COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2020

WORK SESSION - 3:00 P.M.

The Columbia City Council conducted a Work Session on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201. The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. and the following members of City Council were present: The Honorable Sam Davis, The Honorable Mayor Pro-Tempore Tameika Isaac Devine, The Honorable Howard E. Duvall, Jr., The Honorable 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, City Clerk. This meeting was advertised in accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Howard E. Duvall, Jr. offered the invocation.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager introduced Ms. Tiffany Latimer as the new Customer Care Administrator for the City of Columbia. She comes from PEBA and she is used to dealing with customer care matters.

Mr. Clint Shealy, Assistant City Manager for Columbia Water said as part of succession planning and a renewed emphasis on customer service, Angela Adams has transitioned to a special projects administrator role. We honor her service for so many years. We are delighted to have Tiffany Latimer as our new Customer Care Administrator and the positive impact she is going to have on our customer service experience. She has a diverse background that includes retail, state government, call center, management, and leadership experience.

Ms. Tiffany Latimer, Customer Care Administrator said I am honored to now be an employee of the City of Columbia.

Councilor Duvall said our last report indicated that there were over 23,000 touches in November. That is about 1,000 calls per day going into Customer Care. I look forward to the day when that 23,000 gets down to a manageable size.

Councilor Davis asked if we have a way of communicating those outcomes. Do we know how many of the calls stem from issues on the customer side of the line versus ours?

Councilor McDowell asked how useful is the MyColumbia app. Is there a way to differentiate how many calls there are versus the folks using the app? I've referred folks to the app and they had good results.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said they really have to get a laser focus on calls that are escalated. As you continue to hear me talk about this high performance organization we have to be, our call takers have to be empowered to make judgment calls. They can't make them all, but they can make more of them. The calls that escalate to me or you should not happen. That touch needs to be productive.

Councilor Devine said we have to continue to promote the MyColumbia app.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said we have to reach the out-of-city customers as well.

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION

1. City of Columbia Flag Redesign - Mr. Lee Snelgrove, Executive Director of One Columbia for Arts and Culture

Mr. Lee Snelgrove, Executive Director of One Columbia for Arts and Culture said I am representing the Columbia Design League Board today. We started this project on January 10, 2017 with Resolution 2017-010. Roman Mars gave a TED talk about the importance of city flags, why they are ignored, and why they shouldn't be. A great city flag represents a city to its people and its people to the world at-large. Our current flag was adopted in 1912 and it violates all design rules. It has corn and cotton, which are no longer grown in the City. Ted Kaye of the North American Vexillological Association presented the key principles of a flag design: keep it simple, use meaningful symbolism, use two to three basic colors, no lettering or seals, and be distinctive. We set up a website and collected 547 public entries in several ways. We shared those designs with experts across the world and they narrowed it down to 20 flag designs. The board published 18 flags for a public vote and we received over 7,000 responses. A jury reviewed the feedback and we shared our recommendation with you all. We gave the top five designers the opportunity to submit more designs under specific guidelines. They returned with 60 new designs and the details are in your packet. People will use the flag in other ways like on t-shirts, water bottles, or lapel pins. We hope to have a plan to encourage more people to fly it, focus on it, and merchandize it. This process is in hopes of building a sense of pride and it is a metaphor of our city. We have taken great strides to make this a place that we can all be proud of.

Mayor Benjamin said everyone has the comprehensive plan that Lee has shared with us and we are at the point where we need to promptly make decisions on how to move forward. It would be great if we could share our top two or three and the reasoning behind them. Let's discuss it publicly. Even a child ought to be able to draw the image of the flag. We need meaningful symbolism that goes well beyond our lifetime. I prefer being referenced as the capital. I would not focus on the four districts of the city.

Councilor Davis asked if the designs are trademarked.

Mr. Lee Snelgrove, Executive Director of One Columbia for Arts and Culture said no. We have emphasized throughout this process that once this is done, the designs are completely open. They are not trademarked or owned by anybody. They are accessible to use in many different ways. The designers are being provided a stipend for this additional work. The Design League and Columbia Flag and Sign Company are funding an award for the designer.

There was a consensus of Council to provide their top selections to Lee Snelgrove and schedule a discussion during the January 21, 2020 Work Session.

