



COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2021

The Columbia City Council conducted a virtual meeting on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 using video conferencing technology. 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 Tameika Isaac Devine, The Honorable Howard E. Duvall, Jr., The Honorable Mayor Pro-Tempore Edward H. McDowell, Jr., The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, and The Honorable William Brennan. 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. The minutes are numbered to coincide with the order of the meeting.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Mayor Pro Tempore Edward H. McDowell, Jr. offered the invocation.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mayor Benjamin, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda, subject to withdrawing Venue License Agreement and adding Legislative Affairs to **Item 24** under Executive Session.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Council is asked to approve the January 5, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Rickenmann and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to approve the January 5, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager recognized Chief Aubrey D. Jenkins on his appointment as the new president of the South Carolina State Association of Fire Chiefs. This is a huge honor and it really doesn't surprise us at all in his 40 years of service. He is a wonderful champion for the profession. His passion always shows and we are so proud.

Mayor Benjamin said we are incredibly proud of you Chief Jenkins and thankful for your service and your incredible leadership. It is one of the major reasons we have been able to make it during this challenging period in American History.



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CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION / ACTION

2. COVID-19 Update - The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin

Mayor Benjamin said we have systemic supply chain challenges but we are seeing some success in our hospitals across the state with the Pfizer vaccine. We have a great partnership with DHEC working to get the Moderna vaccine. I want to thank City Manager Teresa Wilson and Director Tinsley for their leadership in making sure more of our citizens find access to the vaccine. We are still in the most dangerous period the virus has seen and we hope that the vaccine will be uniformly, equitably, and aggressively distributed. We need to continue to be aggressive with physical distancing, masking, and sanitizing. We have challenging days ahead but we remain hopeful.

Councilor Devine said in regards to the stimulus funds that will be coming down, can we explore working with CDFI's or minority banks to get Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) funds for small businesses. Let's explore how we can partner with folks and utilize our resources and relationships to make sure the businesses in the City of Columbia can avail themselves of that resource as it comes down.

- *COVID-19 Situational Report - Mr. Harry Tinsley, Emergency Management Director - Deferred*

3. 2021 Federal Legislative Update - Mr. Ralph Garboushian, Capital Edge, LLC

Mr. Ralph Garboushian, Capital Edge, LLC said in regards to the Paycheck Protection Program and small business assistance, Congress has taken note of the problems with the first round of PPP. They have included a lot of provisions in this round of the PPP to help it get to the small businesses and minority/women owned businesses. Congress also set aside PVP loan money for CDFI's, small banks, and credit unions. One of the things included in that Pandemic Relief Bill is the Emergency Capital Investment Program. That money is to help community development financial institutions sustain themselves and rebuild as we emerge from the pandemic. Last week, the SBA put out preliminary information about the Save Our Stages Act. Those grants are for small independent venues, museums, and theaters like the Nickelodeon Theater in Columbia. Our goal is to make sure the City is aware of every federal funding and grant opportunity available. During the 116th Congress, we provided the City with detailed information about all the Cares Act funding opportunities which provided \$2 million directly to the City and millions more to City Partners. We fought for \$42 million from FEMA for the Columbia Canal. We worked with the House Appropriations Committee and the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee to localize surface transportation funds. We worked on the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant which provided a direct annual



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allocation to Columbia in the amount of \$1.4 million. We worked on a volunteer firefighter tax credit to be made permanent. We also increased or maintained funding for core local government programs and increased and guaranteed state and local funding through the Great American Outdoors Act. The first 100 days of the 117th Congress will focus on pandemic relief including fiscal assistance. Congress will then focus on surface transportation/infrastructure, climate change/energy/environment, FY 2022 appropriations, and the regulatory rollercoaster. As we look at fiscal assistance and stimulus, the big message for local governments is to localize funding. The three priorities are: increase funding for the Community Development Block Grant, push for annual funding of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant, and push to increase the local share of the Service Transportation Block Grant and the size of the local share.

Councilor Devine asked if it is yet known what the block grant funding formula for the energy grants will be.

Mr. Ralph Garboushian, Capital Edge, LLC said it will be the same as the last time it was funded. The formula is based on a combination of resident population and daytime population.

Councilor Brennan asked if it is to our advantage to have a short list of shovel ready projects to get at the front of the line to receive funds.

