



COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023

The Columbia City Council conducted a meeting on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. and the following members were present: The Honorable Howard E. Duvall, Jr., The Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr., The Honorable William Brennan, The Honorable Aditi Bussells, and The Honorable Tina N. Herbert. Also present were Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Moore Hammond, City Clerk. The meeting was advertised in accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

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

Councilor Bussells took a moment of personal privilege to speak about The Honorable Joe E. Taylor. He became one of my best friends on Council. As we start this year, I ask you to keep the spirit of Joe Taylor alive. Always think about what is best for the city and don't be afraid to be uncomfortable when you are fighting for something that is right. Remember that we live in one of the coolest most special places that can be a destination for all types of people to plant their roots.

PUBLIC INPUT RELATED TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

No one appeared at this time.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Harden Street and Blossom Street Road Safety Projects - Mr. Shawn Salley, Program Manager for Traffic Safety / South Carolina Department of Transportation

Mr. Shawn Salley, Program Manager for Traffic Safety / South Carolina Department of Transportation said SCDOT is producing a traffic safety improvements along Blossom and Harden Street. We want to move forward with a municipal agreement with the city of Columbia.

Mr. Rick Reiff, Traffic Engineer / Kimley Horn and Associates said we have been working with SCDOT on this project for several years. The segment on Harden runs from Pendleton to Blossom Street. It is approximately .45 miles. It is a four lane divided section with a 25 mile per



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hour speed limit. In 2021, the average daily traffic (ADT) was 20,700 vehicles per day. This short segment ranks as the worst crash problem for pedestrians and cyclists in the whole state. Within five years, there were 232 total crashes. The other 2.9 mile segment is on Blossom Street from the river to Sims Avenue. It is a four lane divided segment with a 35 mile per hour speed limit. In 2021, the ADT ranged between 13,100 and 29,600 vehicles per day. There are 16 intersections within this segment and it ranked as the tenth worst segment for pedestrians and cyclists in the state. Within five years, there were 1,428 total crashes. With these identified safety issues, SCDOT instituted interdisciplinary road safety audits in 2019. The purpose is to develop proactive low cost safety improvements. The reports were finalized in 2020 and SCDOT identified project funding in 2021. A public meeting was held in August 2021 and multiple meetings have been held to refine the concepts. The improvements include road diets, raised median planter boxes, new mid-block crossings, intersection bulb-outs, ramps, ladder crosswalks, a bike lane on Harden Street, and traffic signal improvements.

Mayor Rickenmann suggested that the raised median planter boxes include heavy grasses to keep trash from accumulating. You don't have to worry about mulch. It requires less water and it stays nice year round.

Councilor Brennan asked if this would be a yield to pedestrian mid-block crossing with a sign.

Mr. Rick Reiff, Traffic Engineer / Kimley Horn and Associates said it will include the pedestrian walking sign and a pedestrian activated flashing beacon within the 600, 700 and 800 blocks of Harden Street.

Councilor Brennan said paying special attention to timing and communication with the business owners is very important. Can you speak to how you plan on keeping an updated calendar with the Five Points Merchants Association?

Mr. Rick Reiff, Traffic Engineer / Kimley Horn and Associates said SCDOT has committed to getting it all done between the St. Patrick's Day Festival in March and the start of football season. We are not shutting down any of the roads, but there will be temporary lane closures.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 2 THROUGH 13

Mayor Rickenmann said I thought we were moving to an open contract for demolitions (Item 4) so we can complete all of the open items. This is a set amount and I don't know if it covers all of the open items in that category. I thought we would not have to do this every time.



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Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said there was a memo outlining the items that are ready for demolition. Some need asbestos abatement and some do not. It also outlines the next step forward. Some of it is a difference in interpretation with DHEC. This is not a development. These are single-family homes. There is an exemption that DHEC thought these fell into. We disagree but that doesn't mean that we won't follow what a state agency is asking us to do. A little bit of time has been added to the process but we are moving forward.

Upon a single motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve the **Consent Agenda Items 2 through 13**.

2. Council is asked to approve a new Contract for third party support for IFAS Upgrade, Report Writing and Conversion Services, as requested by the Budget, Program Management and Grants Office on December 14, 2022. Award to Koa Hills Consulting, LLC as a Sole Source in an amount not to exceed \$105,000.00. The term of this contract is from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023. This firm is located in Reno, NV. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Program Management Office - Professional Services (6218950-636600). The original budget amount is \$105,000.00.

3. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Twenty-four (24) 2023 Chevrolet Tahoes and Equipment for the Columbia Police Department, as requested by the Fleet Services Division. Award to the following vendors in the total amount of \$1,796,392.38. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Police Administrative Services - Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment-Capital (1012402-658500). The original budget amount is \$1,796,392.38.

Vendor	Description	Procurement Method	Amount
Love Chevrolet Columbia, SC	Twenty-four (24) Chevrolet Tahoe PPV Pursuit 2WD	BID012-21-22-ASH Police Pursuit Vehicles	\$1,268,790.00
Motorola Chicago, IL	Twenty-four (24) Radios	State Contract #4400021163	\$169,705.50
Synnex Corporation Greenville, SC	Twenty-four (24) Laptops	GSA Contract #47QTCA19D00MM	\$112,459.36
Utility Associates Decatur, GA	Twenty-four (24) Communication Systems/Rockets	State Contract #4400021612	\$85,536.00
Axon Enterprises Inc. Scottsdale, AZ	Twenty-four (24) Standard 2 Camera kit & Warranty	Sourcewell Contract #66248	\$159,901.52



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4. Council is asked to approve a new Contract for the Demolition of Non-Asbestos Properties, as requested by the Columbia Police Department, Code Enforcement Division on October 11, 2022. Award to Corley Construction Company, LLC, A Minority Business Enterprise, in an amount not to exceed \$60,734.65, which includes contingency. This contractor is located in Columbia, SC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: This project is funded by the American Rescue Plan Act. ARPA Funds - Special Contracts Demolition (2619999-ARPA202203-638301). The original budget amount is \$70,000.00.

5. Council is asked to approve a new Contract for Asbestos Abatement, Demolition and Air Monitoring Services, as requested by the Columbia Police Department, Code Enforcement Division on October 11, 2022. Award to HAN Construction & Management, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$293,788.66, which includes contingency. This contractor is located in Columbia, SC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: This project is funded by American Rescue Plan Act. ARPA Funds - Special Contracts Demolition (2619999-ARPA202203-638301). The original budget amount is \$293,788.66.

6. Council is asked to approve a new Contract for Projects WM436001 & WM436002; Water Main Upgrades for Riverview Terrace Subdivision Phase 1 & Phase 2, as requested by Columbia Water on December 8, 2022. Award to Lake Murray Utility Company, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$969,532.20, which includes contingency. This contractor is located in Chapin, SC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Engineering - Water and Sewer Improvements (5529999-WM436001-658650). The original budget amount is \$969,532.20.

This is a Mentor Protégé Program project. Lake Murray Utility Company, Inc. is the mentor and will provide water main upgrades at 36.68% (\$296,354.80) of the total contract amount. J.W. Brown Construction, LLC of Lexington, SC is the protégé and will provide water main upgrades at 20.00% (\$161,588.70) of the total contract amount.

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

Fortiline, Inc., located in Lexington, SC, will provide material and pipe at 32.18% (\$260,000.00) of the total contract amount.

Capital Concrete, located in Lexington, SC, will provide concrete and flowable fill at 9.28% (\$75,000.00) of the total contract amount.

Sloan Construction, located in Duncan, SC, will provide asphalt at 1.86% (\$15,000.00) of the total contract amount.



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7. Council is asked to approve a new Contract for Project WM4683; Water Main Replacement and Water Service Renewals for Willow Run Apartments, as requested by Columbia Water on September 27, 2022. Award to Stutts & Williams, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$1,040,438.40, which includes contingency. This contractor is located in Lexington, SC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Engineering - Water & Sewer Improvements (5529999-WM468301-658650). The original budget amount is \$1,040,438.40.

This is a Columbia Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (CDBE) program project with a 30% CDBE goal. The CDBE goal was exceeded at 37.01%. Stutts & Williams, LLC is the prime contractor and will provide waterline installation services at 62.41% (\$541,032.00) of the total contract amount.

The following subcontractors will provide additional supplies/services:

Wallace Mechanical Supply, Inc., a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise located in Cheraw, SC, will provide waterline materials at 30.56% (\$265,000.00) of the total contract amount.

