



COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2023

The Columbia City Council conducted a Budget Workshop on Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at City Hall, (Mayor's Conference Room) 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. The following members of Council were present: The Honorable Howard E. Duvall, Jr., The Honorable William Brennan, The Honorable Aditi Bussells, and The Honorable Tina N. Herbert. The Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr. was absent. Also present were Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Moore Hammond, City Clerk. The meeting was advertised in accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

INVOCATION

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

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION

1. City Council Strategic Outcomes - Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager distributed copies of the Columbia City Council Strategic Outcomes that are being used to frame this year's budgetary requests.

2. Fiscal Year 2022 / 2023 Budget Recap - Ms. Missy Caughman, Budget, Program Management and Grants Director

Ms. Missy Caughman, Budget, Program Management and Grants Director recalled that fiscal years 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 budgets were developed with uncertainty due to the pandemic. The budget was balanced with savings from vacant positions and funds from the American Rescue Plan. During this time, City Council made significant investments in general capital projects and other strategic initiatives. The fiscal year 2022/2023 total operating budget is \$391,651,319 and the capital improvement program is \$73,908,780.

3. Fiscal Year 2023 / 2024 Overview and Priority Projects - Ms. Missy Caughman, Budget, Program Management and Grants Director

Ms. Missy Caughman, Budget, Program Management and Grants Director reviewed the city manager's guidelines for budget development that support City Council's strategic outcomes. The budget drivers include revenue collections and expenditures. The current budget schedule



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began this month and a public hearing and first reading of the budget ordinance is slated for June 6, 2023. Priority projects in progress, planned and pending total more than \$200,000,000.

Mr. Robert Anderson, Director of Public Works provided an overview of beautification and gateway signage. We are redoing many of the beds and addressing diseased vegetation. We are issuing a request for proposals (RFP) for welcome signage. We completed the Assembly Street fence rebuild and the North Main fencing project is in progress. The Midlands Business Leadership Group is moving forward with the Highway 302 and Forest Drive beautification projects. We are completing concrete work around 1800 Laurel Street. Planters will be added to City Hall and 1800 Laurel Street. Public works is collaborating with the Code Enforcement Division on the City Detect pilot program. Site renovations are underway in the medians at East Gervais. The bid for our mowing contract opened last week. We will use a contractor to mow our larger areas. We have a pilot partnership with SCDOT to remove debris and paint medians. We have completed this work at Gervais Street and Huger Street.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager recalled the Mayor's citywide beautification effort.

Mr. Clint Shealy, P.E., Assistant City Manager for Columbia Water provided an update on the Canal reconstruction projects. The initial scope of work for the Canal Embankment breach repair was \$42 million and the project will be bid during the first quarter of 2024. The estimate for the Canal Headgate replacement project is over \$10 million and the project is set to bid during the fourth quarter of 2023 with 12 to 18 months of construction. Design has been completed for the Resilient Water Supply. The project is set to bid during the fourth quarter of 2023.

4. Resilient Columbia Fund - Ms. Missy Caughman, Budget, Program Management and Grants Director

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said there were items on the table that we could use the Resilient Columbia Fund for. Currently, there is one request that is being discussed.

Mayor Rickenmann suggested that the remaining balance of \$214,000 be moved from the Resilient Columbia Fund and back to the general fund. The manager can decide where it goes. Is everybody good with using \$60,000 for community feedback on the equity study?

There was consensus of Council to transfer the remaining \$214,000 from the Resilient Columbia Fund to fund balance.



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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Ms. Herbert, Council voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 1:55 p.m. for the discussion of **Items 5** through **7**.

5. 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 §30-4-70(a)(5)
 - *Olympia Fire Station*
 - *The Canal Reconstruction*
 - *Columbia Riverfront Gateway/Williams Street Extension*
 - *1601 Assembly Street*
 - *2221 Devine Street Redevelopment*
 - *1401 Main Street Upfit/Washington Square*
 - *CPD Headquarters*
6. Discussion of compensation of an employee pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(1)
 - *Compensation and Classification Market Analysis*
 - *Citywide Compensation Recommendations*
 - *Fire Pay Plan*
7. Receipt of legal advice relating to matters covered by attorney-client privilege pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2)
 - *Municipal Court*

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Erika D. Moore Hammond, CMC
City Clerk