2. HomeServe and Change Up Program Update - Mr. Robert Yanity, Columbia Water Communications Manager and Ms. Charmaine Clark, Community Liaison for the Community Development Department

Mr. Robert Yanity, Columbia Water Communications Manager said our contract with HomeServe expires at the end of this month and we are looking at renewing that. In 2012, City Council's Environment and Infrastructure Committee asked staff to look into endorsing a water and sewer line warranty program. This stemmed from the fact that a lot of customers didn't understand which part of the line they were responsible for and which part the City was responsible for. The City issued a request for proposals in January 2014 and HomeServe was selected as the company to endorse. The mailings began going out to customers in 2015. Other entities have had issues with HomeServe, but we developed key points for our partnership. The policies offered by HomeServe are optional. The City has not given customer mailing addresses to HomeServe. The City does not repair lines owned by the property owner. HomeServe marketing materials are not branded with the City's logo. We have benefited from the program. As of October 2018, there were 11,000 City of Columbia customers using the program. Since April 2015, there have been 1,400 water service line repairs; over 800 sewer line repairs; and 1,800 interior plumbing repairs for a total of $1.7 million in savings, according to HomeServe. We receive 7% of the proceeds and we apply 100% of those funds towards our Change Up

Program for residential assistance. As of October 2019, we have helped 535 customers in the total amount of $118,000.

Ms. Charmaine Clark, Community Liaison for the Community Development Department said if a customer is not able to pay their water bill and they are being disconnected, Customer Care will schedule an appointment for the customer to meet with the Community Development Department. The customer completes an application and provides the necessary documentation. We determine their qualification based on HUD guidelines. We want to increase the [maximum] amount from $300 to $500, because we are seeing high-end bills. We see up to 220 customers each quarter.

Mr. Clint Shealy, P.E., Assistant City Manager for Columbia Water said our balance is around $150,000. We'd like to get that money out to customers. We want to revamp the program such that what comes in each year, goes out each year. Every penny that we receive from this contract, will be spent on helping customers.

Councilor Devine said it seems like a number of folks aren't qualifying. Is that because of income? Maybe we should look at not using the HUD guidelines.

Ms. Gloria Saeed, Community Development Director said we always use the HUD MSA income guidelines with our programs. It ranges from 30% up to 150%. We are currently using 50% AMI.

Mayor Benjamin said I would like a formal opportunity to name the program after Debra. I'm not sure of the process on the customer assistance limit. We need to give staff the discretion to make smart, thoughtful, and compassionate decisions based on the circumstances, but also make sure we have boundaries to look at any potential abuse.

Councilor Devine suggested that staff hold off on the round up program and the educational component, because we haven't talked about summer jobs and I don't want people getting confused.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager suggested that the contract renewal and the program changes be adopted on January 21, 2020.

Mr. Clint Shealy, P.E., Assistant City Manager for Columbia Water said if we opted not to move forward with the contract renewal, HomeServe would still have these customers. We would lose our 7%. Staff is recommending that we continue with the current provider.

Councilor Brennan said I'd like to see stronger and clearer text on the front side of this. I received a lot of feedback from district three. HomeServe offers a wonderful insurance policy, that is probably less expensive than your traditional insurance outlets. It's on our wonderful customers to decide that.

Councilor Duvall said HomeServe has been kicked out of the state of Utah and they are under pressure in many other states. This is not something the City of Columbia needs to be involved with. If this is a good system, let the City of Columbia run it.

Mayor Benjamin said we can't service private property.

Councilor Devine noted that HomeServe is endorsed by the National League of Cities. They provide the National League of Cities' program.

Councilor Brennan said that Columbiahomeserviceplans.com is maintained by HomeServe.

Mayor Benjamin said Will is talking about transparency and making sure everyone knows this is not a compulsory Columbia program.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager asked Council to forward any feedback to her and Mr. Shealy.

Mayor Benjamin said if there are any other concessions around transparency and disclosure that might meet Mr. Brennan's concern, let's do that.

Mr. Robert Yanity, Columbia Water Communications Manager agreed to make changes to the next marketing packet.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 4:16 p.m. for the discussion of **Items 3** through **6** as outlined.

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

   Meal Share Program
   External Funding Requests

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

   Thomson v COC

5. Discussion of investigative proceedings regarding allegations of criminal misconduct pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(4)

   Ongoing investigation in the Golden Acres Community

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

   City Manager and City Attorney Evaluations
   Municipal Court

COUNCIL MEETING - 6:00 P.M.

The Columbia City Council conducted a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201. The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m. and the following members of City Council were present: The Honorable Sam Davis, The Honorable Mayor Pro-Tempore Tameika Isaac Devine, The Honorable Howard E. Duvall, Jr., The Honorable 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, City Clerk. This meeting was advertised in accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Miss London Patel, Miss Addie Grace-Cook, Miss Faith Robertson, and Ms. Hayden Cohen of the Columbia Youth Commission led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Mr. Rickenmann and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda, subject to deferring consideration of **Items 40** and **41**.

PUBLIC INPUT RELATED TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

No one appeared at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

7. Council is asked to approve the November 19, 2019, November 25, 2019, and December 3, 2019 City Council Meeting Minutes. - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Rickenmann and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve the November 19, 2019, November 25, 2019, and December 3, 2019 City Council Meeting Minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 8 THROUGH 28

Councilor Rickenmann asked if **Item 18** is for new or emergency work.