Ferguson Waterworks located in Elgin, SC, will provide waterline materials at 0.58% (\$5,000.00) of the total contract amount.

L.A. Barrier & Son, Inc., a Minority Business Enterprise (W) and CDBE located in Lexington, SC, will provide hauling services at 0.92% (\$8,000.00) of the total contract amount.

AOS Specialty Contractors Inc., a Minority Business Enterprise (W) and CDBE located in Lexington, SC, will provide concrete services at 0.92% (\$8,000.00) of the total contract amount.

RCG Construction, LLC, a Minority Business Enterprise (W) and CDBE located in Irmo, SC, will provide flowable fill and waterline installation services at 4.61% (\$40,000.00) of the total contract amount.

8. Council is asked to approve an Other Work in Progress Non-Standard Service Agreement for the South Main Street Streetscaping Project, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Dominion Energy in the amount of \$4,294,891.00. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Streetscaping Capital Projects (4139999-658650). The original budget amount is \$4,294,891.00



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9. Council is asked to approve Change Order #4 for Project SS733702; East Rocky Branch Improvements Phase II, as requested by Columbia Water on December 6, 2022. Award to S. J. Louis Construction in the amount of \$2,977,777.09 and to extend the contract term to October 31, 2023. This firm is located in Rockville, MN. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Water & Sewer Capital Projects-Capital Project Costs (5529999-SS733702-658650). The original budget amount is \$17,839,800.00. The budget amount for this change order is \$2,977,777.09. The total revised budget amount is \$20,817,577.09.

10. Ordinance No.: 2022-119 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 9, Fire Prevention and Protection, Article IV, Fire Prevention Code, Sec. 9-61, Adoption – *Approved on second reading.*

First reading approval was given on December 6, 2022.

11. Ordinance No.: 2022-123 - Granting an encroachment to Fort Jackson SAP, LLC for the use of the right of way area of the 4300 block of Fort Jackson Boulevard for the installation and maintenance of one curb cut, sidewalks, landscaping and irrigation adjacent to 4345 Fort Jackson Boulevard, Richland County TMS# 13814-01-03 – *Approved on second reading.*

First reading approval was given on December 20, 2022.

12. Ordinance No.: 2022-128 - Consenting to the Inclusion of Property in a Multi-County Industrial/Business Park 2222 Main, LLC; TMS #09016-02-06 – *Approved on second reading.*

Economic and Community Development Committee Recommendation: 11/8/22; Approval (3-0) - First reading approval was given on December 20, 2022.



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13. ANNEXATION, INTERIM FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT, AND INTERIM ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 1008 S. Ott Road; TMS#13703-04-04 – *Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2022-127 - Annexing 1008 S. Ott Road, Richland County TMS# 13703-04-04 – Approved on second reading.

Council District: 3

Proposal: Request recommendation on assignment of interim land use classification of Urban core Residential Small Lot (UCR-1) and assignment of interim zoning of Residential Mixed district (RM-1), a portion within the Floodplain Overlay District (OV-FP) with a pending annexation. The property is currently classified as Mixed Residential (High Density) and zoned RM-MD by Richland County.

Applicant: Rosewood Church

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 12/08/2022; Approval (7-0)

First reading approval was given on December 20, 2022.

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

14. Ordinance No.: 2023-013 - Granting an encroachment to Waverly Hospital Owner, LLC, for the use of the right of way areas of the 2200 block of Hampton Street and the 1400 block of Pine Street for the installation and maintenance of sidewalks and stairs adjacent to 2200 Hampton Street, Richland County TMS# 11407-14-01 – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2023-013 - Granting an encroachment to Waverly Hospital Owner, LLC, for the use of the right of way areas of the 2200 block of Hampton Street and the 1400 block of Pine Street for the installation and maintenance of sidewalks and stairs adjacent to 2200 Hampton Street, Richland County TMS# 11407-14-01.



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15. Ordinance No.: 2023-014 - Granting an encroachment to the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism for the use of the right of way area of the 1900 block of Lincoln Street for the installation and maintenance of a sidewalk to connect to the existing public sidewalk adjacent to 829 Richland Street, Richland County TMS#09011-10-03 – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Dr. Bussells and seconded by Ms. Herbert, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2023-014 - Granting an encroachment to the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism for the use of the right of way area of the 1900 block of Lincoln Street for the installation and maintenance of a sidewalk to connect to the existing public sidewalk adjacent to 829 Richland Street, Richland County TMS#09011-10-03.