Mr. Ralph Garboushian, Capital Edge, LLC said it always makes sense to have shovel ready projects. There will probably be a focus on getting money to projects that can move quickly.

Councilor Rickenmann said it would be beneficial for us if we could have a monthly short Zoom call with you to get updates on these funding opportunities. It would be great to spend a little more time over the next 90 to 120 days because I think that is where the bulk of the legislation is going to happen. It would be great to be more informed.

4. 2021 State Legislative Update - Mr. Kyle Michel, Esq., Michel Law Firm

Mr. Kyle Michel, Esq., Michel Law Firm said the 2020 session accomplished a lot. We have been trying to get business license reform passed since 2015. The bill passed this year was a great compromise that we worked on for three years to standardize the business license tax renewals. We made sure that is revenue neutral for the City and the rates can be adjusted in each business class. We helped pass a bill that allows using a portion of hospitality taxes on flood control and remediation. There were two affordable housing bills passed this past year. The first one gives a state tax credit equal to the federal tax credit for all affordable housing. The second one takes away the property tax on low-income housing tax credit projects or any affordable housing development that is taxed with tax credits. Both bills will make it easier to own and



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maintain affordable housing. The City sent a letter of support to Ways and Means Committee for a bill that created the South Carolina Resilience Revolving Fund Act, which provides state money in a fund to pay for the local share of buying out flood prone properties. The Firefighter Cancer Healthcare Benefit Plan also passed, which provides additional money to firefighters who get cancer while on the job or within five years from leaving the job. We worked on legislative problems like the storm water rates, mental health patient transport, and parks and recreation summer staff child care licensing. We connected the City to funding opportunities for the all-star baseball field, the convention center expansion, Vista Greenway expansion, quiet zones, COVID-19 impact, and health equity corps. Currently we are working with Mr. Shealy to get delegation letters in support of a federal grant that will give us money to assist in water system expansions. This year, we will continue to advocate for the passage of legislation important to the City, including: hate crimes, abandoned buildings, small business assistance, criminal justice reform, affordable housing, local tax revenue flexibility, rehiring retired public safety officials, gun violence measures, and property tax reform. We will continue to work on the storm water rate bill, mental health transport, and increasing government tort claims limits. There will be potential funding opportunities for broadband expansion, Convention Center, Vista Greenway, public safety, urban farms, COVID-19, and the canal building.

PUBLIC HEARING & FIRST READING FOR ZONING/PLANNING MATTERS

Council opened the Public Hearing at 3:19 p.m.

5. UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE - Adoption of new City of Columbia Zoning Map

Ordinance No.: 2021-001 Adopting the Official Zoning Map for the City of Columbia, Chapter 17, Unified Development Ordinance of the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina – The public hearing was held on January 19, 2021. First reading approval was deferred.

Council Districts: 1,2,3,4

Proposal: Repeal current City of Columbia Zoning Map and adopt new City of Columbia Zoning Map to take effect on March 31, 2021 in conjunction with the newly adopted Unified Development Ordinance.

Applicant: Rachel Bailey, Zoning Administrator

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 11/02/2020; Approval (8-0)



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Ms. Krista Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services said the Uniform Development Ordinance (UDO) is a combination of the zoning and the land development ordinance for the City of Columbia. Zoning is the law that determines how the land or property can be used in the City. It regulates the uses, size, location of buildings, parking, landscaping, and signage. To enact zoning regulations in the text, the UDO establishes varying districts: residential, commercial, or industrial. Each has different sets of uses and standards. The official zoning map identifies the location of these districts, specifying the land use and development requirements. The UDO is intended to simplify and streamline development review providing easy to understand rules and creating a more modern code. The first step in this project was in 2014 when we rewrote the land use plan. In 2015, we began the process to rewrite the code and had numerous public meetings at various stages of the project followed by meetings on drafts of sections as they became available. The drafting of the code was completed in 2019 with the adoption of the text in August 2019. The key goals of the code were to create a user-friendly code, implement Plan Columbia, modernize regulations to more strongly encourage and support context-sensitive “infill” and redevelopment, and encourage sustainable/green development practices. The nine articles of the ordinance are: general provisions, administration, zoning districts, use regulations, development standards, land development (subdivision) standards, nonconformities, enforcement, and definition and rules of measurement.

