



COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2021

The Columbia City Council conducted a virtual meeting on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 using video conferencing technology. The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. and the following members of Council were present: The Honorable Sam Davis, The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine, 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. 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 Mayor Pro Tempore Edward H. McDowell, Jr. offered the invocation.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda, subject to amending the firm's name in **Item 12** from TC Partnership, LLC to PC Partnership, LLC; adding the discussion of Ordinance No.: 2021-008 An Emergency Ordinance Extending and Amending Certain Emergency Ordinances Related to COVID-19 to **Item 13**; and adding Racial Equity Index to **Item 15**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Council is asked to approve the January 19, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve the January 19, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes.

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION / ACTION

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager introduced Ms. Sharonda Jamerson, a doctoral student in nursing at the University of South Carolina. One of the requirements for her health politics and policy internship is to shadow a policymaker or staff who works for policymakers. I will be working with her over the next few weeks.

Ms. Sharonda Jamerson, Ph.D. Candidate at the University of South Carolina said thank you all for the opportunity. I will be following you all to learn the process of policy and decision making.



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2. COVID-19 Update - The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin

- *COVID-19 Situational Report - Mr. Harry Tinsley, Emergency Management Director*

Mr. Harry Tinsley, Emergency Management Director said there are over 103 million cases worldwide and 2.4 million deaths according to the John Hopkins University data. As of February 1, 2021, the U.S. had over 26 million confirmed cases and over 439,000 deaths. In South Carolina, there are just under 400,000 confirmed cases with about five million tests administered to date. As of the last reporting, we had 2,130 new cases in the state with a 21.6% positivity rate. Unfortunately, there were 210 new confirmed deaths bringing the state total to 6,564. In Richland County, the case count stands at 32,539. Over the last 14-days, Richland County had 3,665 new cases with a daily average of 261 cases. Unfortunately, we had 399 confirmed deaths in the county. There were seven zip codes that had over 200 cases. The zip code with the highest case count (413) continues to be 29229. As of January 27, 2021, the state's recent disease activity shows that all counties continue to be in the high risk category. As of January 30, 2021, the state's recovery rate is estimated at 88.4% and the case fatality rate is estimated at 1.56%. Statewide hospitalizations remain high with a utilization rate of 78% and ICU rate at 75%. As of February 1, 2021, over 388,000 doses of the vaccine have been administered.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 3 THROUGH 11

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

3. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Purate, a chemical for the Lake Murray Water Plant, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Water Solutions, as a Sole Source in the amount of \$105,000.00. This vendor is located in West Haven, CT. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Utilities Lake Murray Water Plant - Chemicals (5516207-624800). The original budget amount is \$105,000.00.

4. Council is asked to approve an Agreement for the Installation of a New Playground Area at T.S. Martin Park, as requested by the Parks and Recreation Department. Award to Churchich Recreation & Design, Inc. in the amount of \$179,936.00. The firm is located in Bluffton, SC. - *Approved*



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Funding Source: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) - Engineering General Capital Projects - Capital Project Cost (4039999-PK004602-658650) \$179,681.00 and (1015104-PK004602-638500) \$255.00. The original budget amount is \$179,936.00. CDBG funding is contingent upon the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) issuing an Authorization to Release Grant Funds (AUGF) and the Community Development Department providing a Notice of Environmental Clearance (NEC) to the Parks and Recreation Department prior to executing contract with vendors.

Churchich Recreation & Design, Inc. of Bluffton, SC, will provide site amenities at 5.44% (\$9,780.00) of the total contract amount.

The following subconsultants will provide additional services:

Trekfit Inc. of Chambly, Quebec, will provide bamboo jungle equipment at 13.87% (\$24,950.00) of the total contract amount.

Porter Corp. of Holland, MI, will provide an NSL Shelter at 11.50% (\$20,700.00) of the total contract amount.

Zeager Bros., Inc. of Middletown, PA, will provide wood fiber material at 2.36% (\$4,250.00) of the total contract amount.

Miracle Recreation Equipment Company, Inc. of Monett, MO, will provide equipment at 23.04% (\$41,450.00) of the total contract amount.

Elephant Play of Montreal, Quebec, will provide basketball tree at 5.22% (\$9,400.00) of the total contract amount.

Inline Paving Industries, LLC. of Lexington, SC, will provide asphalt paving services at 4.56% (\$8,206.00) of the total contract amount.

L Squared Enterprises, LLC of Roswell GA, will provide installation of equipment and shelter services at 34.01% (\$61,200.00) of the total contract amount.

5. 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 Tri-Tech Software Systems in the amount of \$277,602.12. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: City Account (1012701 - 638200) \$138,801.06 and County Account (2082702 - 638200) \$138,801.06. The original budget amount is \$277,602.12.



