



**COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2020**

WORK SESSION - 2:00 P.M.

The Columbia City Council conducted a Work Session on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201. The Honorable Mayor Pro-Tempore Edward H. McDowell, Jr. called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. and the following members of City Council were present: The Honorable Sam Davis, The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine, The Honorable Howard E. Duvall, Jr., The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, and The Honorable William Brennan. The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin arrived at 2:23 p.m. Also present were Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Moore Hammond, City Clerk. This meeting was advertised in accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. The minutes are numbered to coincide with the order of the meeting.

INVOCATION

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

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION

1. National League of Cities Update - The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine

Councilor Devine said we have the Congressional City Conference coming up in two weeks. This is a conference as well as Legislative Day. I will be participating in the legislative meetings of the board while we are there. I have set up meetings with the vice president as well as a couple of congressional leaders. I will be asking you all to consider supporting Resolution 2020-035 Supporting National League of Cities' Leading Together Cities Agenda for the 2020 U.S. Presidential Election. Regardless of who the president is after November 2020, the National League of Cities (NLC) wants to continue to have a good working relationship and make sure the priorities of cities are elevated. The resolution that will be on the agenda tonight is asking for all presidential candidates to support the Leading Together Cities Agenda for 2020. The agenda supports building sustainable infrastructure, creating a skilled workforce, ending housing instability and homelessness, and reducing gun violence. So far, Mayor Pete Buttigieg and Senator Elizabeth Warren have supported [the resolution]. We will be asking the Trump Administration to also support this agenda. If we support the resolution, we will send that to NLC, and they will list us along with the cities that have supported this. As I get information from the NLC board, I will let you all know what we need to know as city leaders.



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2. Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Program Overview of Process and Plan - Ms. Sue Southon, Program Consultant for ICF and Ms. Gloria Saeed, Director of Community Development

Ms. Sue Southon, Program Consultant for ICF said this is the first time that HUD has provided this kind of funding for communities. Instead of fixing what happens after a natural disaster, this is to help communities become proactive and be able to identify ways to reduce their risks and make their communities more resilient to future disasters. The City of Columbia has been given over \$18.5 million. HUD is looking from the mitigation standpoint for projects and activities that will lessen the impact of future disasters on the community. They have also asked that we look at the hazard mitigation planning that is done through the FEMA funding at the state level and in this instance the regional level through the Central Midlands Council of Governments. We need to make sure we are addressing the seven community lifelines and projects that may have been identified in those hazard mitigation plans but were not funded. We are required to do a mitigation needs assessment in advance of presenting the plan. This involves looking at scientific data on the impact of storms and prioritizing which of the 15 significant events are likely to impact the community. The two major infrastructure projects proposed by staff are the Columbia Canal Head Gates and Lock Gate Repair and replacement of the Olympia Fire Station. There is a budget for planning which will be used for a variety of things to help the community become more resilient. Potentially, in the future some of that money will be diverted to other projects as they are identified.

Councilor Rickenmann asked how long the project oversight is.

Ms. Sue Southon, Program Consultant for ICF said 50% of the projects must be completed within six years and the balance within 12 years. We are looking at 12 years' worth of administration oversight responsibilities on the part of the city. For the Olympia Fire Station project, we have done an analysis of the census tracts within the service area. The facility serves a low income area; it will provide a new and resilient facility; it will add additional capacity for emergency response; it will add the ability to accommodate ladder and aerial trucks that the current facility cannot accommodate; and it will add backup generators to continue to be in-service during a natural disaster. The other project is the Columbia Canal Head Gates project. The service area is also low and moderate income. This project is critical to be able to provide portable drinking water and fire protection throughout the community. This project will be a great benefit to a very large group of constituents within your community and neighboring counties.



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Councilor Rickenmann asked if the balance of money can also be used for an alternative water source or the hydro plant.

Mr. Clint Shealy, Assistant City Manager for Columbia Water said we expect that between FEMA funds and state funding, the hydro repairs and canal embankment will be fully funded. The head gates are a critical component of the system. Using the Community Development Block Grant mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funds to replace the head gates takes care of that piece. We have applied for a \$10 million pre-disaster mitigation grant from FEMA to assist us with the alternate water supply. We are seeking every bit of funding that we can.

