposit of Payment, Sec 12-79, Violations; citations; penalty, Sec. 12-81, Exemptions, Division 3, Residential Permit Parking Districts, Sec. 12-111, Permit Fees, Sec. 12-115, Appeals, Division 4, Valet Parking, Sec. 12-121, Definitions, Sec. 12-123, Process for Permits and Renewals, Sec. 12-125, Operating Requirements, Sec. 12-126, Penalties, Sec. 12-



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127, Grounds for Revocation and Denial, Sec. 12-130, Conformance with Applicable Laws, Sec. 12-131, Conditions Imposed on Permit and Article IV, Garages and City Owned Parking Facilities, Sec. 12-150, Fees, as amended. Mr. Bailey, Mr. Brown, Ms. Herbert, Mr. Brennan, and Mr. McDowell, and Mayor Rickenmann voted aye. Dr. Bussells voted nay.

- Amend the start date to March 1, 2025 or later and subject to us being able to get all of the information, do all the work that we want to get done, and communicating with our residents.
- Establish a two week grace period whereby violations are issued at no cost.
- Remove Saturday enforcement across the City of Columbia with the exception of Five Points, as requested by the Five Points Association.
- Develop a work permit for employees unless the employer wants to sponsor parking.
- Develop communications with the City's Public Relations Department to address areas with free parking, nightly parking, and open garages.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager expressed gratitude to the staff in Parking services, Finance, and other city departments for their team effort and thanked the City Council for their leadership and community engagement. She asked attendees to look under their seats for red and green envelopes containing parking-related gifts.

Ms. Elle Matney, Director of Parking Services announced that the contents of the envelopes included a \$20 smart card for parking meters, \$20 in credits for the Passport Parking app, and \$20 in credits for the new Luke and Cosmo parking machines. These credits do not expire and can be used to familiarize residents with the new parking infrastructure.

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

22. Ordinance No.: 2024 - 097 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 5, Buildings and Building Regulations, Article III, Building Permits, to add Sec. 5-205. – Repurposed Modular Building Units – *Approved on first reading.*



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Ms. Regina Williams, Booker Washington Heights spoke in favor of the ordinance and thanked the City Council and Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager for their prompt action in addressing the portable home situation in the neighborhood. The Booker Washington Heights neighborhood appreciates the recognition of our efforts to preserve our historical district. Seeing the area cleaned up gives me hope that positive changes are on the way.

Mayor Rickenmann highlighted the strong sense of community and commitment to progress in the city, noting that the ongoing efforts in neighborhood revitalization are making a significant impact. He referenced investments like those in the Sarah Nance Community Center and the Bellfield Cultural Arts Center, as well as continued cleanup initiatives and community marches.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager expressed gratitude for City Council's diligence on housing efforts and the Columbia Police Department's lessons on crime prevention through environmental design. These efforts will be replicated throughout the City in challenged neighborhoods.

Councilman McDowell expressed gratitude for the collaborative efforts that led to the success of recent initiatives, acknowledging that the community worked together under strong leadership.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2024 - 097 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 5, Buildings and Building Regulations, Article III, Building Permits, to add Sec. 5-205. – Repurposed Modular Building Units, subject to amending Sec. 5-205 to read: Repurposed modular building units intended for residential use are prohibited and shall not be granted building permits or allowed placement within City limits. A repurposed modular building unit shall be defined as any building of closed construction, regardless of type of construction or occupancy classification other than a mobile or manufactured home (which are also not permitted in City limits), that was originally constructed off-site in accordance with the applicable codes, installed or erected at a primary site, but has been or will be transported and installed to a point of use other than the original installation point.



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ZONING / PLANNING MATTERS - FIRST READING

23. ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 3201 Two Notch Road and a portion of 3215 Two Notch Road, TMS# 11614-06-21 and 11614-06-18 (p/o) – *Deferred*

Ordinance No.: 2024-086 - Amending the Official Zoning Map to modify the zoning for 3201 and a portion of 3215 Two Notch Road, Richland County TMS# 11614-06-21 and TMS# 11614-06-18(p/o) - Deferred

Council District: 2

Proposal: Request recommendation to rezone the property from Community Activity Center/Corridor District (CAC) to General Commercial District (GC).

Applicant: Stephen Nuttall

Staff Recommendation: Denial

PC Recommendation: 10/10/2024; Approval (4-2)

The public hearing was held on November 19, 2024 and first reading was deferred.