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6. ANNEXATION, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 1215 Shop Road; TMS# 11210-01-02 - *First reading approval was given on November 17, 2020 – Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No: 2020-101 Annexing 1215 Shop Road, Richland County TMS #11210-01-02 - First reading approval was given on November 17, 2020 – Approved on second reading.

Council District: 3

Proposal: Request to annex, assign interim land use classification of Industrial (IND) and assign interim zoning of Light Industrial District (M-1) at the time of annexation. The property is currently classified as Mixed Residential (High Density) and zoned M-1 by Richland County.

Applicant: Hood Real Estate Investments, LLC

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 11/02/2020; Approval (8-0)

7. ANNEXATION, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for ±0.47-acre portion of 680 Candi Lane; TMS# 07208-03-06(p) - *First reading approval was given on January 19, 2021 – Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No: 2021-004 Annexing and incorporating 0.47-acre portion of 680 Candi Lane, Richland County TMS #07208-03-06(p) into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 adopted by Ordinance No.: 2020-028 on August 4, 2020 - First reading approval was given on January 19, 2021 – Approved on second reading.

Council District: 2

Proposal: Request to annex, assign land use classification of Urban Edge Mixed Residential (UEMR), and assign zoning of Neighborhood Commercial District (C-2) within a Flood Protective Area (-FP) at the time of annexation. The property is currently classified as Mixed Residential (High Density) and zoned Neighborhood Commercial (NC) by Richland County.

Applicant: Saluda River Partners

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 11/02/2020; Approval (8-0)



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8. ANNEXATION, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for multiple University of South Carolina properties on East Broadway, Poe, South Evans, Sumter, and South Assembly Streets - *First reading approval was given on January 19, 2021 – Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2021-007 Annexing and incorporating 1 East Broadway Street 11 Poe Street, 15 East Broadway Street, 12 East Broadway Street, 16 Poe Street, 10 Poe Street, 108 South Evans Street, 109 South Evans Street, 202 South Evans Street, 204 South Evans Street, 205 Sumter Street, 214 South Evans Street, 216 South Evans Street, and 130 South Assembly Street; TMS# 11208-01-01, 11301-12-01, 11301-12-04, 11301-13-01, 11301-13-02, 11301-09-07, 11301-10-02, 11301-11-01, 11301-11-02, 11301-11-05, and 11301-04-13 into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 adopted by Ordinance No.: 2020-028 on August 4, 2020 - First reading approval was given on January 19, 2021 – Approved on second reading.

Council District: 2

Proposal: Request to annex, assign land use classifications of Community Activity Corridor (AC-2), Urban Core Neighborhood Activity Center (UCAC-1), and Urban Core Mixed Residential Type 3 (UCMR-3) and assign zoning of Light Industrial District (M-1) with a portion within a Flood Protective Area (-FP) and Neighborhood Commercial District (C-2) with a portion within a Flood Protective Area (-FP) at the time of annexation. The property is currently classified as Mixed Residential (High Density) and zoned Light Industrial (M-1) by Richland County.

Applicant: University of South Carolina

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 12/07/2020; Approval (8-0)

9. ANNEXATION, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 0.509-acre S/S Candi Lane; TMS# 07208-03-02 - *First reading approval was given on January 19, 2021 – Approved on second reading.*

Resolution No.: R-2021-002 Annexing 0.509-acre S/S Candi Lane, Richland County TMS #07208-03-02 – Approved on January 19, 2021.

Ordinance No.: 2021-004 Annexing and Incorporating 0.509-acre S/S Candi Lane, Richland County TMS #07208-03-02 into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 adopted by Ordinance No.: 2020-028 on August 4, 2020 - First reading approval was given on January 19, 2021 – Approved on second reading.

Council District: 2

Proposal: Request to annex, assign land use classifications of Urban Edge Mixed Residential (UEMR) and Transitional and Sensitive Lands (T/S), and assign zoning of Neighborhood Commercial District (C-2) within a Flood Protective Area (-FP) at the time of annexation. The property is currently classified as Mixed Residential (High Density) and zoned Neighborhood Commercial (NC) by Richland County.



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Applicant: Richland County

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 12/07/2020; Approval (7-0)

10. ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 2030, 2006, and 2010 Oak Street and 2027, 2023, 2015, 2007, 2305, and 2014 Henry Street, TMS# 11505-14-01, 11505-14-02, 11505-14-03, 11505-14-04, 11505-14-05, 11505-14-06, 11505-14-08, 11505-14-09, and 11505-14-10 - *First reading approval was given on January 19, 2021 – Approved on second reading.*

Council District: 2

Proposal: Request to rezone the parcel from General Residential District (RG-1), General Residential District (RG-2), and Neighborhood Commercial District (C-2) to Office and Institutional District (C-1)

Applicant: Anna M Davis, Second Nazareth Baptist Church

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 12/07/2020; Approval (7-0)

11. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT for 1135 Performance Parkway, TMS# 14500-02-24

Ordinance No.: 2021-003 Amending the Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 Map to amend land use classification for 1135 Performance Parkway, TMS# 14500-02-24 - First reading approval was given on January 19, 2021 – Approved on second reading.