Ms. Sue Southon, Program Consultant for ICF announced that the first public hearing will be held on Monday, March 2, 2020. Then the plan will be officially posted on the new CDBG-MIT website that the city has developed. The posting will be for 45 days and then the second public hearing will be on April 6, 2020. We will come back for approval of the final documents on April 21, 2020. The last day of public comment is April 30, 2020 and it will go to HUD on May 2, 2020.

Councilor Brennan asked when will the engagement start for future funding ideas for projects.

Ms. Sue Southon, Program Consultant for ICF said that will also come from what staff hears from the public. We will be collecting the public comments and they will be integrated in the final plan that goes to HUD.

Councilor Brennan asked if we heard from citizens at community meetings that these two projects are a priority.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said the CDBG-DR grant has focused more on the public and individuals' needs after the flood, for rebuilding and renovations. These funds and the requirements from HUD are so stringent. What we have learned from our experiences with CDBG-DR is that we need to get out of this what we can from an infrastructure perspective for the city. We certainly have to receive public comment and input from the community. There is a lot of support for the fire station. Our water supply is also a big deal for everyone. Staff's position on this grant is to use the bulk of funding for public infrastructure projects. If we hear something overwhelming different from these public input opportunities, we will certainly come back to the table with you all. Because of the constraints around this grant, my position is to move in this direction.

Councilor Duvall asked if the HUD grant is a one-time program or will it be continuing.



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Ms. Sue Southon, Program Consultant for ICF said there is no expectation that this will happen again. If there are additional disasters, there may be additional funding for mitigation.

3. Columbia Police Department Recruitment Video - Mr. William "Skip" Holbrook, Chief of Police

Mr. William "Skip" Holbrook, Chief of Police presented the Columbia Police Department's new recruitment video. We are sending this video package to colleges, universities, and other recruitment hotspots instead of sending the traditional brochure. We are using innovative advertising and promotional programs. It's something we will leave with criminal justice departments across the region and throughout the southeast where we are targeting recruitment.

Mayor Benjamin asked on which platforms are we going to be able to see the video.

Mr. William "Skip" Holbrook, Chief of Police said its really up to our imagination. We are trying to take advantage of every networking and social media platform that we can. The recruitment video can be found at <https://columbiapd.net/salary-benefits/>. We also have a new link on our website about our gun seizures. It is a staggering number and I think folks have become almost immune to it. We took this new initiative from a program that was started in Philadelphia. We have a photo map where we put all guns that were seized and the street where it occurred. We take a picture and you can find all those with a brief synopsis on our website. It's pretty staggering.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 2:47 p.m. for the discussion of **Items 4** through **7** as outlined.

4. Receipt of legal advice related to matters covered by attorney-client privilege pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2)
 - *Convention Center*
 - *Municipal Boundary Adjustments*
 - *Senior Resources*
 - *Board Memberships*



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5. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements pursuant to S. C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2)
 - *Municipal Complex*
 6. Discussion of negotiations incident to the proposed purchase of property pursuant to S. C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2)
 - *Calhoun Street*
 7. Discussion of the employment of an employee pursuant to §30-4-70(a)(1)
 - *Chief Administrative Judge*

COUNCIL MEETING - 4:00 P.M.

The Columbia City Council conducted a meeting on Tuesday, February 25, 2019 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201. The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 4:26 p.m. and the following members of Council were present: The Honorable Sam Davis, The Honorable Howard E. Duvall, Jr., The Honorable Mayor Pro-Tempore Edward H. McDowell, Jr., The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, and The Honorable William Brennan. The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine was absent. Also present were Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Moore Hammond, City Clerk. This meeting was advertised in accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. The minutes are numbered to coincide with the order of the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve the adoption of the agenda as presented.



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PUBLIC INPUT RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS

No one appeared at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

8. Council is asked to approve the February 4, 2020 City Council Special Called Meeting, Work Session, and Council Meeting Minutes.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve the February 4, 2020 Special Called Meeting, Work Session, and Council Meeting Minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 9 THROUGH 24

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to approve the **Consent Agenda Items 9** through **24**.