Ms. Rachel Bailey, Planning and Development Services Zoning Administrator said article 3 establishes the basic standards for the various space based planned unit developments and overlay zoning districts. The base districts include: residential, activity and corridor, institutional and campus, and industrial districts. The lineup carries forward several current zoning districts and also modifies and adds new districts to better align the structure of policy direction that was set out in Plan Columbia. The format of the district regulations is greatly enhanced with the use of 2D and 3D graphics. The new zoning districts consist of nine residential districts, nine mixed-use districts, five institutional and campus districts, three industrial districts, and one PD, formally called PUD. Our historic and design district overlays are remaining the same, they just have a name change. The residential districts are: T/C (transitional/conservation district), LL-R (large lot – reserve district), RSF-1 (residential single family – large lot district), RSF-2 (residential single family – medium lot district), RSF-3 (residential single family – small lot district), RD (residential two-family district), RD-MV (residential two-family – mill village district), RM-1 (residential mixed district), and RM-2 (residential mixed district). Article 4 is the use regulations and is organized by principal uses, accessory uses, and temporary uses. The principal uses have been reorganized and consolidated from 305 uses to 123 uses. The link to the draft map is on the project webpage (www.weplantogether.org/columbiareview).



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Ms. Krista Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services said we had our public hearing today. Over the next week from January 20th to 25th, we will have one-on-one appointments available. We will have a period for additional input from stakeholders and neighborhood meetings through February 26, 2021. On March 16, 2021, we plan for Council to amend the effective date to August 30, 2021 and review input and proposed changes. April 6, 2021 will be the first reading of new zoning map with a second reading scheduled for June 6, 2021. On July 20, 2021, we will hold the public hearing and first reading on revisions to the zoning map and a second reading on August 3, 2021. The UDO and map will take effect on August 30, 2021.

Mr. Paul Haynes, Victory Gardens resident said I would like for city officials to consider changing the zoning designation for the neighborhood to allow for smaller lot sizes to spur new construction. No new homes have been built in the neighborhood in 27 years despite available lots. This is due to the high cost of construction and low property values. A zoning designation of RSF-3 would conform to many already existing lots and be in keeping with the character of the neighborhood. There is no functioning neighborhood association, but I am willing to petition residents and owners to gauge overall opinion. I personally own seven properties in the area that currently have an RSF-1 designation, accounting for one-tenth of the total properties affected. Please consider making this change to allow us to revitalize this neighborhood, returning it to a safe vibrant place to live.

Voice Message from Ms. Diane Wiley, Belvedere Neighborhood President said we don't have the time to sit and listen to the meetings all through because we have our day-to-day duties. Our communities located in 29203 and 29204 need some uplift. These are people that are on fixed incomes. We need to be looking at the zoning map to see what's going on because it has stopped certain things from coming into our neighborhoods. We need to wait until COVID is over to get the zoning map finalized. Stop doing things under the table because we need to talk to each other face to face.

6. ANNEXATION, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for ±0.47-acre portion of 680 Candi Lane; TMS# 07208-03-06(p) – *Approved on first reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2021-004 Annexing and incorporating 0.47-acre portion of 680 Candi Lane, Richland County TMS #07208-03-06(p) into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 adopted by Ordinance No.: 2020-028 on August 4, 2020 – Approved on first reading.



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Council District: 2

Proposal: Request to annex, assign land use classification of Urban Edge Mixed Residential (UEMR), and assign zoning of Neighborhood Commercial District (C-2) within a Flood Protective Area (-FP) at the time of annexation. The property is currently classified as Mixed Residential (High Density) and zoned Neighborhood Commercial (NC) by Richland County.

Applicant: Saluda River Partners

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 11/02/2020; Approval (8-0)

No public comments were received at this time.

Upon a motion made Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Annexation, Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment, and Zoning Map Amendment for ±0.47-acre portion of 680 Candi Lane **and** Ordinance No: 2021-004 Annexing and incorporating 0.47-acre portion of 680 Candi Lane, Richland County TMS #07208-03-06(p) into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 adopted by Ordinance No.: 2020-028 on August 4, 2020.

7. ANNEXATION, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 0.509-acre S/S Candi Lane; TMS# 07208-03-02 – *Approved on first reading.*

Resolution No.: R-2021-002 Annexing 0.509-acre S/S Candi Lane, Richland County TMS #07208-03-02 - Approved

Ordinance No.: 2021-004 Annexing and Incorporating 0.509-acre S/S Candi Lane, Richland County TMS #07208-03-02 into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 adopted by Ordinance No.: 2020-028 on August 4, 2020 – Approved on first reading.

