



**COLUMBIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

The Columbia Economic Development & Infrastructure Committee conducted a meeting on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at City Hall (Mayor's Conference Room), 1737 Main Street, 2nd Floor, Columbia, SC 29201. The Honorable Peter M. Brown, Chair called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Peter M. Brown	Chair	Present
Will Brennan	Member	Present
Aditi Bussells	Member	Present

Upon a motion made by Dr. Bussells and seconded by Mr. Brennan, Council voted unanimously to amend the agenda subject to the following: add discussion of **Item 3** - Stormwater Fees on Annexed Property to Executive Session **Item 4** and add discussion of the employment pursuant to S.C Code 30-4-70 (a)(1) - Economic Development Department to Executive Session.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. January 16, 2024 Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes

Upon a motion made by Dr. Bussells and seconded by Mr. Brennan, the committee voted unanimously to approve the January 16, 2024 Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

2. Columbia Opportunity Resource Funding Request - Mr. Ryan Coleman, Director of Economic Development

Mr. Ryan Coleman, Director of Economic Development presented a funding request on behalf of Columbia Opportunity Resource.

There was discussion about connecting with COR on an administrative level, appointing Grace Salter's as the city's liaison, integrating Crash Course Columbia into professional development opportunities for city employees, and drafting a scope of services with benchmarks reflecting membership growth and outreach focused on older businesses and universities.

Councilman Brown requested biannual reports from Columbia Opportunity Resource.

There was consensus of the committee to endorse COR's funding request for consideration of



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funding for Fiscal Year 2024/2025.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion made by Dr. Bussells and seconded by Mr. Brennan, the committee voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 11:11 a.m. for the discussion of **Items 3** and **4** as amended.

3. Discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(5)

*Stormwater Fees on Annexed Property
Project Wichita
Project Silver Hills
Project Subtext
2221 Devine Street*

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

Economic Development Department

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Erika D. Moore Hammond, CMC
City Clerk