9. Council is asked to approve the purchase of a Hewlett Packard Support Services Agreement, as requested by the Information Technology Department. Award to Hewlett Packard Company, using the SC State Contract, in the amount of \$58,198.03. This vendor is located in Roseville, CA. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Information Technology - Maintenance & Service Contracts (1011120-638200). The original budget amount is \$61,000.00.

10. Council is asked to approve the purchase of three 2020 Ford Rangers for the Water Distribution Division, as requested by the Fleet Services Division. Award to Vic Bailey Ford, Inc., using the SC State Contract, in the amount of \$70,089.00. This vendor is located in Spartanburg, SC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Utilities - Water Maint Cust Srvc - Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equip - Capital (5516202-658500). The original budget amount is \$70,089.00.



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11. Council is asked to approve the purchase of two Foote-Jones Gear Reducers (Left-Hand) for the Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Bearing Distributors, Inc., a certified LBE, in an amount not to exceed \$71,522.29. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Utilities Metro Wastewater Plant - Machinery and Equipment Capital (5516208-568300). The original budget amount is \$75,000.00.

12. Council is asked to approve a Contract Extension for Safety Boots and Shoes, as requested by the Procurement and Contracts Department. Award to Tyler Brothers in an amount not to exceed \$75,000. This firm is located in Wagener, SC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Utilities Wastewater Maintenance - Uniforms and Clothing (5516205 - 624100). The original budget amount is \$75,000.00.

13. Council is asked to ratify two Emergency Procurements, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Lake Murray Utility Company and Carolina Tap and Bore in the total amount of \$213,370.00. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Water & Sewer Capital Projects - Capital Projects Costs (5529999-SS753701-658650). The original budget amount is \$108,250.00. Engineering - Water Systems Improvement - Special Projects (5516220-638500). The original budget amount is \$105,120.00.

Project Description	Contractor	Location	Total Amount
Wastewater Improvements along Bluff Oaks Road, at the Intersection of Bluff Road and Bluff Oaks Road	Lake Murray Utility Co.	Chapin, SC	\$108,250.00
Emergency 16'' Water Main Repair on Trenholm Road (Lowering of Water Main)	Carolina Tap and Bore	W. Columbia, SC	\$105,120.00

14. Council is asked to approve the purchase of Heavy Equipment for the Parks & Recreation Department, Solid Waste Division, and the Street Division, as requested by the Fleet Services Division. Award to the following vendors using the Sourcwell Cooperative Contract, in the total amount of \$517,273.17. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Capital Replacement - Autos Trucks Heavy Equipment (6308972-658500). The original budget amount is \$405,696.89. Streets Storm Drains - Autos Trucks Heavy Equipment (5534203-658500). The original budget amount is \$111,576.28.



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Department	Item	Vendor	Location	Total
Parks & Recreation	One (1) RT45A Compact Trencher	Ditch Witch of Charlotte	Charlotte, NC	\$52,476.89
Solid Waste	Two (2) 2020 Rear Loader	The Larson Group Peterbilt	Strafford, MO	\$353,220.00
Street Division	One (1) Front End Loader	Company Wrench JCB	Lexington, SC	\$111,576.28

