



COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The Columbia City Council conducted a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at City Hall (Council Chambers), Third Floor, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201. The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor called the meeting to order at 2:11 p.m. and the following City Council 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. The minutes are numbered to reflect the order of the meeting.

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 Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda subject to withdrawing **Item 3** (*Small Business Administration Disaster Assistance Program*) and deferring **Item 9** (*Zoning Map Amendment for 2212 Senate Street, TMS# 11410-22-06*) to the February 18, 2025 City Council Meeting.

Councilor Bailey took a moment of personal privilege to express gratitude to all city employees, with special recognition given to the Columbia Police Department, the Columbia Fire Department, and the Public Works Department for their outstanding efforts during the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration at the Dome.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager thanked Councilor Bailey for delivering the welcome address and Mayor Rickenmann for his involvement in the MLK celebrations. Their contributions, along with the efforts of others, were key to making the event a success.

PUBLIC INPUT

No one appeared at this time.



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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Council is asked to approve the January 7, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes. –
Approved

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to approve the January 7, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes.

PRESENTATIONS

2. Special Recognition of Mr. Kennis Goodman - The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann

Mayor Rickenmann recognized Mr. Kennis Goodman as the Good Samaritan who intervened during an attack at a local Walgreens. He acted out of the kindness of his heart and saved the victim's life. Even after the incident, Mr. Goodman returned to the Walgreens to check on the employees. His actions are deeply appreciated.

Mr. William "Skip" Holbrook, Columbia Police Chief praised Mr. Goodman's heroic actions on January 14, 2025, emphasizing that without his quick response, there is no doubt the victim would not have survived the attack. Mr. Goodman was able to subdue an individual who was intent on causing serious harm or death.

Mr. Kennis Goodman expressed his gratitude for the recognition while noting that it was under the circumstances of being at the right place at the right time to deliver a DoorDash order to an employee. He is thankful to have been there to help.

Councilor Bailey expressed his appreciation for Mr. Goodman, noting that he is a proud member of Alpha Phi Alpha. Mr. Goodman exemplified the fraternity's values by performing manly deeds and showing love for all mankind through his courageous actions in helping the individual during the incident.

Councilor Herbert expressed her gratitude to Mr. Goodman and recognized the ongoing service of veterans. Mr. Goodman's actions in saving lives, caring for others, and putting his own life on the line are truly commendable.

Councilor Brennan emphasized that the place where the incident occurred is frequented by many in the city. The sense of safety in those areas is incredibly important. It is refreshing to know there are heroes like Mr. Goodman who are looking out for others.



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Councilor McDowell thanked Mr. Goodman for his service as a veteran and further acknowledged Mr. Goodman for being the person he is and for representing values of service and courage. He recognized that Mr. Goodman's actions saved many lives.

Councilor Bussells reflected on how in times when it's easy to feel jaded or hopeless, individuals like Mr. Goodman serve as a powerful reminder of the difference one person can make. She praised him as an example of what happens when a community truly cares for one another and acts out of a sense of purpose.

Councilor Brown thanked Mr. Goodman while pointing out that we live in a world where many people are more focused on themselves than on others. He emphasized the importance of moments like this for the community to recognize that we are all part of a caring and supportive network.

Mr. Kennis Goodman stated that he has continued to stay in contact with the victim who is currently in rehab and showing signs of improvement.

Mayor Rickenmann and members of the Columbia City Council honored Mr. Kennis Goodman by presenting him with a key to the City of Columbia.

3. Small Business Administration Disaster Assistance Program - Mr. Antwan Harris, Public Affairs Specialist, U.S. Small Business Administration - *Withdrawn*

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 4 THROUGH 8

Upon a single motion made Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Bailey, Council voted unanimously to approve **Consent Agenda Items 4** through **8**.