16. Ordinance No.: 2023-016 - Granting an encroachment to Benton Crossing, LP, for the use of the right of way areas of the 2600 block of River Drive and the 1100 block of Benton Street for the installation and maintenance of curb cuts, crosswalks, sidewalks, landscaping and irrigation adjacent to 2617 River Drive, Richland County TMS# 09109-05-18, 09109-05-20 and 09109-05-16 – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Dr. Bussells and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2023-016 - Granting an encroachment to Benton Crossing, LP, for the use of the right of way areas of the 2600 block of River Drive and the 1100 block of Benton Street for the installation and maintenance of curb cuts, crosswalks, sidewalks, landscaping and irrigation adjacent to 2617 River Drive, Richland County TMS# 09109-05-18, 09109-05-20 and 09109-05-16.

RESOLUTIONS

17. Resolution No.: R-2022-100 - Authorizing Construction and Improvements by the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) of Harden Street (S-S-10), Blossom Street (US-21) and associated intersections for the Safety Improvements (RSA Implementation S-10 / US-21); Projects P039718 and P038027 – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2022-100 - Authorizing Construction and Improvements by the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) of Harden Street (S-S-10), Blossom Street (US-21) and associated intersections for the Safety Improvements (RSA Implementation S-10 / US-21); Projects P039718 and P038027.



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18. Resolution No.: R-2022-101 - Providing funds to CEZ, Inc. for support of Market Place Project – *Approved*

Mayor Rickenmann clarified that funding is coming from the state and we are simply a pass-through for funds to go to this project.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2022-101 - Providing funds to CEZ, Inc. for support of Market Place Project.

19. Resolution No.: R-2023-002 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Lease Agreement between the City of Columbia and ImaGen, Inc. for the lease of 335 Richland Street, Richland County TMS# 09006-07-02 for the development of a Columbia Hydrogen Fueling Station and Center for Transportation and the Environment – *Approved*

Mayor Rickenmann explained that this is the old hydrogen station that was built a decade ago with state funding. We now have the opportunity to work with a company that is doing research and development on a way to containerize hydrogen. This is a great way for us to use an underutilized asset to bring opportunities for small business.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2023-002 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Lease Agreement between the City of Columbia and ImaGen, Inc. for the lease of 335 Richland Street, Richland County TMS# 09006-07-02 for the development of a Columbia Hydrogen Fueling Station and Center for Transportation and the Environment.

20. Resolution No.: R-2023-006 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Option to Purchase Agreement between the City of Columbia and Foxfire Management Company, LLC as well as any documents necessary to consummate the purchase of 118 Bluff Road, 126 Bluff Road, 132 Bluff Road and 138 Bluff Road, Richland County TMS #11204-02-35, TMS #11204-02-34, TMS #11204-02-33 and TMS #11204-02-32 – *Approved*



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Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2023-006 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Option to Purchase Agreement between the City of Columbia and Foxfire Management Company, LLC as well as any documents necessary to consummate the purchase of 118 Bluff Road, 126 Bluff Road, 132 Bluff Road and 138 Bluff Road, Richland County TMS #11204-02-35, TMS #11204-02-34, TMS #11204-02-33 and TMS #11204-02-32.

OTHER MATTERS

21. Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Hospitality Tax Committee Recommendations for Second Round Allocations - Ms. Missy Caughman, Director of Budget, Program Management and Grants – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Ms. Herbert, Council voted unanimously to approve the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Hospitality Tax Committee Recommendations for Second Round Allocations.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REFERRALS, REPORTS AND NEW BUSINESS

Councilor Brennan referred exploration of a Town and Gown organizational structure to the Community Development Committee.

Mayor Rickenmann referred a review of the distance requirements for tattoo establishments to the Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee.

PUBLIC INPUT

Ms. Stephanie Melora Bailey, owner of Southern Cypress Tattoo expressed concerns about the city's distance requirements for tattoo shops. She asked City Council to consider a variance or an amendment to the existing ordinance to allow a tattoo shop to expand within the 1,000 feet that it already occupies.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to enter into executive session at 4:47 p.m. for the discussion of **Items 22 and 23**.



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

Communications Plan

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

Lake Katherine Sewer Improvements

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Erika D. Moore Hammond, CMC
City Clerk