15. Ordinance No.: 2020-001 Granting an encroachment to Daniel Kadar for the use of right of way area of the 2000 block of Devine Street for the installation and maintenance of an iron tubing bicycle rack adjacent to 2222 Devine Street, Richland County TMS#11312-16-06 - *First reading approval was given on February 4, 2020 - Approved on second reading.*
16. Resolution No.: R-2020-008 Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at the Rocky Shoals Spider Lily Happy Hours in the Amphitheater Area of the Riverfront Park on Tuesdays, April 7, April 14, April 21, April 28, May 5, May 12, May 19 and May 26 with rain contingency dates of Thursdays April 9, April 16, April 23, April 30, May 7, May 14, May 21 and May 28, 2020 - *Approved*
17. Resolution No.: R-2020-010 Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at Soda City Spring Yard Sale within the Biergarten Area only on Saturday, April 25, 2020 with a rain contingency of Saturday, May 2, 2020 - *Approved*
18. Resolution No.: R-2020-013 Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at the Wiese Biergarten Celebration of Spring in the Amphitheater Area of the Riverfront Park on Saturday, April 4, 2020 with a rain contingency date of Saturday, April 11, 2020 - *Approved*
19. Resolution No.: R-2020-017 Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only within Boyd Plaza adjacent to the Columbia Museum of Art for the CMA It's Alive Film Series on Thursdays, April 9, 2020 and May 14, 2020 - *Approved*
20. Resolution No.: R-2020-018 Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only within Boyd Plaza adjacent to the Columbia Museum of Art for the CMA Trivia Night of the Living Dead Trivia Program on Thursday, April 16, 2020 - *Approved*



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21. Resolution No.: R-2020-019 Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only within Boyd Plaza adjacent to the Columbia Museum of Art for the CMA Greater Columbia Record Fair on Sunday, April 26, 2020 - *Approved*
 22. Resolution No.: R-2020-023 Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at Artista Vista Annual Arts Festival on Sunday, April 19, 2020 - *Approved*
 23. Resolution No.: R-2020-025 Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only within Boyd Plaza adjacent to the Columbia Museum of Art for Free Times' Heavy Metal Brunch on Saturday, April 25, 2020 (Columbia Food and Wine Festival Event) - *Approved*
 24. Resolution No.: R-2020-026 Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only within Boyd Plaza adjacent to the Columbia Museum of Art for the 14th Annual Indie Grits Film Festival on Saturday, March 28, 2020 - *Approved*

PRESENTATIONS

25. Check presentation to Prisma Health Midlands Foundation - The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin

Mayor Benjamin said we have had a fantastic partnership with the foundation for years. We know this year it is estimated that over 270,000 women and 2,600 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer and 42,000 people are expected to die from this disease. The 2019 Mayor's Campaign Against Breast Cancer began in April. The t-shirt design contest was kicked off in July with One Columbia receiving entries from as far away as London. There was a public voting process and three designs were selected. We sold popcorn, lemonade, and other goodies to raise funds during the month of September, ending with a community sponsored bake sale. The Fire Department had a partnership with Fatz Café on Forest Drive and raised \$1,360 through donations in the helmet drive. The Police Department launched the Pink Patch Project and donated \$1,000 of the proceeds from the sale of custom throws. The annual Isabel Law Breakfast organized by our fantastic volunteers was conducted as well. All the proceeds go to the Prisma Health Midlands Foundation for the Bosom Buddies Program, a breast cancer patient support group that provides resources for recovery and emotional healing for individuals undergoing treatment. On behalf of the people of this great city, I present Prisma Health Midlands Foundation a check in the amount of \$9,000.00.



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Mr. Samuel Tenenbaum, Prisma Health Foundation President said thank you very much Mayor, City Council, and City of Columbia for the incredible support you give to our breast cancer center. We raised over half a million dollars last year, all for our breast cancer centers.

26. Recognition of Mr. Gregory M. Dillon as the February Employee of the Month - Mr. Robert Anderson, Public Works Director, Mr. David Brewer, City Traffic Engineer, and Mr. Leonard Freeman, Electrical Operations Supervisor

Mr. David Brewer, City Traffic Engineer introduced Greg Dillion as the City of Columbia Employee of the Month. He has been an employee of the City since May 2017 as an electrician. He has an associate's degree in industrial electronics, and he is married with two children. Greg always arrives to work early. He pursues excellence in his job duties and during his time with the City he has earned a journeyman electricians license. In addition to his job with the City, Greg is a veteran of the U.S. Army where he served in Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2009 and earned an army commendation medal. He is currently a staff sergeant in the South Carolina National Guard. He understands teamwork and promotes this attitude with other employees. Even when he is not on-call, he can always be depended on to come in and help if needed.

Mayor Benjamin presented Mr. Gregory M. Dillon with a plaque and City Manager Teresa Wilson presented him with a token of appreciation. for being selected as the City of Columbia February Employee of the Month.