Ms. Dana Higgins, Engineering Director for Columbia Water said there's a valve that has been closed off for a long time and this will open it up. We presented this to Forest Acres. A brand new water line is going in by Trenholm Plaza.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve the **Consent Agenda Items 8** through **28**.

8. Council is asked to approve Reimbursement of the November 5, 2019 Municipal Election and November 19, 2019 Municipal Runoff Election Expenses to Richland County Elections & Voter Registration in the amount of $142,943.60. - *Approved*

   Funding Source: Council Support Services - Election Expense (1011119-637100) - The original budget amount is $114,000. The additional funding needed to cover the runoff election in the amount of $30,343.60 will come from the Council Support Services budget.

9. Council is asked to authorize contract negotiations for Professional Services related to Program Management for the Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Program, as requested by the Community Development Department. Award to ICF Incorporated, LLC, in an amount not to exceed $975,054.00. The term of the Agreement is the date of the execution of a Notice to Proceed and a valid City of Columbia Purchase Order for an initial term of three (3) years, with the option to extend the term of the contract for similar term subject to satisfactory performance at the mutual pleasure of both parties. We also request Council's approval for the execution of the final contractual agreement, in a form to be approved by the City Attorney's office with final approval by the City Manager. - *Approved*

   Funding Source: CDBG-MIT (2639999-638400/9120000019-638400)

   The following sub-consultants will provide additional services:

   Comprehensive Business Consultants LLC, a MWBE, will provide community engagement planning and policy and planning support at 1% ($13,673.00) of the contract value.

   Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. will provide engineering and construction management, data analysis, environmental expertise, and consultation services at 14% ($132,346.00) of the contract value.

10. Council is asked to approve the purchase of Two (2) Ford F250 Crew Cab Trucks for Parks and Recreation, as requested by Fleet Services. Award to Vic Bailey Ford, Inc., using the SC State Contract in the amount of $56,744.00. This vendor is located in Spartanburg, SC. - *Approved*

    Funding Source: Capital Replacement; Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment- Capital 6308972-658500. The original budgeted amount is $56,744.00.

11. Council is asked to approve the purchase of a 26’ x 96” Warren Full Frame Dump Trailer for Wastewater Maintenance, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Lee Transport Equipment, Inc., using the SC State Contract in the amount of $59,221.80. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. - *Approved*

    Funding Source: Utilities Wastewater Maintenance -Auto Trucks, Heavy Equipment- Capital; (5516205-658500). The original budgeted amount is $59,221.80.

12. Council is asked to approve the purchase of three (3) Dodge Ram 1500 Trucks for the Fire Department, as requested by Fleet Services. Award to Butler Chrysler Dodge Jeep, LLC, using the SC State Contract in the amount of $68,009.00. This vendor is located in Beaufort, SC. - *Approved*

    Funding Source: Capital Replacement - Auto Trucks, Heavy Equipment- Capital; (6308972-658500). The original budgeted amount is $68,009.00.

13. Council is asked to approve the purchase of three (3) Tandem Dump Trucks with Extended Warranties for Water Distribution, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Shealy's Truck Center, using the SC State Contract in the amount of $485,429.52. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. - *Approved*

    Funding Source: Utilities Water Distribution & Maintenance; Auto Trucks Heavy Equipment-Capital (5516203-658500). The original budgeted amount is $485,429.52.

14. Council is asked to approve the purchase of two (2) Peterbilt Side Loaders for Solid Waste, as requested by Fleet Services. Award to Peterbilt, using the Sourcewell Cooperative Contract in the amount of $525,390.00. This vendor is located in Knoxville, TN. - *Approved*

    Funding Source: Capital Replacement; Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment- Capital (6308972-658500). The original budgeted amount is $525,390.00.

15. Council is asked to approve an Operator Training Program for FY 2019-2020 and SOP Preparation and Operation Manual Updates for the Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Brown and Caldwell as a Sole Source in the amount of $141,000.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. - *Approved*

    Funding Source: Utilities Metro Wastewater Plant - Employee Training and Professional Development (5516208-631200). The original budget amount is $245,000.00.

16. Council is asked to approve an Engineering Agreement for Project SD8438; Queen Street Drainage & Detention Phase II, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Black & Veatch Corporation in the amount of $247,800.00. This firm is located in Greenville, SC. - *Approved*

    Funding Source: 554999-SD843801-658650. The original budget amount is $247,800.00.

This is a Mentor Protégé Program project. Black and Veatch Corporation is the mentor and will provide technical consulting services/support at 67.6% ($167,652.00) of the contract value. Civil Engineering Services, Inc., a Minority Business Enterprise (woman) is the protégé and will assist with data collection, reconnaissance, regulatory review, utility coordination, permitting, and construction observation services at 27.6% ($68,448.00) of the contract value.

