



COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The Columbia City Council conducted a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 7, 2025 at City Hall (Council Chambers), 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201. The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m. and the following City Council members were present: The Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr., The Honorable William 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. Levanie S. Summerville, Assistant 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. Brennan and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda subject to adding the receipt of legal advice relating to matters covered by attorney-client privilege pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2) - Phillips Street to Executive Session as **Item 18**.

PUBLIC INPUT

No one appeared at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Council is asked to approve the December 17, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes.
– *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Dr. Bussells and seconded by Mr. Bailey, Council voted unanimously to approve the December 17, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes.



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PRESENTATIONS

2. Special Presentation - Mr. Tony Grant, Member of the Omicron Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Mr. Tony Grant, Member of the Omicron Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. expressed deep gratitude towards Ms. Wilson and City Council for their longstanding support of their chapter and fraternity. He presented a proclamation commemorating the fraternity's partnership with the City, recognizing the chapter's centennial celebration in 2026 and honoring the City's unwavering support over the past 29 years.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 3 THROUGH 11

Upon a single motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Bailey, Council voted unanimously to approve **Consent Agenda Items 3** through **11**.

3. Council is asked to approve the Annual Renewal of Mobile Area Routing and Vehicle Location Information System (MARVLIS) Software Support, as requested by the Columbia Police Department on December 11, 2024. Award to Bradshaw Consulting Services, Inc., in the amount of \$97,519.64. This vendor is located in Aiken, SC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Police Administrative Services - Maintenance and Service Contract (1012402-638200). The original budget amount is \$97,519.64.

4. Council is asked to approve the Annual Renewal of Cityworks Software and License Support, as requested by the Information Technology Department on December 12, 2024. Award to Azteca Systems, LLC, in the amount of \$114,660.00. The term for this renewal is from January 15, 2025 through January 14, 2026. This vendor is located in Sandy, UT. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Public Works Administration - Maintenance and Service Contracts (1011124-638200) \$6,378.18; Public Works Administration - Computer Equipment/Hardware (1011124-627500) \$2,868.19; Forestry Horticulture - Maintenance and Service Contracts (1011217-638200) \$8,878.18; Streets Street and Sidewalk Repair - Maintenance and Service Contracts (1013201-638200) \$3,378.18; Traffic Operations - Maintenance and Service Contracts (1013204-638200) \$4,378.18; Streets - Storm Drains - Maintenance and Service Contracts (5534203-638200) \$2,878.19; Streets - Water and Sewer Repair - Maintenance and Service Contracts (5513202-638200) \$3,378.18; Customer Service - Special



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Contracts (5511407-638300) \$4,378.18; Meter Reading - Maintenance and Service Contracts (5516202-638200) \$16,378.18; Solid Waste Street Sweeping - Maintenance and Service Contracts (5534408-638200) \$11,378.18; Utilities Wastewater Maintenance - Software License (5516205-627510) \$50,388.18. The original budget amount is \$114,660.00.

5. Council is asked to approve a new Professional Services Contract for the Parking Garage Capital Improvement Program, as requested by the General Services Department on October 7, 2024. Award to Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed with an end date five (5) years from commencement and the option to renew for two (2) additional one-year periods. This contractor is located in Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Parking Facilities - Maintenance and Service Contract (5312501-638200) \$300,000.00. The original budget amount is \$300,000.00.

Councilor Brennan noted that this item reflects the parking rate increases, which are being used to fund projects aimed at addressing deferred maintenance.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager emphasized that the team is moving quickly to address the deferred maintenance in the parking decks by bringing in the necessary professional expertise as planned for this fiscal year. The construction documents are coming together and work is underway to resolve long-discussed maintenance issues.

6. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Vehicles for the Solid Waste Division, as requested by the Fleet Services Division. Award to multiple vendors using the SC State Contract and Cooperative Contracts in the amount of \$1,647,356.95. – *Approved*

Item	Vendor	Vehicles	Procurement Method	Amount
a.	Peterbilt of Knoxville, DBA The Peterbilt Store Columbia, SC	One (1) 2026 Peterbilt 520 Truck for the Solid Waste Division, as requested on November 13, 2024.	Sourcewell Contract #060920-PMC	\$374,542.00