RESOLUTIONS

27. Resolution No.: R-2020-032 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Lease Agreement between the City of Columbia and MS Joint Venture for the lease of the 1st, 5th and 7th floors of 1401 Main Street - *Approved*

Municipal Office Complex

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2020-032 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Lease Agreement between the City of Columbia and MS Joint Venture for the lease of the 1st, 5th, and 7th floors of 1401 Main Street.



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28. Resolution No.: R-2020-034 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Contract of Sale of Office Building between the City of Columbia and MS Joint Venture for the purchase of 1401 Main Street, Richland County TMS #09013-04-07 - *Approved*

Municipal Office Complex

Councilor Rickenmann said there has been a lot of discussion about this purchase. We have done a lot of due diligence. I know there are a lot of folks who want to see us come off Main Street. We had an economist come in and evaluate the building or the option of moving to other sites. The longevity of bringing in our folks from different office buildings allows us to move the money that we are paying in leases towards the purchase of this building. This will allow us to take other buildings that we have and put them back in the private sector like Washington Square, the property on Laurel Street, and others.

Mayor Benjamin said this will be saving taxpayer dollars. In the 2016 solicitation for a public-private partnership, the cost to potentially build a new center came back five times more than what we are talking about purchasing this building for. We continue to study and evaluate different options, but it is important to make sure that we are able to share this information with citizens.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2020-034 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Contract of Sale of Office Building between the City of Columbia and MS Joint Venture for the purchase of 1401 Main Street, Richland County TMS #09013-04-07.

OTHER MATTERS

29. Council is asked to approve One-Way Operations on Abbeville Street during school days from 7:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. and from 2:20 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., as requested by the Public Works Department - *Approved*

This request has been reviewed and approved by the Columbia Police Department and the Columbia Fire Department.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to approve one-way operations on Abbeville Street during school days from 7:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. and from 2:20 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., as requested by the Public Works Department.



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30. Council is asked to approve the Installation of three (3) Speed Humps on Poinsettia Street and two (2) Speed Humps on Kawana Road, as requested by the Public Works Department - *Approved*

This request has been reviewed and approved by the Columbia Police Department and the Columbia Fire Department.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Rickenmann and seconded by Mayor Benjamin, Council voted unanimously to approve the installation of three (3) speed humps on Poinsettia Street and two (2) speed humps on Kawana Road, as requested by the Public Works Department.

31. Council is asked to approve a \$5,000 allocation to the Richland Library for Together SC 2020, as requested by The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin - *Approved*

Funding Source: Accommodations Tax General Purpose

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mayor Benjamin, Council voted unanimously to approve a \$5,000 allocation to the Richland Library for Together SC 2020, as requested by The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin.

Mayor Benjamin left the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

32. Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Program Overview and Public Input - Ms. Sue Southon, Program Consultant for ICF and Ms. Gloria Saeed, Director of Community Development

Ms. Gloria Saeed, Director of Community Development said the city has received \$18.5 million in Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funds. This is a new allocation from HUD and these funds are dedicated specifically to activities that increase resilience and reduce or eliminate long-term risks associated with disasters. This is separate from our regular CDBG-DR dollars. The purpose of the CDBG-MIT funds is to support data-informed investments by ensuring that risk reduction projects keep our City's community lifelines intact and more resilient when a disaster strikes. This will help us adopt policies and build local government capacity needed to align with future risks. This process has already started with two projects that City staff has identified as our priorities. The first project is the Olympia Fire Station, which has been in critical need of repairs, relocation, and an updated facility to be able



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to serve its community at the highest potential. The other project is the Canal Head Gates. This project is critical to ensuring a continuing and adequate supply of water for fire protection and safe drinking water. The Canal Head Gates project is estimated at \$8 million, the Olympia Fire Station is \$7 million, the planning activities are projected at \$2.6 million, and the oversight and monitoring for the administration of the grant for the 12-year period is \$900,000. The projects will be serving 50% of low-income families in our area. On March 16, 2020, we will post the action plan on our website for public comments and on April 6, 2020, there will be a second public meeting at the Busby Street Community Center. On May 2, 2020, HUD must receive the final action plan.

