



COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2018

The Columbia City Council met for a Work Session on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201. The Honorable Mayor Pro-Tempore Tameika Isaac Devine called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m. and the following members of Council were present: the Honorable Sam Davis, the Honorable Howard E. Duvall, Jr., the Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr., and the Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann. The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin and the Honorable Moe Baddourah were absent. 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 Edward H. McDowell, Jr. offered the Invocation.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda.

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION

1. Midlands Business Leadership Group - Ms. Lou Kennedy, CEO/Owner of Nephron Pharmaceuticals Corp. and Mr. Chuck Garnett, Regional Executive to Division CEO for NBSC/Synovus Bank

Ms. Lou Kennedy, CEO/Owner of Nephron Pharmaceuticals Corp. said the Midlands Business Leadership Group (MBLG) is a coalition of forty-five (45) CEOs and executive business leaders who came together to work on various projects within the Midlands. The purpose of MBLG is to identify regional challenges by prioritizing opportunities, defining the gaps, and catalyzing action to build a more competitive environment. She said MBLG works with EngenitySC to make sure we stay on task. She said the vision for MBLG is to accelerate the development of Columbia as a cool region that attracts and retains top talent, produces vibrant job offerings, and provides necessary resources to improve livability for all people.

Mr. Chuck Garnett, Regional Executive to Division CEO for NBSC/Synovus Bank said we have a remarkably diverse team and we support the creation of a one-stop shop for resources for upcoming entrepreneurs. He insisted that the vision for MBLG supports the City's vision for all work assignments.



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Councilor Devine thanked MBLG for their leadership and for keeping an open line of communication for the community to learn more about the City's vision.

2. Bull Street Development Update - Mr. Robert Hughes, President of Hughes Development Corporation

Mr. Robert Hughes, President of Hughes Development Corporation presented an overview of the Bull Street Development project. He said in 2007, Bull Street was marketed in 55 countries for two (2) years. In 2008, Hughes Development took interest and in 2010, we had a contract to purchase the property. It took us two (2) years to come up with a vision for Bull Street that aligns with the City's vision on how to replace the dense urban neighborhood with newer and vibrant urban principles. The density and scale of the project will take twenty (20) years to develop, but Bull Street will be a success because it creates a quality of life for the City of Columbia. He provided an update on all of the completed projects since 2015 and presented various projects, which are scheduled to open during the spring and fall of 2018.

Councilor McDowell thanked Mr. Hughes for keeping the community informed about the property.

Councilor Davis said we were promise in the beginning that more big boxes will be developed. He asked about the timeframe in reaching that goal.

Mr. Robert Hughes, President of Hughes Development Corporation said there are still a lot of big boxes, but it's less than the original plan. We have companies that are not in Columbia that are now looking more at Bull Street. He said Bull Street is not the average suburban shopping mall; therefore, the development will take some time. He said we are not going to sacrifice speed for quality; our focus is on getting it right to fulfil the City's vision. He said we are committed to this long-term investment.

Councilor Rickenmann asked about obstacles prohibiting the development.

Mr. Robert Hughes, President of Hughes Development Corporation said he noticed that the middle class markets are still recovering from the recession and they are being more cautious with investing.

Councilor Devine said we are willing to help close the deal for any market coming to the City.



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Mr. Robert Hughes, President of Hughes Development Corporation said it is recognized outside of Columbia that we all are working together to help grow our community.

3. Fiscal Year 2018 / 2019 Budget Workshop Calendar - Ms. Melisa Caughman, Budget and Program Management Director

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager introduced Ms. Melissa Lindler as the new Director of the Office of Business Opportunities.

Ms. Melissa Lindler, Director of Office of Business Opportunities said the Office of Business Opportunities is a great team and she looks forward to starting her new journey with the City.

Ms. Melisa Caughman, Budget and Program Management Director said we are kicking off the fiscal year 2018/2019 budget series with envision Columbia as being the focus point for each department's budget. She said we are implementing a priority based budget by taking inventory of our services, programs, and activities. She presented the fiscal year 2018/2019 budget schedule, which will begin with healthcare discussions.