The following sub-consultants will provide additional services:

Summit Engineering Group of Spartanburg, SC will provide surveying services at 2.3% ($5,700.00) of the contract value.

Bunnell-Lemmons Engineering of Greenville, SC will provide geotechnical services at 2.4% ($6,000.00) of the contract value.

17. Council is asked to approve the continuation of Hydraulic Modeling Recalibration Services for Fiscal Year 2019-2020, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Hazen and Sawyer as a Sole Source in an amount not to exceed $744,916.00. This firm is located in Charlotte, NC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Engineering Wastewater System Improvements - Special Contracts - W/S, SW (5516221-638305). The original budget amount is $744,916.00

18. Council is asked to approve a contract for Project WM4340; 6", 8", 12" and 18" Water Main Upgrades along Trenholm Road, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to LAD Construction, LLC in an amount not exceed $3,024,111.68, which includes contingency. This firm is located in Swansea, SC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Water and Sewer Capital Project (5529999–434000-658650). The original budget amount is $1,572,000.00. Additional funding in the amount of $1,452,111.68 came from 5529999-WM4323-658650 Unforeseen.

This is a Mentor Protégé Program project. LAD Construction, LLC is the mentor and will be performing demolition, water line work, flowable fill, and service connections services at 80% ($1,967,545.00) of the total contract value. J. A. Mabus of Batesburg, SC is the protégé and will be performing demolition, water line work, flowable fill, and service connections at 20% ($491,886.00) of the total contract value.

19. FUTURE LAND USE MAP CONFIRMATION AMENDMENT for 121 and 141 Sparkleberry Crossing Road; TMS# 25705-07-28 - *First reading approval was given on December 17, 2019. - Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2019-087 Amending the City of Columbia Comprehensive Plan 2018 Future Land Use Map to include 121 and 141 Sparkleberry Crossing Road; Richland County TMS# 25705-07-28; annexed by Ordinance No.: 2019-077 enacted October 15, 2019 - *First reading approval was given on December 17, 2019. - Approved on second reading.*

Council District:	4
Proposal:	Request to affirm land use classification of Regional Activity Corridor (AC-3) following the annexation of the property. The property currently has interim classification of Regional Activity Corridor- AC-3).
Applicant:	Arthur State Bank
Staff Recommendation:	Annex, Assign Interim Land Use and Interim Zoning Approval
PC Recommendation:	09/09/2019; Annex, Assign Interim Land Use & Interim Zoning Approval (7-0)

20. ZONING MAP AMENDMENT CONFIRMATION for 121 and 141 Sparkleberry Crossing Road; TMS# 25705-07-28 - *First reading approval was given on December 17, 2019. - Approved on second reading.*

Council District:	4
Proposal:	Request to confirm zoning of General Commercial (C-3). The property currently has interim zoning of General Commercial District (C-3).
Applicant:	Arthur State Bank
Staff Recommendation:	Annex, Assign Interim Land Use and Interim Zoning Approval
PC Recommendation:	09/09/2019; Annex, Assign Interim Land Use & Interim Zoning Approval (7-0)

21. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT for 5640 Old Forest Drive, TMS #16710-01-02 - *First reading approval was given on December 17, 2019. - Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2019-091 Amending the City of Columbia Comprehensive Plan 2018 Future Land Use Map to include 5640 Old Forest Drive; Richland County TMS #16710-01-02 - *Approved on first reading.*

Council District:	4
Proposal:	Request to amend Chapter 8.3 of *The Columbia Plan 2018 - Future Land Use Map* to modify the land use classification on a portion of the property from Fort Jackson (SD-6) to Urban Edge Regional Activity Center (UEAC-2).
Applicant:	Pendleton Grove, Colliers International
Staff Recommendation:	Approval
PC Recommendation:	10/07/2019; Approval (7-0)

22. ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 5640 Old Forest Drive, TMS #16710-01-02 - *First reading approval was given on December 17, 2019. - Approved on second reading.*

Council District:	4
Proposal:	Request to rezone the parcels from Single-Family Residential District, -Fort Jackson 3000' Buffer (RS-1, -FTJAX) to General Commercial District, -Fort Jackson 3000' Buffer (C-3, -FTJAX).
Applicant:	Laura Baker, Cox and Dinkins c/o Old Forest Drive One, LLC
Staff Recommendation:	Approval
PC Recommendation:	10/07/19; Approval (7-0)