4. Council is asked to approve a new Contract for Elevator Maintenance Services, as requested by the Support Services Division on December 16, 2024. Award to TK Elevator Corporation using the OMNIA Cooperative Agreement in the amount of \$90,780.00. The contract term is from January 1, 2025 to January 1, 2030. This vendor is located in Atlanta, GA. - *Approved*



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Funding Source: Utilities Lake Murray Water Plant - Maintenance and Service Contract (5516207-638200) \$5,790.00; General Support Services - Maintenance and Service Contract (1011201-638200) \$33,900.00; Drew Wellness Center - Maintenance and Service Contract (1015115-638200) \$1,350.00; Police Administrative Services - Maintenance and Service Contract (1012402-638200) \$2,400.00; Support Services Public Building - Maintenance and Service Contract (5511219-638200) \$12,900.00; Parking Arsenal Hill Deck - Maintenance and Service Contract (5313103-638200) \$1,740.00; Parking Lady Street Deck - Maintenance and Service Contract (5313104-638200) \$5,100.00; Parking Sumter Street Deck - Maintenance and Service Contract (5313106-638200) \$5,400.00; Parking Washington Street Deck - Maintenance and Service Contract (5313108-638200) \$2,550.00; Parking Park Street Deck - Maintenance and Service Contract (5313109-638200) \$2,700.00; Parking Lincoln Street Deck - Maintenance and Service Contract (5313112-638200) \$2,700.00; Parking PJ Cannon Deck - Maintenance and Service Contract (5313114-638200) \$4,800.00; Parking Devine Street Deck - Maintenance and Service Contract (5313115-638200) \$5,100.00; Parking Sable Street Deck - Maintenance and Service Contract (5313116-638200) \$3,000.00; and Parking Freed Street Deck - Maintenance and Service Contract (5313117-638200) \$1,350.00. The original budget amount is \$90,780.00.

5. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Two (2) Double Stack Boat Trailers, as requested by the Columbia Fire Department on November 25, 2024. Award to DLX Enterprises, LLC using the NC Sheriff's Association Cooperative Contract in the amount of \$258,111.60. This vendor is located in Eugene, OR. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Homeland Security Grant Control - Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment-Capital (2549999-658500) \$6,480.00; Homeland Security Grant Control - Special Departmental Supplies (2549999-627100) \$251,631.60. The original budget amount is \$258,111.60.

6. Council is asked to approve a new Professional Services Contract for Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) Instrumentation Maintenance services, as requested by Columbia Water on May 2, 2024. Award to CITI, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$185,440.00. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed with an end date five (5) months from commencement and the option to renew for five (5) additional one-year periods. This firm is located in Charlotte, NC. – *Approved*



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Funding Source: Utilities Lake Murray Water Plant - Professional Services (5516207-636600) \$19,320.00, Utilities Columbia Canal Water Treatment Plant - Professional Services (552206-636600) \$19,320.00, Utilities Metro Wastewater Plant - Maintenance and Service Contract (5516208-638200) \$146,800.00. The original budget amount is \$185,440.00.

7. Council is asked to approve Contract Amendment #3 for Project SS753901; Major Sewer Pipe Rehabilitation Project, as requested by Columbia Water on December 10, 2024. Award to Black and Veatch Corporation in the amount of \$245,800.00. The current term of the contract ends on September 9, 2025. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Water and Sewer Capital Projects – Major Sewer Pipe Rehabilitation (5529999-SS753901-658650). The original budget amount is \$5,044,695.00. The budget amount for this amendment is \$245,800.00. The revised budget amount is \$5,290,495.00.

This is a Mentor Protégé Project. Black and Veatch is the Mentor and will provide additional design services at 55.25% (\$135,800.00) of the amendment amount. Highfill Infrastructure Engineering, PC of Columbia, SC is the protégé and will assist with design and construction phase services at 44.75% (\$110,000.00) of the amendment amount.

8. Council is asked to approve new Contracts for Project SS7604; Continuing Sewer Assessment Program (CSAP) Preventative Maintenance Assistance, as requested by Columbia Water on June 11, 2024. Award to the following contractors in a total amount not to exceed \$987,400.00. The initial term of the contracts will take effect upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed with an end date five (5) months from commencement and the option to renew for four (4) additional one-year periods. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Utilities Wastewater Maintenance - Special Contracts-Water/Sewer, Stormwater (5516205-638200) \$987,400.00. The original budget amount is \$987,400.00.

This is a Columbia Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (CDBE) program project with a 7% CDBE goal. The CDBE Goal is currently being met at 7.53%.

Contractor 1

Gavel & Dorn Engineering, PLLC is the prime contractor and will provide project management services at 11.00% (\$54,091.40) of the total contract amount.