Councilor Rickenmann said we would like to discuss alternative options for healthcare on February 20, 2018 and we would like to make a decision by March 20, 2018.

Ms. Melisa Caughman, Budget and Program Management Director said we will bring an update on the Envision Columbia work plan, kick-off an overview of the water and sewer rate study, and we will closeout fiscal year 2016/2017 in February 2018. She presented the remainder of the fiscal year 2018/2019 budget calendar.

Councilor Rickenmann said we need to know the status of 911-Communications and Fire Department agreements with Richland County.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said we submitted a request for 911 services and Fire services.



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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 3:28 p.m. for the discussion of **Items 4** through **7** as amended to add the Bull Street Development Agreement to **Item 4** and Municipal Court Judges to **Item 7**.

4. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2)
 - *Central Carolina Community Foundation*
 - *Lockhart*
5. Receipt of legal advice related to matters covered by attorney-client privilege pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2)
 - *Bradford Collins v. City of Columbia*
 - *Estate of Brown vs COC and Officer Mike Bailey*
 - *Carolina Water*
6. Discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body pursuant to §30-4-70(a)(5)
 - *Main Street Culinary Training Program*
7. Discussion of employment of an employee pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2)
 - *City Council Office*



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The Columbia City Council conducted a meeting on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201. The Honorable Mayor Pro-Tempore Tameika Isaac Devine called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m. and the following members of Council were present: the Honorable Sam Davis, the Honorable Howard E. Duvall, Jr., the Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr., and the Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann. The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin arrived at 6:47 p.m. The Honorable Moe Baddourah was absent. 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. *The minutes are numbered to coincide with the order of the meeting.*

INVOCATION

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

CITY COUNCIL SWEARING IN CEREMONY

The oath of office was administered to the Honorable Sam Davis, the Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine, and the Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann by the Honorable Kristy Goldberg, Municipal Court Judge.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda as amended to add the consideration of *the appointment of an interim Chief Administrative Judge* to the agenda and to discuss *the referral of an Ordinance to address the extended hours permit for commercial establishments to the Public Safety Committee* prior to presentations.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Miss Jade Devine, Miss Tamia Devine, Miss Jordan Benjamin, and Miss Bethany Benjamin led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC INPUT RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS

Katerina Barrie, small business owner appeared before Council in support of the extended hours permit for commercial establishments.



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Tom Gottshall, 1824 Senate Street appeared before Council in opposition to the extended hours permit for commercial establishments.

April Lucas, 911 Laurens Street resident appeared before Council in opposition to the extended hours permit for commercial establishments.

Dick Harpootlian, Wales Garden Neighborhood resident appeared before Council in opposition to the extended hours permit for commercial establishments.

Michael Drennan, Shandon Neighborhood resident appeared before Council in opposition to the extended hours permit for commercial establishments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a single motion made by Mr. Rickenmann and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve the **Consent Agenda Items 8 through 18**.

8. Council is asked to approve Reimbursement of the November 7, 2017 Municipal Election Expenses to Richland County Elections & Voter Registration in the amount of \$83,633.96. – *Approved*
9. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of four (4) Dodge Ram Vehicles for the Code Enforcement Division, as requested by the Fleet Services Division. Award to Butler Chrysler Jeep Dodge, using the SC State Contract in the amount of \$79,140.00. This vendor is located in Beaufort, SC. *Funding Source: Capital Replacement- Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment Capital: 6308972-658500. The original budgeted amount is \$79,140.00. – Approved*
10. Council is asked to approve the Annual IFAS Software Maintenance Support Services, as requested by the Budget and Program Management Department. Award to Superion in the amount of \$195,722.14. This firm is located in Lake Murray, FL. *Funding Source: General Admin Information Tech-Maintenance & Service Contract 6218950-368200. The original budgeted amount is \$195,722.14. – Approved*



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11. Council is asked to approve the Renewal of Computer Aided Dispatch Annual Maintenance Software Services, as requested by the Columbia-Richland 911 Communications Center. Award to TriTech Software Systems in the amount of \$242,398.97. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: City Account 1012701 - 638200 (\$121,199.49) and County Account 2082702 - 638200 (\$121,199.48).* – *Approved*

This Maintenance Agreement will provide uninterrupted CAD software maintenance coverage expiring on December 1, 2018 and is jointly funded (50/50 split) with Richland County.

12. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of GIS Annual Software Maintenance Services, as requested by the Information Technology Services Department. Award to Environmental Systems Research, using the General Services Administration Contract in the amount of \$65,500.00. This firm is located in Redlands, CA. *Funding Source: Police Administrative Services- Computer License;1012402-627510 (\$3,300.00); Development Services-Maintenance & Service Contract;1014101-627510 (\$3,400.00); Engineering-Computer License; 5511706-627510 (\$4,600.00); Traffic Engineering-Maintenance & Service Contract;1013203-627510 (\$2,225.00); Public Works Administration- Computer License;1011124-627510 (\$1,875.00); Utilities Wastewater Maintenance-Maintenance & Service Contract;5516205-627510 (\$5,100.00); Utilities Wastewater Maintenance-Computer License; 5516205-627510 (\$500.00); Geographic Information System: Maintenance & Service Contract; 5511121-627510 (\$44,500.00).* – *Approved*
13. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of four (4) Compact Hybrid Vehicles for the Customer Care Center, as requested by the Fleet Services Division. Award to Galeana Chrysler Jeep, using the Future Ordering Agreement in the amount of \$99,488.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding source: Customer Service-Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment Capital. 5511407-658500. The original budgeted amount is \$99,488.00.* – *Approved*
14. Council is asked to approve Contract Amendment #6 for Project SS685401; An Agreement for Engineering Services for Modeling & Evaluating the City's Sanitary Sewer System Piping & Pump Stations to support the Capacity Assurance Program, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Hazen and Sawyer, P.C. in the amount of \$100,000.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Sanitary Sewer Operations & Maintenance Budget; 5511706-638305. The original budgeted amount for this service is \$200,000.* – *Approved*
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This is a Clean Water 2020 Program Project and a Mentor Protégé Program Project. Chao & Associates of Columbia, SC is the Protégé and will receive 60% (\$60,000.00) of the contract amendment value.

15. Ordinance No.: 2017-110 - Granting an encroachment to Steve Wyatt for installation and maintenance of brick pavers, brick knee wall with columns, sidewalk and driveway within the right of way area of the 900 block of West Confederate Avenue adjacent to 903 West Confederate Avenue, Richland County TMS #09012-01-06. *First reading approval was given on December 19, 2017. – Approved on second reading.*
16. Ordinance No.: 2017-111 - Granting an encroachment to Olive Holdings, LLC for the use of the right of way areas of the 3000 block of Duncan Street for installation and maintenance of corrugated pipe adjacent to 3010 Duncan Street, Richland County TMS#13802-01-03. *First reading approval was given on December 19, 2017. – Approved on second reading.*
17. Ordinance No.: 2017-112 - Granting an encroachment to the Shandon Neighborhood Council, LLC for installation and maintenance of landscaping within the triangular right of way area of the 100 block of Harden Street adjacent to 110 Harden Street, Richland County TMS #11310-05-18. *First reading approval was given on December 19, 2017. – Approved on second reading.*
18. Resolution No.: R-2017-122 - 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. – *Approved*

APPOINTMENTS

19. Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to appoint the Honorable J. Steedley Bogan, Municipal Court Judge as the Interim Chief Administrative Judge.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS / REFERRALS

20. Council is asked to refer an Ordinance to address the extended hours permit for commercial establishments to the Public Safety Committee, as requested by The Honorable Howard Duvall.