23. MAJOR AMENDMENT TO A PUD-LS for 7743, 7749 and 7801 Garners Ferry Road, 2 acres Garners Ferry Road, 1.4 acres Garners Ferry Road, 7.31 acres Garners Ferry Road, 7831 Garners Ferry Road, 7841 Garners Ferry Road, 1.12 acres S/S Garners Ferry Road, 46.42 acres S/S Pineview Drive, 63.38 acres B/S Pineview Drive, 609 Clif Kinder Road, 6.26 acres Clif Kinder Road and Corner Wind Lane, 105-225 Council Loop, 312-441 Council Loop, 501-637 Scribes Lane, 1-8 Silage Court, 105 Trading Path Lane, 110 Trading Path Lane, 105-138 Holstein Lane, 1.46 acres Holstein Lane, 103, 107, 111, 115, 119, 123, 127, 131, 135, 139, 143, 147, 151, 155, 159, 163 Beacons Field Road, .14 acres Hay Meadow Lane, 210, 211, 215, 219, 223, 227, 231, 235, 239, 243 Beacons Field Road, .20 acres SE/S Beacons Field Road, .28 acres S/S Beacons Field Road, 300, 304, 308, 312, 316, 317, 320, 321, 324, 325, 328, 329, 332, 333, 336 Beacons Field Road, .06 acres SW/S Beacons Field Road, .04 acres Hay Meadow Lane, 102-160 Jersey Lane, 12 Hay Meadow Lane, 109, 113, 117, 121, 125, 129 Hay Meadow Lane, 132-157 Hay Meadow Lane, 52, 56, 60, 64, 68, 72, 76, 80, 84, 88 Salers Lane, .11 acres SW/S Salers Lane; TMS# 19100-06-01 to -22, 19101-01-01 to -05, 19101-02-01 to -04, 19101-03-01 to -09, 19101-04-01 to -17, 19101-06-01 to -11, 19101-07-01 to -07, 19101-08-01 to -10, 19101-09-01 to -06, 19004-01-01 to -21, 19004-02-01 to -08, 19004-03-01 to -07, 19004-04-01 to -04, 16313-02-01 to -09, 16313-03-01 to -19, 16313-04-01 to -10, 16313-05-01 to -20, 16313-06-01 to -42, 16313-07-01 to -07, 16313-08-01 to -14, 16313-09-01 to -04, 16313-10-01 to -27, 16313-11-01 to -02, 16313-12-01, 16216-02-01 to -05 - *First reading approval was given on December 17, 2019. - Approved on second reading.*

Council District:	3
Proposal:	Request to make a Major Amendment to a PUD-LS.
Applicant:	Robert Fuller, Attorney
Staff Recommendation:	Approval
PC Recommendation:	10/07/2019; Approval (6-0, 1 member recusal)

24. ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 409 and 411 Graymont Avenue, TMS# 11313-17-06 - *First reading approval was given on December 17, 2019. - Approved on second reading.*

Council District:	3
Proposal:	Request to rezone the parcels from General Residential District (RG-2) to Office and Institutional District (C-1).
Applicant:	Andrew Imbeau, Pro-Motion Physical Therapy
Staff Recommendation:	Approval
PC Recommendation:	10/07/2019; Approval (7-0)

25. ANNEXATION, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 113, 117, and 121 McLeod Road; TMS# 14303-02-36 - *First reading approval was given on December 17, 2019. - Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2019-086 Annexing and Incorporating 113 McLeod Road, 117 McLeod Road, and 121 McLeod Road, Richland County TMS# 14303-02-36 into the Plan Columbia Land Use Plan Putting the Pieces Together adopted by Ordinance No.: 2015-014 on February 17, 2015 - *First reading approval was given on December 17, 2019. - Approved on second reading.*

Council District:	1
Proposal:	Request to annex, assign land use classification of Employment Campus (EC) and assign zoning of Light Industrial (M-1). The property is currently classified as Economic Development Corridor and zoned General Commercial (GC) by Richland County.
Applicant:	113 McLeod Road, LLC
Staff Recommendation:	Approval
PC Recommendation:	09/09/2019; Approval (7-0)

26. ANNEXATION, INTERIM COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP AMENDMENT, AND INTERIM ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 7347 Garners Ferry Road; TMS# 16409-05-04 - *First reading approval was given on December 17, 2019. - Approved on second reading.*

    Ordinance No.: 2019-108 Annexing 7347 Garners Ferry Road, Richland County TMS#16409-05-04 - *First reading approval was given on December 17, 2019. - Approved on second reading.*

Council District:	3
Proposal:	Request to annex, assign interim land use classification of Community Activity Corridor (AC-2) and assign interim zoning of General Commercial District (C-3). The property is currently classified as Neighborhood (Medium Density) and zoned General Commercial (GC) by Richland County.
Applicant:	Carolina Sales, Inc. of Columbia, SC / 7347 Garners Ferry Road, LLC
Staff Recommendation:	Approval
PC Recommendation:	12/02/2019; Approval (7-0)