Council District: 2

Proposal: Request to annex, assign land use classifications of Urban Edge Mixed Residential (UEMR) and Transitional and Sensitive Lands (T/S), and assign zoning of Neighborhood Commercial District (C-2) within a Flood Protective Area (-FP) at the time of annexation. The property is currently classified as Mixed Residential (High Density) and zoned Neighborhood Commercial (NC) by Richland County.

Applicant: Richland County

Staff Recommendation: Approval



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PC Recommendation: 12/07/2020; Approval (7-0)

No public comments were received at this time.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Annexation, Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment, and Zoning Map Amendment for 0.509-acre S/S Candi Lane, Resolution No.: R-2021-002 Annexing 0.509-acre S/S Candi Lane **and** Ordinance No.: 2021-004 Annexing and Incorporating 0.509-acre S/S Candi Lane, Richland County TMS #07208-03-02 into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 adopted by Ordinance No.: 2020-028 on August 4, 2020.

8. ANNEXATION, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 103.07-acres B/S Circleview Road and 21.90-acres W/S Circleview Road; TMS # 09203-01-01 and 07415-02-02 – *Approved on first reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2021-006 Annexing and incorporating 103.07-acres B/S Circleview Road and 21.90-acres Circleview Road, Richland County TMS# 09203-01-01 and 07415-02-02 into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 adopted by Ordinance No.: 2020-028 on August 4, 2020 – Approved on first reading.

Council District:1

Proposal: Request to annex, assign land use classification of Urban Edge Mixed Residential (UEMR) and Transitional/Sensitive Lands (T/S), and assign zoning of General Residential District (RG-2) with a portion within a Flood Protective Area (-FP) at the time of annexation. The property is currently classified as Mixed Residential (High Density) and zoned RU and RS-HD by Richland County.

Applicant: Rountree Family Limited Partnership/Broad River Communities, LLC

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 12/07/2020; Approval (8-0)

No public comments were received at this time.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Annexation, Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment, and Zoning Map Amendment for 103.07-acres B/S Circleview Road and 21.90-acres W/S Circleview Road **and** Ordinance No.: 2021-006 Annexing and incorporating 103.07-acres B/S Circleview Road and 21.90-acres Circleview Road, Richland County TMS# 09203-01-01 and 07415-02-02 into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 adopted by Ordinance No.: 2020-028 on August 4, 2020.



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9. ANNEXATION, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for multiple University of South Carolina properties on East Broadway, Poe, South Evans, Sumter, and South Assembly Streets – *Approved on first reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2021-007 Annexing and incorporating 1 East Broadway Street 11 Poe Street, 15 East Broadway Street, 12 East Broadway Street, 16 Poe Street, 10 Poe Street, 108 South Evans Street, 109 South Evans Street, 202 South Evans Street, 204 South Evans Street, 205 Sumter Street, 214 South Evans Street, 216 South Evans Street, and 130 South Assembly Street; TMS# 11208-01-01, 11301-12-01, 11301-12-04, 11301-13-01, 11301-13-02, 11301-09-07, 11301-10-02, 11301-11-01, 11301-11-02, 11301-11-05, and 11301-04-13 into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 adopted by Ordinance No.: 2020-028 on August 4, 2020 – Approved on first reading.

Council District: 2

Proposal: Request to annex, assign land use classifications of Community Activity Corridor (AC-2), Urban Core Neighborhood Activity Center (UCAC-1), and Urban Core Mixed Residential Type 3 (UCMR-3) and assign zoning of Light Industrial District (M-1) with a portion within a Flood Protective Area (-FP) and Neighborhood Commercial District (C-2) with a portion within a Flood Protective Area (-FP) at the time of annexation. The property is currently classified as Mixed Residential (High Density) and zoned Light Industrial (M-1) by Richland County.