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Councilor Davis expressed concerns about the application approval process for new applications.

Councilor Rickenmann said we will only have a discussion about the current ordinance in the committee.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to refer an Ordinance to address the extended hours permit for commercial establishments to the Public Safety Committee. - *The Public Safety Committee will meet on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.*

PRESENTATIONS

21. City's LIGHT Employee Recognition - Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager and City Council recognized volunteer firefighter Jesse Bussey as a City LIGHT. She said On Sunday, October 1, 2017, during the 4th Annual 9/11 Silent Walk across the Ravenel Bridge, Jesse saved the life of Assistant Chief Greg Bailey of the Couchton Fire and Rescue. Mr. Bailey suffered a major heart attack. Jesse observed the symptoms and with assistance from other firefighters, Jesse performed CPR for 17 minutes before an ambulance arrived. Jesse's training and quick response is being credited with saving Mr. Bailey's life. We are grateful for Jesse saving Mr. Bailey's life, but we are just as grateful to Mr. Bailey for taking Jesse under his wing more than 10 years ago and introducing him to the career of firefighting. This resulted in Jesse joining our staff in September 2016 and graduating from recruit school in January 2017. Jesse continues to serve as a volunteer firefighter of the Couchton Fire and Rescue.

Mayor Benjamin arrived at 6:47 p.m.

MAYORAL SWEARING IN CEREMONY

The oath of office was administered to the Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin by the Honorable DeAndrea G. Benjamin, Circuit Court Judge.



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APPOINTMENTS

22. Mayor Pro Tempore

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of the Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine as Mayor Pro Tempore for a one-year term.

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

23. Ordinance No.: 2017-115 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 21, Stormwater Management and Sedimentation Control, Article III, Flood Damage Prevention, Division 1, Generally, Sec. 21-127 Basis for establishing areas of special flood hazard – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2017-115 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 21, Stormwater Management and Sedimentation Control, Article III, Flood Damage Prevention, Division 1, Generally, Sec. 21-127 Basis for establishing areas of special flood hazard.

24. Ordinance No.: 2018-002 - Amending Ordinance 2016-036 to Adopt the Budget for the City of Columbia, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2017. – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2018-002 - Amending Ordinance 2016-036 to Adopt the Budget for the City of Columbia, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2017.

OTHER MATTERS

25. Council is asked to approve the Installation of one (1) Temporary Speed Hump on Airport Boulevard in the Rosewood Neighborhood, as requested by the Public Works Department. – *Approved*



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The neighborhood wishes to use the temporary speed hump (owned by the Public Works Department) on Airport Boulevard (a City-owned roadway) on a 90-day trial basis to allow residents to review its effectiveness before proceeding with permanent installations in other areas.

The Columbia Fire Department and Police Department reviewed and approved this request.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve the Installation of one (1) Temporary Speed Hump on Airport Boulevard in the Rosewood Neighborhood, as requested by the Public Works Department.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager wished Fire Chief Aubrey Jenkins a very Happy Birthday.

APPOINTMENTS

26. Council is asked to approve the appointment of two (2) individuals to the Climate Protection Action Committee.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Ms. Sara Rajca as a Mayoral appointee and Ms. Deborah Stirling as the District 3 appointee to the Climate Protection Action Committee for a term ending on January 10, 2021.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager introduced Ms. Melissa Lindler as the new Office of Business Opportunities Executive Director.

Councilor Devine thanked City Manager Teresa Wilson, Assistant City Manager Clint Shealy, and all Public Works and Water and Sewer staff for working non-stop in response to over one-hundred weather related water main breaks.

Councilor Davis concurred with Mrs. Devine.

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS DISCUSSED DURING THE WORK SESSION

No matters were considered at this time.



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APPEARANCE OF THE PUBLIC

Mr. John Holmes, Homeless Helping Homeless appeared before the Council seeking support for the Blessing Boxes initiative.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Moore, CMC
City Clerk