27. Ordinance No.: 2019-094 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Contract of Sale, Deed and any other documents necessary to consummate the transfer of 0.61 acre (26,616.77 square feet) of 1201 Summit Parkway, Richland County TMS #20314-01-02, known as the former Genstar Water Tank Site to Brookland Baptist Church - *First reading approval was given on December 17, 2019. - Approved on second reading.*

28. Resolution No.: R-2019-101 Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at the "St. Pat's in Five Points Festival" and authorizing the City Manager and the Parks and Recreation Director to sign Park Rules for the St. Pat's in Five Points Festival on Saturday, March 21, 2020 with a rain contingency of Sunday, March 22, 2020 - *Approved*

PRESENTATIONS

29. Recognition of Investigator Tyson Hass as the 2019 Richland County Multi-Disciplinary Team Participant of the Year - Police Chief William "Skip" Holbrook, Columbia Police Department

Police Chief William "Skip" Holbrook, Columbia Police Department said Tyson Hass is a sergeant assigned to the Special Victims Unit. He started with the Columbia Police Department in August 2010. Investigator Hass has displayed a commitment to the department's vision, exhibits strong leadership skills, and he has extensive knowledge and persistence while working his cases. Investigator Hass is dedicated to his role in the special victim's unit. He is a standout member of the South Carolina Internet Crimes Against Children Taskforce. He was awarded the 2019 Richland County Multi-Disciplinary Team Participant of the Year Award for his dedication, compassion, enthusiasm, and diligence and for his service in the interest of children and justice. I can think of no better representative.

30. Presentation of the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies Award to the Columbia-Richland 911 Communications Center - Mr. Henry M. Simons, MHA, Assistant City Manager for Operations

Mr. Henry M. Simons, MHA, Assistant City Manager for Operations recognized the 911 Communications Center on their successful accomplishment of accreditation through the Commission of Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. We have been accredited as a department since 2003. I am grateful for our staff led by Jackie Richburg, who has faithfully served the City of Columbia for 36 years. This team handles 3,500 calls every 24 hours and handles over one million calls per year. In 2019, they processed 1,268,943 calls. I'm thankful for the service they provide to our community.

Ms. Jackie Richburg, Columbia-Richland 911 Communications Director said Felicia Prince-Health, our accreditation manager helped us stay focused on getting it right the first time. We have to comply with 207 standards and we are pleased to receive our CALEA Award. It isn't an easy feat. We are one of seven 911 agencies in the State of South Carolina that has earned this noble achievement. At 911, there are no second chances. We are an agency of transparency; we are ethical; and we have integrity. That's why we've earned this award six times in a row since 2003. We are proud to bring this award home again.

31. Recognition of the City of Columbia as a FEMA National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System Participant - Ms. Dana Higgins, Director of Engineering for Columbia Water

Ms. Dana Higgins, Director of Engineering for Columbia Water introduced Ms. Andrea Bolling as the Deputy Director for Engineering. In May 2019, the City received a class 9 designation in the community rating system. This is a subprogram of the National Flood Insurance Program. The City began its participation in 1981 and we have 1,100 policies. With this class 9 designation, each person will save $22 per policy for a total community savings of $25,000. The 5% reduction is automatically applied. Please let your constituents know and we will continue to work towards a higher level as we continue through the process.

ZONING / PLANNING MATTERS - SECOND READING

32. FUTURE LAND USE MAP CONFIRMATION AMENDMENT for 4624, 4628, and 4830 Devine Street; TMS# 13810-03-07 - *First reading approval was given on December 17, 2019. - Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2019-089 Amending the City of Columbia Comprehensive Plan 2018 Future Land Use Map to include 4624 Devine Street, 4628 Devine Street and 4830 Devine Street; Richland County TMS# 13810-03-07, annexed by Ordinance No.: 2019-076 enacted October 15, 2019 - *First reading approval was given on December 17, 2019. - Approved on second reading.*

Council District:	3
Proposal:	Request to affirm land use classification of Urban Core Community Activity Center (UCAC-2 following the annexation of the property. The property currently has interim classification of Urban Core Community Activity Center (UCAC-2).
Applicant:	Palmstar C4 Devine, LLC / CCWC Columbia 1, LLC
Staff Recommendation:	Annex, Assign Interim Land Use and Interim Zoning Approval
PC Recommendation:	09/09/2019; Annex, Assign Interim Land Use & Interim Zoning Approval (7-0)

33. ZONING MAP AMENDMENT CONFIRMATION for 4624, 4628, and 4830 Devine Street; TMS# 13810-03-07 - *First reading approval was given on December 17, 2019. - Approved on second reading.*