Applicant: University of South Carolina

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 12/07/2020; Approval (8-0)

No public comments were received at this time.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Annexation, Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment, and Zoning Map Amendment for multiple University of South Carolina properties on East Broadway, Poe, South Evans, Sumter, and South Assembly Streets **and** Ordinance No.: 2021-007 Annexing and incorporating 1 East Broadway Street 11 Poe Street, 15 East Broadway Street, 12 East Broadway Street, 16 Poe Street, 10 Poe Street, 108 South Evans Street, 109 South Evans Street, 202 South Evans Street, 204 South Evans Street, 205 Sumter Street, 214 South Evans Street, 216 South Evans Street, and 130 South Assembly Street; TMS# 11208-01-01, 11301-12-01, 11301-12-04, 11301-13-01, 11301-13-02, 11301-09-07, 11301-10-02, 11301-11-01, 11301-11-02, 11301-11-05, and 11301-04-13 into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 adopted by Ordinance No.: 2020-028 on August 4, 2020.



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10. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT for 1135 Performance Parkway, TMS# 14500-02-24 – *Approved on first reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2021-003 Amending the Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 Map to amend land use classification for 1135 Performance Parkway, TMS# 14500-02-24 – Approved on first reading.

City Council District: 1

Proposal: Request to amend the Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 Future Land Use Map to modify the land use classification of the parcel from Industrial (IND) to Employment Campus (EC).

Applicant: Krista Hampton, Planning & Development Services Director

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 11/02/2020; Approval (8-0)

No public comments were received at this time.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2021-003 Amending the Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 Map to amend land use classification for 1135 Performance Parkway, TMS# 14500-02-24.

11. ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 2030, 2006, and 2010 Oak Street and 2027, 2023, 2015, 2007, 2305, and 2014 Henry Street, TMS# 11505-14-01, 11505-14-02, 11505-14-03, 11505-14-04, 11505-14-05, 11505-14-06, 11505-14-08, 11505-14-09, and 11505-14-10 – *Approved on first reading.*

Council District: 2

Proposal: Request to rezone the parcel from General Residential District (RG-1), General Residential District (RG-2), and Neighborhood Commercial District (C-2) to Office and Institutional District (C-1)

Applicant: Anna M Davis, Second Nazareth Baptist Church

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 12/07/2020; Approval (7-0)

No public comments were received at this time.



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Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Zoning Map Amendment for 2030, 2006, and 2010 Oak Street and 2027, 2023, 2015, 2007, 2305, and 2014 Henry Street, TMS# 11505-14-01, 11505-14-02, 11505-14-03, 11505-14-04, 11505-14-05, 11505-14-06, 11505-14-08, 11505-14-09, and 11505-14-10.

Council closed the Public Hearing at 4:08 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 12 THROUGH 19

Upon a single motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve **Consent Agenda Items 12** through **19**.

12. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of a Light Structure System with Total Light Control for the Colony/North Pointe All-Star Ballfield, as requested by the Parks and Recreation Department. Award to MUSCO Lighting, using the Sourcwell Cooperative Contract in the amount of \$169,700.00. This vendor is located in Oskaloosa, IA. - *Approved*

Funding Source: State Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) Grant \$128,000.00 and General Capital Projects, Colony/North Pointe - Ballfield Light, Capital Project Costs (4039999-PK003802-658650) \$41,700.00. The original budget amount is \$169,700.00.

13. Council is asked to approve the Renewal of IFAS Software Maintenance Support Services, as requested by the Budget and Program Management Office. Award to CentralSquare Technologies, LLC in the amount of \$209,785.15. This firm is located in Lake Mary, FL. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Program Management Office - Maintenance & Service Contract (6218950-638200). The original budget amount is \$225,000.00.

14. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of a Backhoe for the Street Division, as requested by Fleet Services. Award to Blanchard Machinery, using the Sourcwell Cooperative Contract in the amount of \$110,242.00. This vendor is located in West Columbia, SC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Streets - Storm Drains - Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment- Capital (5534203-658500). The original budget amount is \$110,242.00.



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15. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of a Pothole Patcher for the Street Division, as requested by Fleet Services. Award to Public Works Equipment, using the NC Sheriff's Association Cooperative Contract in the amount of \$189,037.20. This vendor is located in Monroe, NC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Streets - Water and Sewer Repair - Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment- Capital (5513202-658500). The original budget amount is \$200,000.00.

16. Council is asked to approve Contract Amendment #2 for Project SS7478; Rocky Branch Sewer System Evaluation Study Phase II, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Brown and Caldwell in the amount of \$94,000.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Water and Sewer Capital Projects; Capital Project Costs (5529999-SS747801-658650). The original budget amount was \$1,097,642.00. The budget amount for this amendment is \$94,000.00. The total revised budget amount is \$1,191,642.00.