Council opened the Public Hearing at 4:48 p.m.

No one appeared at this time.

Council closed the Public Hearing at 4:48 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS

33. Central Midlands Council of Governments

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Mr. Rusty DePass to the Central Midlands Council of Governments.

34. Climate Protection Action Committee

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Mr. Bob Petrulis to the Climate Protection Action Committee.

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

Upon a single motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to **Ordinances – First Reading Items 35 through 42.**



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35. Ordinance No.: 2020-005 Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 5, Article II, Building and Technical Codes, Division 2, Building Code, Sec. 5-51, Adoption; conflicting provisions – *Approved on first reading.*

Adopt 2018 International Building Code

36. Ordinance No.: 2020-006 Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 9, Fire Prevention and Protection, Article IV, Fire Prevention Code, Sec. 9-61, Adoption – *Approved on first reading.*

Adopt 2018 International Fire Code

37. Ordinance No.: 2020-007 Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 5, Article 11, Building and Technical Codes, Division 3, Gas Code, Sec. 5-71, Adoption; conflicting provisions – *Approved on first reading.*

Adopt 2018 International Fuel Gas Code

38. Ordinance No.: 2020-008 Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 5, Article II, Building and Technical Codes, Division 6, Mechanical Code, Sec. 5-131, Adoption; conflicting provisions – *Approved on first reading.*

Adopt 2018 International Mechanical Code

39. Ordinance No.: 2020-009 Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 5, Article II, Building and Technical Codes, Division 4, Plumbing Code, Sec. 5-91, Adoption; conflicting provisions – *Approved on first reading.*

Adopt 2018 International Plumbing Code

40. Ordinance No.: 2020-010 Amending Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 5, Buildings and Building Regulations, Article II, Building and Technical Codes, Division 7, Property Maintenance Code, Sec. 5-151, Adoption; conflicting provisions – *Approved on first reading.*

Adopt 2018 International Property Maintenance Code



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41. Ordinance No.: 2020-011 Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 5, Article II, Building and Technical Codes, Division 9, International Residential Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings, Sec. 5-191, Adoption; conflicting provisions – *Approved on first reading.*

Adopt 2018 International Residential Code for One-and Two-Family Dwellings

42. Ordinance No.: 2020-012 Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 5, Article II, Building and Technical Codes, Division 5, Electric Code, Sec. 5-111, Adoption; conflicting provisions – *Approved on first reading.*

Adopt 2017 National Electric Code (NFPA 70)

43. Ordinance No.: 2020-020 Granting an Easement to Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. along a portion of City-owned property identified as Richland County TMS# 08915-03-01 for installation of an electric line and appurtenances for the Greene Street Streetscape Project, Phase 2 (Gadsden Street); CF#250-495 – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2020-020 Granting an Easement to Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. along a portion of City-owned property identified as Richland County TMS# 08915-03-01 for installation of an electric line and appurtenances for the Greene Street Streetscape Project, Phase 2 (Gadsden Street); CF#250-495.

44. Ordinance No.: 2020-021 Granting an Easement to Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. along a portion of City-owned property identified as Richland County TMS#08913-13-01(Pacific Park) for the installation of power lines and appurtenances for the Church Street House Relocations; CF#250-497 – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2020-021 Granting an Easement to Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. along a portion of City-owned property identified as Richland County TMS#08913-13-01(Pacific Park) for the installation of power lines and appurtenances for the Church Street House Relocations; CF#250-497.