Council District:	3
Proposal:	Request to confirm zoning of General Commercial District, -Flood Protective Area (C-3, -FP). The property currently has interim zoning of General Commercial District, -Flood Protective Area (C-3, FP).
Applicant:	Palmstar C4 Devine, LLC / CCWC Columbia 1, LLC
Staff Recommendation:	Annex, Assign Interim Land Use and Interim Zoning Approval
PC Recommendation:	09/09/2019; Annex, Assign Interim Land Use & Interim Zoning Approval (7-0)

Upon a motion made by Mr. Rickenmann and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted [5 to 2] to give second reading approval to **Item 32** the *Future Land Use Map Confirmation Amendment* for 4624, 4628, and 4830 Devine Street; TMS# 13810-03-07 and **Item 33** the *Zoning Map Amendment Confirmation* for 4624, 4628, and 4830 Devine Street; TMS# 13810-03-07. Voting aye were Mr. Rickenmann, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Duvall, Ms. Devine, and Mr. Davis. Voting nay were Mr. Brennan and Mayor Benjamin.

34. FUTURE LAND USE MAP CONFIRMATION AMENDMENT for 118 Woodcreek Ridge Drive; TMS# 25716-02-03 - *First reading approval was given on December 17, 2019. - Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2019-106 Amending the City of Columbia Comprehensive Plan 2018 Future Land Use Map to include 118 Woodcreek Ridge Drive; Richland County TMS #25716-02-03; annexed by Ordinance No.: 2019-090 enacted December 3, 2019 TMS #16710-01-02 - *First reading approval was given on December 17, 2019. - Approved on second reading.*

Council District:	4
Proposal:	Request to affirm land use classification of Urban Edge Residential Small Lot (UER-1) following the annexation of the property. The property currently has interim classification of Urban Edge Residential Small Lot (UER-1).
Applicant:	Cascata Development, LLC
Staff Recommendation:	Annex, Assign Interim Land Use and Interim Zoning Approval
PC Recommendation:	10/07/19; Annex, Assign Interim Land Use & Interim Zoning Approval (7-0)

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to give second reading approval to the *Future Land Use Map Confirmation Amendment* for 118 Woodcreek Ridge Drive; TMS# 25716-02-03 and Ordinance No.: 2019-106 Amending the City of Columbia Comprehensive Plan 2018 Future Land Use Map to include 118 Woodcreek Ridge Drive; Richland County TMS #25716-02-03; annexed by Ordinance No.: 2019-090 enacted December 3, 2019 TMS #16710-01-02. Mayor Benjamin abstained from voting due to a potential conflict of interest.

35. ZONING MAP AMENDMENT CONFIRMATION for 118 Woodcreek Ridge Drive, TMS#25716-02-03 - *First reading approval was given on December 17, 2019. - Approved on second reading.*

Council District:	4
Proposal:	Request to confirm zoning of Planned Unit Development - Residential District (PUD-R). The property currently has interim zoning of Planned Unit Development - Residential District (PUD-R).
Applicant:	Cascata Development, LLC
Staff Recommendation:	Annex, Assign Interim Land Use and Interim Zoning Approval
PC Recommendation:	10/07/19; Annex, Assign Interim Land Use & Interim Zoning Approval (7-0)

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to give second reading approval to the *Zoning Map Confirmation Amendment* for 118 Woodcreek Ridge Drive, TMS#25716-02-03. Mayor Benjamin abstained from voting due to a potential conflict of interest.

36. FUTURE LAND USE MAP CONFIRMATION AMENDMENT for 4.91 acres Woodcreek Farms Road and +/- 0.17 acres W/S Woodcreek Farms Road; TMS# 25800-03-47 and 25800-03-28 - *First reading approval was given on December 17, 2019. - Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2019-105 Amending the City of Columbia Comprehensive Plan 2018 Future Land Use Map to include 4.91 acres Woodcreek Farms Road and +/- 0.17 acres W/S Woodcreek Farms Road; Richland County TMS #25800-03-47 and 25800-03-2; annexed by Ordinance No.: 2019-088 enacted December 3, 2019 - *First reading approval was given on December 17, 2019. - Approved on second reading.*

Council District:	4
Proposal:	Request to affirm land use classification of Neighborhood Activity Corridor (AC-1) following annexation of the property. The property currently has interim classification of Neighborhood Activity Corridor (AC-1).
Applicant:	PD Limited, LLC and Woodcreek Development, LLC
Staff Recommendation:	Annex, Assign Interim Land Use and Interim Zoning Approval
PC Recommendation:	10/07/19; Annex, Assign Interim Land Use & Interim Zoning Approval (7-0)

Upon a motion made by Mr. Rickenmann and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to give second reading approval to the *Future Land Use Map Confirmation Amendment* for 4.91 acres Woodcreek Farms Road and +/- 0.17 acres W/S Woodcreek Farms Road; TMS# 25800-03-47 and 25800-03-28 **and** Ordinance No.: 2019-105 Amending the City of Columbia Comprehensive Plan 2018 Future Land Use Map to include 4.91 acres Woodcreek Farms Road and +/- 0.17 acres W/S Woodcreek Farms Road; Richland County TMS #25800-03-47 and 25800-03-2; annexed by Ordinance No.: 2019-088 enacted December 3, 2019. Mayor Benjamin abstained from voting due to a potential conflict of interest.