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<i>Funding Source: Capital Replacement - Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment-Capital (6308972 -658500). The original budget amount is \$374,542.00.</i>				
b.	National Auto Fleet Group Watsonville, CA	One (1) 2026 Western Star Prentice Crane Truck for the Solid Waste Division, as requested on November 21, 2024.	Sourcewell Contract #032824-NAF	\$393,915.00
<i>Funding Source: Capital Replacement – Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment-Capital (6308972-658500). The original budget amount is \$393,915.00.</i>				
c.	Aquip, LLC Rock Hill, SC	One (1) Refuse/Garbage Street Sweeper Truck for the Solid Waste Division, as requested on November 21, 2024.	Sourcewell Contract #093021-FAY	\$339,501.95
<i>Funding Source: Solid Waste Street Sweeping – Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment-Capital (5534408-658500). The original budget amount is \$339,501.95.</i>				
d.	Charlotte Truck Center, Inc. DBA Excel Truck Center Charlotte, NC	Two (2) 2025 Western Star Loadmaster Trucks for the Solid Waste Division, as requested on November 13, 2024.	SC State Contract #4400035153	\$539,398.00
<i>Funding Source: Capital Replacement – Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment-Capital (6308972-658500). The original budget amount is \$539,398.00.</i>				
Total				\$1,647,356.95

7. Council is asked to approve a new Contract for Project WM4813; Arborvine Court 6" Water Main Replacement, as requested by Columbia Water on November 26, 2024. Award to Carolina Tap and Bore, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$154,570.50. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon



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issuance of the Notice to Proceed with an end date sixty (60) days from commencement. This contractor is located in West Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Water and Sewer Capital Projects - Arborvine Court Water Main Improvement - Capital Project Costs (5529999-WM481301-658650). The original budget is \$154,570.50.

This is a Mentor Protégé Program project. Carolina Tap and Bore, Inc. is the mentor and will be performing project oversight services at 80.00% (\$103,047.20) of the total contract amount.

LG Utility Contractors, Inc., a Minority Business Enterprise (W), located in Lugoff, SC, is the protégé and will be performing water line installation and asphalt patching services at 20.00% (\$25,761.80) of the total contract amount.

8. Council is asked to approve a new Sole Source Contract for a Light Ray Connection Trenchless Sewer Lining System, as requested by Columbia Water on November 8, 2024. Award to LMK Technologies, LLC, in the amount of \$340,503.46. This vendor located in Ottawa, IL. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Utilities Wastewater Maintenance - Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment-Capital (5516205-658500). The original budget amount is \$340,503.46.

9. Council is asked to approve a new Contract for Project SS7535; Olympia Sewer Rehabilitation Phase 1, as requested by Columbia Water on October 31, 2024. Award to GH Smith Construction, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$2,275,240.00, which includes contingency. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed with an end date two hundred ten (210) days from commencement. This contractor is located in Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Water and Sewer Improvement Capital Projects - Olympia Sewer Relocation/Rehabilitation - Capital Project Costs (5529999-SS753501-658650). The original budget amount is \$2,275,240.00.

This is a Columbia Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (CDBE) Program project with a 10% CDBE goal. The CDBE goal is being exceeded at 18.65%.

GH Smith Construction, Inc. is the prime contractor and will provide sewer rehabilitation services at 56.84% (\$980,542.00) of the total contract amount.

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



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Smoak Construction, LLC, a Minority Business Enterprise (W) and Columbia Disadvantaged Business Enterprise located in Little Mountain, SC, will provide sewer line and clearing services at 17.98% (\$310,260.00) of the total contract amount.

Staline Waterworks, Inc., located in Columbia, SC, will provide pipe fitting and manhole services at 12.60% (\$217,413.00) of the total contract amount.

Armstrong Contractors, located in Columbia, SC, will provide asphalt paving services at 8.43% (\$145,485.00) of the total contract amount.

Chao Engineering, Inc., a Minority Business Enterprise and Columbia Disadvantaged Business Enterprise located in Columbia, SC, will provide staking/record drawing services at 0.67% (\$11,500.00) of the total contract amount.

Martin Marietta, located in Cayce, SC, will provide rock/filling services at 3.48% (\$60,000.00) of the total contract amount.

10. **ANNEXATION, FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT FOR 549 Old Woodlands Road, TMS# 13713-02-18 – Approved on second reading.**

Ordinance No.: 2024-095 - Annexing 549 Old Woodlands Road, Richland County TMS # 13713-02-18 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map – Approved on second reading.

Council District: 3

Proposal: Request to annex the property, assign the land use classification of Urban Edge Residential Large Lot (UER-2) and assign zoning of Residential Single Family Large Lot District (RSF-1) for a pending annexation. The property is currently classified as Mixed Residential (High Density) and zoned Residential 2 (R2) by Richland County.