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45. Resolution No.: R-2020-031 Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Amendment to Lease Agreement Extending Term of Lease for 715 Bluff Road for use as the Police Substation and Property Storage Facility – *Consideration of this item was deferred.*
46. Resolution No.: R-2020-033 Authorizing Condemnation for Easement Acquisition for Water Main along Rimer Pond Road; CIP Project #WM3872; 596 Rimer Pond Road, Richland County TMS#20500-04-05, n/f English; 454 Rimer Pond Road, Richland County TMS#17700-01-30, n/f Ball; 448 Rimer Pond Road, Richland County TMS#17700-01-27, n/f Huff; 330 Rimer Pond Road, Richland County TMS#17700-01-95, n/f Gant; 444 Rimer Pond Road, Richland County TMS#17700-01-26, n/f Lee; and 260 Rimer Pond Road, Richland County TMS#17700-01-80, n/f Montgomery; CF#250-349 - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2020-033 Authorizing Condemnation for Easement Acquisition for Water Main along Rimer Pond Road; CIP Project #WM3872; 596 Rimer Pond Road, Richland County TMS#20500-04-05, n/f English; 454 Rimer Pond Road, Richland County TMS#17700-01-30, n/f Ball; 448 Rimer Pond Road, Richland County TMS#17700-01-27, n/f Huff; 330 Rimer Pond Road, Richland County TMS#17700-01-95, n/f Gant; 444 Rimer Pond Road, Richland County TMS#17700-01-26, n/f Lee; and 260 Rimer Pond Road, Richland County TMS#17700-01-80, n/f Montgomery; CF#250-349.

47. Resolution No.: R-2020-035 Supporting National League of Cities' Leading Together Cities Agenda for the 2020 U.S. Presidential Election - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2020-035 Supporting National League of Cities' Leading Together Cities Agenda for the 2020 U.S. Presidential Election.



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48. Resolution No.: R-2020-036 Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Encroachment License Agreement (NS #1276211) between the City of Columbia and Norfolk Southern Railroad for the Catawba Street Sewer Replacement, CIP #SS7520 - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2020-036 Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Encroachment License Agreement (NS #1276211) between the City of Columbia and Norfolk Southern Railroad for the Catawba Street Sewer Replacement, CIP #SS7520.

49. Resolution No.: R-2020-037 Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Encroachment License Agreement (NS #1276367) between the City of Columbia and Norfolk Southern Railroad for Blythewood Farms Phase 1 Sewer Replacement CF #349-17 - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2020-037 Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Encroachment License Agreement (NS #1276367) between the City of Columbia and Norfolk Southern Railroad for Blythewood Farms Phase 1 Sewer Replacement CF #349-17.

50. Resolution No.: R-2020-038 Certifying Units within the Buildings Including and Adjacent to the Building Known as the Moe Levy's Building as Abandoned Building Sites Pursuant to the South Carolina Abandoned Buildings Revitalization Act, Title 12, Chapter 67, Section 12-67-100 et seq., of the South Carolina Code of Laws (1976), as amended, regarding properties located at 1105 Lady Street, 1115 Lady Street and 1304 Assembly Street, Columbia, SC, TMS #s R09013-05-10, R09013-05-09 and R09013-05-11 - *Approved*

Councilor Rickenmann said the building has already been torn down, but this is a process that we have to go through so they can take advantage of a tax incentive that comes through the state.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2020-038 Certifying Units within the Buildings Including and Adjacent to the Building Known as the Moe Levy's Building as Abandoned Building Sites Pursuant to the South Carolina Abandoned Buildings Revitalization Act, Title 12, Chapter 67, Section 12-67-100 et seq., of the South Carolina Code of Laws (1976), as amended, regarding properties located at 1105 Lady Street, 1115 Lady Street and 1304 Assembly Street, Columbia, SC, TMS #s R09013-05-10, R09013-05-09 and R09013-05-11.



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CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS DISCUSSED DURING THE WORK SESSION

No matters were considered at this time.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS / REFERRALS

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to refer the research of a SMART television app to provide access to City TV and other City programs to the Technology Committee.

APPEARANCE OF THE PUBLIC

Mr. Mustafa said I am here advocating for these children and about 15 more. In North Pointe Estates, we have five families being evicted on Thursday. We have noncompliance with HUD by the management. Violations with Chapter 5, determining income and calculating rent; Chapter 6, violation of lease requirement for subsidized homes; Chapter 7, recertification and rent changes; and Chapter 8, due process of termination. We are asking the local government to get involved. Columbia is 8th in the nation for evictions. These evictions are a cause of wrongful evictions. They have violated due process, have not given adequate time and information, and there are other things going on with the management that need to be looked into. We are talking about 25 children and their mothers being out on Thursday from the North Pointe Estates. This area has been in the news before for being one of the worst in Richland County. We had an afterschool program there since September 2019. The company has shut our program down and we cannot help these children. We are also asking for help to bring back this afterschool program. We need urgency and we are here today to ask you to help us stop these children from becoming homeless. This particular complex has had five different management companies in the past six years. The problem is with the management and not the poor residents.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said I did talk to Mr. Sanders about this. I did commit to him that we will work with Community Development staff to look into their concerns and get back with any information.