This is a Clean Water 2020 Program Project and a Mentor Protégé Program Project. Brown and Caldwell is the mentor and will provide sewer assessment results, preliminary design report, and rehabilitation implementation services at 56.07% (\$668,187.00) of the revised total contract amount. 4D Engineering, a Minority Business Enterprise (W) of Lexington, SC, is the protégé and will provide project administration, data management, sewer assessment, permitting, and construction administration services at 22.26% (265,185.00) of the revised total contract amount.

The following sub-consultant will provide additional services:

Hydrostructures of Cayce, SC, will provide sewer assessment services at 21.67% (\$258,270.00) of the revised total contract amount.

17. Council is asked to approve an Agreement for Project SS7581; Wastewater Collection System Manhole Survey for an initial term of five months with the option to renew for one additional one-year period, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Vaughn & Melton Consulting Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$424,975.00. The firm is located in Charleston, SC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Engineering Wastewater System Improvement Special Contracts Water/Sewer, Stormwater (5516221-SS758101-638305). The original budget amount is \$424,975.00.

This is a Columbia Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (CDBE) Project. The CDBE goal placed on this project was 12.00% and was met at 12.00% (\$50,997.00) of the total contract amount. Vaughn & Melton Consulting Engineers, Inc. of Charleston, SC, will provide technical engineering support for surveying and mapping services at 88.00% (\$373,978.00) of the total contract amount.



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The following sub-consultants will provide additional services:

Chao & Associates, a Minority Business Enterprise and CDBE of Columbia, SC, will provide survey and traffic control services at 4.00% (\$16,999.00) of the total contract amount.

Construction Support Services, a Minority Business Enterprise (W) and CDBE of Hopkins, SC, will provide survey and traffic control services at 8.00% (\$33,998.00) of the total contract amount.

18. Council is asked to approve an Agreement for Project SS7589; Broad River Force Main Replacement and Gravity Sewer Capacity Improvements for an initial term of three years with the option to renew for two additional one-year periods, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. in the amount of \$1,893,943.00. The firm is located in Columbia, SC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Water and Sewer Capital Projects - Capital Project Costs (5529999-SS758901-658650). The original budget amount is \$1,893,943.00.

This is a Mentor Protégé Program Project. Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. is the mentor and will provide overall project management, design, permitting and construction administration services at 72.41% (\$1,371,429.00) of the total contract amount. Chao & Associates, a Minority Business Enterprise of Columbia, SC, is the protégé and will provide surveying and construction inspection services at 20.00% (\$378,789.00) of the total contract amount.

The following sub-consultants will provide additional services:

Capstone Civil Group, Inc., a Minority Business Enterprise of Charlotte, NC, will provide geotechnical exploration services at 2.71% (\$51,425.00) of the total contract amount.

PICA Corp of New Orleans, LA, will provide force main condition assessment services 3.91% (\$74,000.00) of the total contract amount.

McClam and Associates of Little Mountain, SC, will provide civil grading services 0.97% (\$18,300.00) of the total contract amount.

19. Council is asked to approve a Contract for Project SS6966; Sanitary Sewer Pipe Rehabilitation, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to McClam & Associates, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$6,132,745.00. This firm is located in Little Mountain, SC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Water & Sewer Capital Projects, Capital Project Costs (5529999-SS696620-658650). The original budget amount is \$8,458,371.00.

This is a Columbia Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (CDBE) project. McClam & Associates, Inc. is the prime contractor and will be performing pipeline rehabilitation services at 37.30% (\$2,288,414.10) of the total contract amount.



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The following sub-contractors will provide additional services:

BC Cannon Company, Inc., a Minority Business Enterprise (W) of Greenville, SC, will provide traffic control services at 2.58% (\$158,800.00) of the total contract amount.

BLD Services, LLC of Kenner, LA, will provide lateral CIPP, cleanouts, and lateral CCTV services at 13.98% (\$857,500.00) of the total contract amount.

Donald J. Smith, Inc. of Orangeburg, SC, will provide survey and GIS services at 0.05% (\$3,500.00) of the total contract amount.

Pipe Pros of Fort Mill, SC, will provide CCTV and cleaning services at 10.30% (\$628,625.00) of the total contract amount.

LA Barrier & Son, Inc., a CDBE of Lexington, SC, will provide hauling and stone services at 1.43% (\$88,405.90) of the total contract amount.