Applicant: Robert E. Wright, Jr. and Monica K. Wright / Matthew N. Simmons

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 11/14/2024; Approval (8-0)

First reading approval was given on December 17, 2024.



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11. ANNEXATION, FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT CASE SUMMARY 3.56 and 0.516 acres S/S Broad River Road, TMS# 05000-04-40 and 05000-04-45 – *Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2024-096 - Annexing 3.56 and 0.516 acres S/S Broad River Road, Richland County TMS# 05000-04-40 and 05000-04-45 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map – Approved on second reading.

Council District: 1

Proposal: Request to annex the property, assign the land use classification of Community Activity Corridor (AC-2) and the assign zoning of Light Industrial District (LI) for a pending annexation. The property is currently classified as Neighborhood (Medium Density) and zoned Light Industrial (M-1) and General Commercial (GC) by Richland County.

Applicant: T. Moffatt Burriss, Jr. and Dennis Jay Murphy

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 11/14/2024; Approval (8-0)

First reading approval was given on December 17, 2024.

RESOLUTIONS

12. Resolution No.: R-2025-002 - Second Amendment to a Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Council to execute an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Stormwater Infrastructure Program Subrecipient Agreement between the City of Columbia and the South Carolina Office of Resilience to fund a stormwater infrastructure improvement project that will mitigate the impact of future disasters – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Bailey, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2025-002 - Second Amendment to a Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Council to execute an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Stormwater Infrastructure Program Subrecipient Agreement between the City of Columbia and the South Carolina Office of Resilience to fund a stormwater infrastructure improvement project that will mitigate the impact of future disasters.



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EVENT RESOLUTIONS

13. Resolution No.: R-2025-003 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine beverages only at First Thursdays on Main Street – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Dr. Bussells and seconded by Mr. Brown, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2025-003 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine beverages only at First Thursdays on Main Street.

OTHER MATTERS

14. Council is asked to direct staff to issue a Community Development Block Grant Notice of Funding Availability for all projects and programs that meet CDBG requirements and priorities, including city departments, as requested by The Honorable Tina N. Herbert. – *Approved*

This NOFA process is not intended to disrupt the current timeline for the Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Herbert and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to approve the direction of staff to issue a Community Development Block Grant Notice of Funding Availability for all projects and programs that meet CDBG requirements and priorities, including city departments, as requested by The Honorable Tina N. Herbert.

Councilor Herbert explained that applications are collected before priorities are set, which could help open up more opportunities for creative projects. She assured that this approach will not disrupt the timeline for the current Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager added that it's important to clarify the NOFA process and timeline, which is prescribed by HUD and typically follows specific guidelines. The City is in compliance with these requirements, but if needed, the process can be extended to accommodate any additional applications.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS, REFERRALS AND NEW BUSINESS

Councilor Brennan reported that the inaugural meeting of the Homeless Services Adhoc Committee took place today, January 7, 2024. During the meeting, Ms. Kameisha Hepphard, Director of Homeless Services provided an update which



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included the successful efforts of the Rapid Shelter and of the pallet housing program.

He highlighted the upcoming Point in Time Count, scheduled for January 22, 2025, and urged everyone to volunteer in the City's efforts to gather accurate data on the number of unsheltered residents.

Dr. Bussells referred public safety related to large events to the Council Legislative Committee. She emphasized the need to address the City's limited resources, particularly barricades and bollards, which are insufficient for large-scale events that we frequently host. This gap in infrastructure impacts the state as a whole.

Mayor Rickenmann clarified that funding for bollards has already been budgeted, allowing us to move forward with implementing them in the entertainment districts. Portable bollards and other public safety needs, such as mobile command units, should also be addressed at the legislative level. Given Columbia's 300+ annual events, he stressed that enhancing public safety is a priority and should be moved higher on the agenda.

PUBLIC INPUT

Ms. Diane Wiley expressed her gratitude to City Council for their hard work and offered to help with the Point in Time Count.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to enter in Executive Session at 4:37 p.m. for the discussion of **Items 15** through **17** as amended to add the receipt of legal advice relating to matters covered by attorney-client privilege pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2) – **Phillips Street** to Executive Session as **Item 18**.

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

Fire Services

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16. Discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(5)

Project Catalyst

17. Discussion of the employment of an employee pursuant to §30-4-70(a)(1)

Municipal Court Judges

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Erika D. Moore Hammond, CMC
City Clerk