37. ZONING MAP AMENDMENT CONFIRMATION for 4.91 acres Woodcreek Farms Road and +/- 0.17 acres W/S Woodcreek Farms Road; TMS# 25800-03-47 and 25800-03-28 - *First reading approval was given on December 17, 2019. - Approved on second reading.*

Council District:	4
Proposal:	Request to confirm zoning of Planned Unit Development - Residential District (PUD-R). The property currently has interim zoning of Planned Unit Development - Residential District (PUD-R).
Applicant:	PD Limited, LLC and Woodcreek Development, LLC
Staff Recommendation:	Annex, Assign Interim Land Use and Interim Zoning Approval
PC Recommendation:	10/07/19; Annex, Assign Interim Land Use & Interim Zoning Approval (7-0)

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to give second reading approval to the *Zoning Map Amendment Confirmation* for 4.91 acres Woodcreek Farms Road and +/- 0.17 acres W/S Woodcreek Farms Road; TMS# 25800-03-47 and 25800-03-28. Mayor Benjamin abstained from voting due to a potential conflict of interest.

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

38. Ordinance No.: 2019-083 Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 23, Utilities and Engineering, Article V, Water and Sewer Rates, Sec. 23-154 Extended payment option – *Approved on first reading.*

Commercial Development Incentive Program

Councilor Devine asked if this includes irrigation meters.

Mr. Clint Shealy, P.E., Assistant City Manager for Columbia Water said no.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2019-083 Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 23, Utilities and Engineering, Article V, Water and Sewer Rates, Sec. 23-154 Extended payment option.

OTHER MATTERS

39. Council is asked to approve a request for funding for the SC Council on the Holocaust 75th Anniversary of the Liberation of Auschwitz Commemoration, as requested by The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve a request for funding for the SC Council on the Holocaust 75th Anniversary of the Liberation of Auschwitz Commemoration.

Mayor Benjamin stated for the record that the request is for $5,000.

40. Council is asked to approve a request for funding for Language Buzz, as requested by The Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr. – *Consideration of this item was deferred.*

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS DISCUSSED DURING THE WORK SESSION

41. City of Columbia Flag Design – *Consideration of this item was deferred.*

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS/REFERRALS

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to refer the discussion of a public art piece made out of recycled materials to the Art and Historic Preservation Committee. Lee Snelgrove of One Columbia will join Councilwoman Devine in making the presentation to the committee, when appropriate.

APPEARANCE OF THE PUBLIC

Minister Mustafa appeared on behalf of the Sankofa Institute. Mayor we want to thank you for meeting with us on several occasions. The Sankofa Institute is a rites of passage program at Bethel Bishop. We're here to ask City Council to put us in your budget. The North Pointe Estates has been around since 1972. We thank Councilman McDowell for sitting with us on many occasions. While being there with this afterschool program, we have made a major impact with the children and parents in six months. It has been challenging. We need resources and funding. We are bringing their grades and reading levels up. We don't have enough tutors. We want you all to be involved. We want to thank Mr. Duvall. Children are dealing with bed bugs. Sewer is backing up in the apartments and some of the carpet has never been removed. We must leave a legacy behind.

Ms. Cecile Johnson appeared on behalf of the Sankofa Institute. We are in 29203 which has 40,000 people of which 82% are black. They represent 30% of the City's population. The median household income is $30,514, which is $20,000 less than the state average and 33% of the people live in poverty. There are 11,258 children below the age of 19 and many of them are living in poverty. The unemployment rate in Columbia is 5%, which is 15% higher than the national average. Black children die at 10.6 per thousand. White children die at 4.9 per thousand. When it comes to maternal mortality, black women are four times more likely to die giving birth. Columbia is number nine in the nation in HIV/AIDS infection and 68% of those are black. Across the nation, we saw a 73% increase in youth suicide attempts for black children under the age of ten and over the age of 10. It is in response to these conditions I am telling you about. 29203 needs an economic boost. The children need to have the same things that other communities have. Last year, the City got $1.2 million for Shotspotters. We need more than that spent on their lives so they don't end up becoming shooters. We will be requesting to do a PowerPoint presentation before the Council. We would like to see the City renovate the Bellfield Center to put in programs as wraparound services for those single mothers and their children.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Moore, CMC
City Clerk