



**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

The Columbia Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee conducted a meeting on Tuesday, August 26, 2025 at City Hall (Mayor’s Conference Room), Second Floor, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201. The Honorable Peter M. Brown, Chair called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. and the following members were present:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. June 17, 2025 and June 24, 2025 Economic Development & Infrastructure Committee Meeting Minutes – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Dr. Bussells, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the June 17, 2025 and June 24, 2025 Economic Development & Infrastructure Committee Meeting Minutes.

PRESENTATIONS

2. Update on City-owned Commercial Properties - Mr. Spencer Green, Senior Brokerage Associate, Trinity Partners – *Received as information.*

Mr. Spencer Green, Senior Brokerage Associate, Trinity Partners provided an update on Project Catalyst, the City’s growth initiative launched in 2023. He highlighted key projects such as the new Municipal Complex at 1401 Main Street, the Finlay Park revitalization, and the new Law Enforcement Center at 400 Laurel Street. He discussed development plans for Washington Square and Bull & Taylor, noting a strategic partnership with Trinity Partners to align goals and resources. A timeline was shared, with marketing and buyer engagement beginning in fall 2025 and a target milestone of April 1, 2026. City Council input will help refine priorities and finalize next steps.



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There was discussion about the economic value of properties; experiences with the 2221 Devine Street purchase; responsibility of building renderings; and the need for a channeled discussion with potential buyers.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Dr. Bussells, the Committee voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 1:29 p.m. to discuss **Items 3** and **4**.

3. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements pursuant to S. C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2)
 - *Economic Development Partners*

4. 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)
 - *Project Vulcan*
 - *Project Senate*
 - *2725 Main Street*
 - *Capital City Ballpark*
 - *Project WF*

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Erika D. Moore Hammond, CMC, CPM
City Clerk