Ms. Krista Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services explained that the recommendation for denial was based on the City's land use plan, which is a policy document adopted by City Council as part of the comprehensive plan. She explained that the plan does not support the general commercial district designation for the area in question. It has been a long-standing policy of the City Council to avoid promoting increased commercial development adjacent to residential neighborhoods. Although the area is currently zoned for commercial use, it is at a lower intensity (mixed use district), and the proposed general commercial designation would increase the intensity. The recommendation to deny aligns with City Council's broader policy goals.

Councilor Herbert inquired about next steps if the item were to be denied. She also asked what would happen if the concept were modified and about the types of businesses allowed within the proposed district under the current zoning.

Ms. Krista Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services said the applicant can reapply after 12 months. When approving a rezoning, the concept is irrelevant because they can establish any use that is permitted within that district. The business in question involves personal vehicle sales, which is not permitted in the current zoning district. While vehicle repair is allowed, there are specific



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conditions that would prohibit vehicles from being left on the lot, making vehicle sales incompatible with the current zoning regulations.

Councilor Brennan requested that staff from the Office of Business Opportunities and Economic Development Department prioritize assisting the property owner in identifying a business that would better align with the needs of the community and fit within the existing zoning and land use policies.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to defer the Zoning Map Amendment for 3201 Two Notch Road and a portion of 3215 Two Notch Road, TMS# 11614-06-21 and 11614-06-18 (p/o) **and** Ordinance No.: 2024-086 - Amending the Official Zoning Map to modify the zoning for 3201 and a portion of 3215 Two Notch Road, Richland County TMS# 11614-06-21 and TMS# 11614-06-18(p/o), to allow the applicant and others to work together to find another use.

RESOLUTIONS

24. Resolution No.: R-2024-090 - Release and Abandonment of Right of Way and Termination of an Existing 50' Easement along a portion of Richland County TMS #R16316-02-01 and TMS#R16316-02-05 – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Brown, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2024-090 - Release and Abandonment of Right of Way and Termination of an Existing 50' Easement along a portion of Richland County TMS #R16316-02-01 and TMS#R16316-02-05.

EVENT RESOLUTIONS

25. Resolution No.: R-2024-086 - Authorizing consumption of beer, wine and liquor at the Main Street Latin Festival in the 1300 and 1400 blocks of Main Street between Hampton Street and Lady Street, and the 1100 block of Washington Street between Assembly Street and Main Street on August 23, 2025 with a rain date contingency of August 30, 2025 – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Mayor Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2024-086 - Authorizing consumption of beer, wine and liquor at the Main Street Latin Festival in the 1300 and 1400 blocks of Main Street between Hampton Street and Lady Street, and the



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1100 block of Washington Street between Assembly Street and Main Street on August 23, 2025 with a rain date contingency of August 30, 2025.

OTHER MATTERS

26. Council is asked to approve the installation of a three way stop at Lincoln Street and Senate Street, as requested by the Public Works Department. – *Approved*

Both the Columbia Fire Department and Columbia Police Department approved this request.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Bailey, Council voted unanimously to approve the installation of a three way stop at Lincoln Street and Senate Street, as requested by the Public Works Department.

27. Council is asked to approve the installation of a four way stop at Pendleton Street and Gregg Street within the University Hill Neighborhood, as requested by the Public Works Department. – *Approved*

Both the Columbia Fire Department and Columbia Police Department approved this request.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to approve the installation of a four way stop at Pendleton Street and Gregg Street within the University Hill Neighborhood, as requested by the Public Works Department.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REFERRALS, REPORTS, AND NEW BUSINESS

Upon a motion made by Ms. Herbert and seconded by Mr. Brennan, Council voted unanimously to refer the applicability of modular homes in community development [revitalization] to the Community Development Committee.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Wade Fulmer expressed concerns about numerous nuisance complaints related to excessive dog barking.



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Mr. Donald McInnes thanked City Council and the City Attorney's Office for their assistance with **Item 11** (*Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 8, Environmental Health and Sanitation, Article VII, Weeds and Debris, Sec. 8-301, et seq*). The original ordinance contained conflicting language, which made it easy to receive a ticket.

Mayor Rickenmann thanked everyone for bringing the issue to their attention and giving them time to address it.

Ms. Lee Lumpkin highlighted the work of the Columbia Classical Ballet and its mission to provide underserved communities with access to ballet performances at reduced prices. She also expressed concerns regarding the recent adjustments made to the hospitality taxes allocated to the ballet company.

Mr. Antwan Harris, Public Affairs Specialist for the United States Small Business Administration presented opportunities for collaboration with FEMA in disaster recovery efforts.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Erika D. Moore Hammond, CMC
City Clerk