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

KRCS, LLC dba Keefer Engineering, LLC, a Minority Business Enterprise (W) and Columbia Disadvantaged Business Enterprise located in Lexington, SC, will provide CCTV review, smoke testing, SL-RAT inspections, MACP Level 2 inspections and dye testing at 8.00% (\$39,339.20) of the total contract amount.

Woolpert, Inc., located in Columbia, SC, will provide CCTV (mains inspections) services at 35.00% of (\$172,109.00) of the total contract amount.

United Sewer Solutions, located in Hoboken, Georgia, will provide CCTV (lateral inspections) services at 46.00% of (\$226,200.40) of the total contract amount.

Contractor 2

McKim & Creed is the prime contractor and will provide smoke testing, SL-RAT inspections, MACP Level 2 inspections, lateral inspections and dye testing at 92.94% (\$460,660.00) of the total contract amount.

The following subcontractor/supplier will provide the following services/supplies:

SAC Underground, a Minority Business Enterprise (W) and Columbia Disadvantaged Business Enterprise located in Lexington, SC, will provide cleaning and CCTV inspections at 7.06% (\$35,000.00) of the total contract amount.

PUBLIC HEARING & FIRST READING FOR ZONING / PLANNING MATTERS

9. ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 2212 Senate Street, TMS# 11410-22-06 – *Deferred*

Ordinance No.: 2025-001 - Amending the Official Zoning Map to modify the zoning for 2212 Senate Street, Richland County TMS #11410-22-06 - Deferred

Council District: 2

Proposal: Request to rezone the property from Residential Single Family – Small Lot District (RSF-3), Historic Preservation Overlay District (OV-HP, Old Shandon/Lower Waverly Historic District Area A) to Residential Mixed District (RM-1), Historic Preservation Overlay District (OV-HP, Old Shandon/Lower Waverly Historic District Area A).

Applicant: Miles Madden, Handcrafted Property Solutions LLC

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 12/12/2024; Approve (7-0)



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RESOLUTIONS

10. Resolution No.: R-2025-006 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute the Intergovernmental Fire Agreement between the City of Columbia and Richland County - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Brennan, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2025-006 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute the Intergovernmental Fire Agreement between the City of Columbia and Richland County.

APPOINTMENTS

11. Richland Lexington Airport District Commission – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of the Honorable Stephen K. Benjamin, former Mayor of Columbia and former Senior Advisor to the President to the Richland-Lexington Airport District Commission for a four-year term.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS, REFERRALS AND NEW BUSINESS

Upon a motion by Ms. Herbert, seconded by Mr. Brennan, Council voted unanimously to refer the review of communication and information-sharing mechanisms between the City of Columbia and the Columbia Housing Authority to the Community Development Committee for evaluation and potential changes.

PUBLIC INPUT

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager announced that this year's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration will take place on Saturday, January 25, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. This adjustment was made due to significant events occurring across the country and in the city. The traditional MLK commemorative event will still take place with scholarships being awarded and a speaker.

Mr. Jamal Washington, Executive Director of Poetry, Entertainment, Arts, Community and Education expressed his interest in collaborating with the city to teach youth that the word goes everywhere.



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Mayor Rickenmann proposed partnering with One Columbia to apply for grants that could support Mr. Washington's program. He also encouraged collaboration with Mr. Trevon Fordham, Director of the Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement, highlighting the opportunity to combine arts and youth programs to prevent violence and offer alternative pathways for young people.

Councilor McDowell took a moment of personal privilege to express his gratitude to Chief Holbrook, Chief Jenkins, and the members of the investigative teams for their swift response regarding the recent tragic death of a 13-year-old child. He also extended his thoughts and prayers to the family of the victim.

Ms. Lee Lumpkin, Columbia Classical Ballet expressed concerns regarding the hospitality tax funding cuts the organization experienced. The ballet company's funding was reduced from \$150,000 to \$75,000.

Ms. Diane Wiley, Belvedere Neighborhood Association President expressed her ongoing desire to contribute to addressing issues around the city, but noted that she is currently focused on addressing challenges within her own neighborhood.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Erika D. Moore Hammond, CMC
City Clerk