Councilor Davis said it's a matter of talking to the most appropriate authority. We need to know what the violations are and see who from HUD is aware of it and what they are doing about it. The due process has to be clarified and brought to HUD's attention. We need to know the number of children and mothers being affected and discuss alternatives if they have to relocate.



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Councilor McDowell said there are two issues that have been raised tonight: a managerial issue and a HUD issue. I think we have to be clear on both and not get them convoluted. We need to be very clear on how the rent process works and the problems with the management.

Councilor Rickenmann said we need to make sure there is some type of solution for the families. There seems to be a lot of questions that need to be answered. Maybe Council needs to write a formal letter to HUD voicing our concerns. I think it's something we should consider, but I hope we find a solution for these families.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said we will make this a priority to determine what we can do as a city as far as formally acknowledging to HUD what we know and what we feel might be inappropriate.

Ms. Julia Dawson said I am a teacher at W. A. Perry Middle School and two summers ago I traveled to Ghana with the U.S. State Department and the University of South Carolina as a research scholar. Our purpose in going was to improve teaching about Africa and African descendants and to make sure that black students understand the power and pride of where they came. I got this opportunity because of my mentors and this year I wanted to pay it forward. I told students that if they wanted to go to Africa this year to study and learn, then we are going to make it happen together. I went to my principal and the district and everybody was supportive. This year, the district and school have not been able to allow the project to go through. I had to keep my promise, so we are going this year. We received federal and state approvals for fundraising, and I Am My Ancestors Dreams Journey was born. We have been working hard. I have seen Maryiah in 32-degree weather at Soda City Market exchanging donuts for donations. I have watched J'Terrius go up to strangers at the flea market on Augusta Road and now we are here. We are \$1,200 away from our major fundraising goal which will cover both of their plane tickets. I know we cannot ask you in your formal capacity as Council members to use tax dollars for a project like this but I am humbly making a request that you share this with the connections you have and help make our dream a reality in any way you can.

Miss Maryiah Belton said I want to go to Ghana, West Africa because I want to experience where my ancestors came from and I want to get to know the real meaning of life. When I go to Ghana, I will be able to learn from the language, taste new foods, and experience where my ancestors rose. In five years from now, I'll be graduating from high school and I feel this journey will help me be more independent for college. I want to go to a HBCU to study and become a brain surgeon. I need your help to turn this dream into a reality.



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Master J'Terrius Sumter said I am in the seventh grade at W. A. Perry Middle School. I want to travel to Ghana because I want to experience a different language, food, and ideas. This is going to be a great experience for me for many reasons. I am already learning public speaking skills. When I get there, I am going to discover so many things about West Africa and my ancestors. I will gain a view of where African Americans came from. We will learn more about how we got to where we are and what we have today because of the struggle of my ancestors. I believe this will make me feel even better about myself as a young man. Most kids like me do not get the opportunity to do things even close to a trip like this. I want to change the negative views of Ghana and Africa in general. I have raised \$2,800 to be a part of this trip. I am coming to you to share my dream. I am the future of this city and I want the future to be bright.

Ms. Robin Spaniel, Cottontown Board Secretary said I am here to invite you to the 2020 Cottontown Art Crawl on Saturday, March 14, 2020 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. We will have a host table set-up in the 2100 block of Sumter Street where Blue Bike is located. Blue Bike is letting folks use the bikes for free to ride around the neighborhood and visit the artists. We invite local talented artists to our front porches and businesses to display their artwork and for people to buy them. It helps the artists, it showcases our neighborhood, and we also have the walking tour with Historic Columbia. We have a Facebook page, please like it and share.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Moore, CMC
City Clerk