Sloan Construction Company, Inc. of Duncan, SC, will provide asphalt mill and resurfacing services at 0.44% (\$27,100.00) of the total contract amount.

AM Liner East, Inc. of Berryville, VA, will provide CIPP services at 33.92% (\$2,080,400.00) of the total contract amount.

RESOLUTIONS

20. Resolution No.: R-2021-005 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a First Amendment to the Venue License Agreement between Hardball Capital, LLC and the City of Columbia - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2021-005 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a First Amendment to the Venue License Agreement between Hardball Capital, LLC and the City of Columbia.

APPOINTMENTS

21. Historic Columbia Foundation – *Deferred*



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CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION / ACTION

22. Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Hospitality Tax Program Update - Ms. Missy Caughman, Budget and Program Management Director – *Approved as amended.*

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said the budget process is underway and I anticipate for it not to be unlike what we discussed this past budget session. The budget will be flat and we hope to bring it to you in a more scaled approach that you can review and approve ahead of our normal schedule. We will continue to move forward with getting more accurate projections on collections. We will be able to make some amendments in the fall that will be more realistic.

Ms. Missy Caughman, Budget and Program Management Director said City Council approved a budget in June 2020 of \$7.1 million. The proposal passed by Council in September 2020 for grant allocations included \$383,163 in prior year carryforward allocations. As of December 31, 2020, we have collected revenue in the amount of \$4.6 million, which is 65% of the budget. While we have a significantly reduced budget compared to last year, we are on target in terms of collections. City Council awarded \$3 million in grant allocations for external groups. To date, we have paid almost \$1.1 million. Normally, you would have made about 70 different allocations but this year it was about 32 allocations in total awards. A City of Columbia Public Art Project has been discussed in recent months and an allocation is already included in the budget for \$50,000. We need Council action today to allocate those funds to the Parks and Recreation Foundation who will be facilitating that project. Staff is recommending the following revisions to our guidelines for a temporary basis during this fiscal year ending in June 30, 2021: up to 50% for building and facilities rental that are tourism-related and up to 50% of administrative and operating cost of tourism-related cultural, recreational, or historical facilities and buildings. Currently these are not allowed in our guidelines so we are recommending for up to 50% of an organization's cost to be allowed. We are not ready to give you projections for hospitality tax funding but we want to keep our eye forward with regards to how Council may want to allocate a hospitality tax grant program and what that may look like; whether is through a City Council award process or through the Hospitality Tax Committee application process. These three action items are specifically related to the hospitality tax. The FY 20/21 accommodations tax budget is \$1.4 million. As of December 31, 2020, we have collected \$412,992, which is 28% of the budget. We have processed \$125,000 in allocations.



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Upon a motion made by Mr. Rickenmann and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve Item 1 - Allocation of \$50,000 in Hospitality Tax funding to the Parks & Recreation Foundation for the City of Columbia Public Art Project; to defer Item 2 - Temporary revisions to the City's funding guidelines for legal advice in Executive Session; and to approve Item 3 – City Council will award the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Hospitality Tax grants later in the year.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REFERRALS / REPORTS

Councilor McDowell reported that the Administrative Policy Committee met on January 14, 2021. We met with Dr. Bobby Donaldson, Robert Hughes, Robin Waites, Councilor Duvall, and Councilor Davis to discuss the renaming of the park. Dr. Donaldson did an excellent job in suggesting persons for that honor. There was conversation with the Hughes Company to help us to identify ways the community can get involved in suggesting names. We are scheduled to meet again on January 28, 2021 to keep discussing the park naming process and to identify options to bring to Council for approval.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Michael Bailey, City of Columbia resident asked Mr. Rickenmann why is he now in support of the COVID-19 restrictions when previously he called them unconstitutional.

Councilor Rickenmann said we have had many conversations and arguments on the issue and we simply disagree. I changed my mind on the restrictions because it gives us an opportunity to move forward in our community and allow our businesses to stay open in a safe way.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 4:43 p.m. for the discussion of **Items 23** and **24**, as amended under the adoption of the agenda and to add Hospitality Tax Guidelines to **Item 23**.

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

*COVID-19
Canal Recovery Efforts
Landmark District Designation*



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

*Venue License Agreement
Saluda River Greenway*

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Moore Hammond, CMC
City Clerk