City Council District: 1

Proposal: Request to amend the Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 Future Land Use Map to modify the land use classification of the parcel from Industrial (IND) to Employment Campus (EC).

Applicant: Krista Hampton, Planning & Development Services Director

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 11/02/2020; Approval (8-0)



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ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

12. Ordinance No.: 2021-002 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Lease Agreement between the City of Columbia and T.C. Partnership, L.L.C. for a portion of the Northern right of way area of Washington Street at Sumter Street for installation and maintenance of a grease trap – *Approved as amended on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2021-002 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Lease Agreement between the City of Columbia and T.C. Partnership, L.L.C. for a portion of the Northern right of way area of Washington Street at Sumter Street for installation and maintenance of a grease trap, as amended to update the firm's name to P.C. Partnership, L.L.C.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REFERRALS / REPORTS

Councilor Devine said the Affordable Housing Task Force met and we will be bringing back some interim recommendations very soon. We used the matrix that many communities are using to identify the deficit of affordable housing in a community. We will be making a recommendation to Council and asking that other counties join us in making a pledge to look at increasing affordable housing units annually. In regards to the adhoc committee created to look at our Municipal Equity Index, Mr. Duvall and I met with some citizens to look at where we stand and to come up with some recommendations. We also met with Mayor Steve Williams from Huntington because they scored over 100 on the Municipal Equity. He provided some written recommendations that we will be bringing to Council in the next couple of weeks. The Environment and Infrastructure Committee met this morning. We had a presentation from CPAC and they are recommending a few updates to the bylaws. They have changed the organization of the committee. They want to be able to cast a wider net and make sure they have subject matter expertise. They are asking that we increase the number of seats and update them to be at-large seats. They are also proposing a change to the mission of CPAC. We also had a presentation from Dominion regarding the conversion of street lights from HID to LED. This would be at no cost to us and they have a full presentation which we can provide to Council. Staff is looking at the contract and we will be bringing forward a recommendation for Council to consider.

Mayor Benjamin said we have a vacancy on the Comet Board. We have previously discussed this and it was our collective intention to appoint Councilor Brennan for the open position.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mayor Benjamin, Council voted unanimously to amend the agenda to add an appointment to the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority (The Comet) Board.



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Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to appoint The Honorable Will Brennan to the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority (Comet) Board.

PUBLIC INPUT

No comments were made at this time.

Mayor Benjamin acknowledged the retirement of Councilman Sam Davis at the end of the year. We all want to say we love you and we are thankful for you, your leadership, and sacrifice. We will have more time to talk about your legacy.

Councilor Davis said it is time and I just want to say thank you. They say it's always good to leave before they send you. Everyone knows how I feel about the city and we have made progress over the years as a cohesive group. I am not going away and I will be available whenever possible. Columbia is good and when I leave, it is going to stay in good hands. Everybody is going to continue to do their best on behalf of the city we love.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 2:35 p.m. for the discussion of **Items 13** through **16** as amended.

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

*COVID-19
Finlay Park
Owens Field Stormwater Fees*

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

*Sheri Sandoval v. COC and SCDOT
State of SC Ex Rel Alan Wilson, Attorney General v. City of Columbia*

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

*2221 Devine Street
Economic Development Partners*



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

City Manager and City Attorney

Council adjourned the Executive Session at 7:02 p.m.

EMERGENCY ORDINANCES

17. Ordinance No.: 2021-008 An Emergency Ordinance Extending and Amending Certain Emergency Ordinances Related to COVID-19

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to approve Ordinance No.: 2021-008 An Emergency Ordinance Extending and Amending Certain Emergency Ordinances Related to COVID-19.

Mayor Benjamin said we will continue to discuss how we can strengthen the ordinance to address the issue of repeat offenders who frequently violate the letter and spirit of the masking ordinance. This is not meant to be punitive but a recognition of the fact that we are still working our way through the biggest threat we have seen in over 100 years which has caused the lives of thousands of South Carolinians. We will be coming up with additional language that will seek to uphold businesses and individuals who are repeat offenders to a much higher level of sanctions. The language will be proposed by staff and shared publicly. We expect to have this discussion within the next week. It's important to get the vaccine now, if you have the vaccine available to you. In the meantime, mask-up, follow the law, and socially distance as much as possible.

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Moore Hammond, CMC

City Clerk