



COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2020

WORK SESSION - 2:00 P.M.

The Columbia City Council conducted a Work Session on Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201. The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 2:11 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 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

INVOCATION

The Honorable Mayor Pro-Tempore Edward H. McDowell, Jr. offered the invocation.

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION

1. Adopting a New City Flag - Mr. Lee Snelgrove, Executive Director of One Columbia for Arts and Culture

Mr. Lee Snelgrove, Executive Director of One Columbia for Arts and Culture said when we started this process we opened the call for public input and we received 544 designs. We sent them off to a professional vexillologist and they identified the top 18. The 18 designs were submitted for public input. We received 7,000 entries, which included comments on each design and a number ranking. We have 14 designs now. The first three designs are all from the same designer and are very similar. Design one was received well by the professionals and jury members. The public was not entirely keen on the use of the crescent as a reference to Columbia. There was discussion amongst the jury to change similar designs to a star. Overall, people liked this design for the reference of the three rivers and the wing. There might be issues with how the shape might be used in other instances because of the length of the lines. This also applies to designs two and three. They all meet the simplicity guidelines. Designs four and five were provided by the same designer. Design four meets the simplicity guidelines, but the main problem is the white flag which sometimes can be hard to see on a pole and it can make it hard to identify.

Councilor Rickenmann asked why the designs do not incorporate the original light blue color.



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Mr. Lee Snelgrove, Executive Director of One Columbia for Arts and Culture said part of the problem is that people don't really know our current flag and there is actually a disagreement of whether it should be dark blue or light blue. When it was adopted over 100 years ago it was a dark blue field and somewhere along the way it changed to light blue. There might not be an allegiance to that light blue and light blue fades easily and can turn white in the sun.

Councilor Rickenmann asked what if we like a design but not the colors.

Mr. Lee Snelgrove, Executive Director of One Columbia for Arts and Culture said we might be able to work with the designer to make alterations that can be a good fit if you were strongly preferring a certain design. Most of the designers will be comfortable with some changes.

Councilor McDowell asked about the subliminal messages provided by the public related to having a crescent on the flag designs.

Mr. Lee Snelgrove, Executive Director of One Columbia for Arts and Culture said there was no connection to the South Carolina flag when it's a standalone crescent. There is a misnomer that it is a moon but it is not. The shape is from the breastplate of a Revolutionary War uniform. With design five, the complexity of the sun needs to be addressed. There are some color variants that would not work on a flag. The public also mentioned the connection between the chevron shape of the lines with the military. Design six is from the third designer. The phoenix refers to when Columbia rose from the ashes. Design seven has the crescent in the middle of a star. The professionals responded highly to that as it represents Columbia as a capital city. It is a complex shape in terms of getting the star and the wings correct. Design eight has similar complex shapes with the star and wings. The wavy lines are sort of irrelevant since flags already wave. Design nine ties in with the current city flag reviving Lady Justice. It references our current flag and the city seal. Design eleven does meet the flag guidelines, but there is not enough contrast between the star and white field. The light blue color in the bottom will fade quickly and blend into the white in the middle. Designs 12, 13, 14 are similar designs. With design 12, there was discussion by the jury and professionals in regards to having the white bottom corner, which can make the flag look like a strange shape. Design 13 incorporates the star. The designer notes that the six points are a nod to the State House as a symbol of resilience for the city, but you can make a case that a six-point star refers to cardinal directions. Design 14 has the star in the lower right corner which can cause fading issues. There is an opportunity of doing minor tweaks to improve the design. One suggestion for design 14 is to add contrasting lines to give definition to the shape and if it fades, the shape will retain. With the contrasting lines you can see a distinction between the reference to the three rivers. The Design League suggested flipping the design; there is more



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of a wing reference when the design is flipped. The star is in a much more traditional place with the contrasting lines.

Councilor Duvall asked if design 14 alternative 1 is the option that the Design League finds more suitable for the city.

Mr. Lee Snelgrove, Executive Director of One Columbia for Arts and Culture said yes sir. When I presented all of the designs that option rose to the top with the suggested alterations. The design shows progression, the wing, and the three rivers. We are trying to find a flag that will hold meaning for many people. People won't immediately identify with it, but as it's used and displayed people will become more connected with it.

Mayor Benjamin said in the State of the City Address I spoke about inclusion and the growth of the city. We are capitalizing on the riches of the city and being proud of the fact that we are a capital city. We are thankful to the artists who shared their views and others who gave us critical analysis. It has been a process to be proud of.

2. Columbia Compass Comprehensive Plan Update - Ms. Leigh DeForth, Planning and Development Services Comprehensive Planner; Mr. John Fellows, Planning and Development Services Planning Administrator; Mr. Jonathan Guy, Kimley Horn Vice President; and Ms. Leigh Anne King, Clarion Associates Director

Ms. Leigh DeForth, Planning and Development Services Comprehensive Planner said there are nine elements to the Comprehensive Plan. The population element deals with the analytical backbone of the plan. It looks at existing demographic trends and helps predict needs going forward. The natural resources chapter also looks at existing conditions and makes recommendations for programs, policies, and partnerships that help us move forward with those commitments Council has made for 100% clean renewal energy. The economic development section looks at the workforce and our employers. It also provides recommendations regarding the city's economic development efforts. The housing chapter includes a market and policy analysis and recommendations. The transportation section looks at trends, walking initiatives, and infrastructure recommendations. We carried a lot of the land use recommendations forward, but we are also making recommendations about greenway development. The community facilities chapter talks about our buildings, how we operate as a city, and the services and programs we provide. The cultural resources chapter talks about the partnership with the Amplify process and taking forward some of those recommendations for growing Columbia's cultural identity and historic preservation. Each of these elements are chapters in the plan. The



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main parts of the chapters are the recommendations to the plan. We have tried to identify case studies, including best practices. The priority investment chapter summarizes all the recommendations we have made throughout the planning process. It includes a recommendation to come back to Council with an annual report. We want to report back to you with the successes and potential failures to continue to engage you and the public.

We had great public meetings in January with about 130 people over the course of four meetings. We are taking public comments to the draft plan on February 7, 2020. We want to edit the draft plan and be ready for the Planning Commission in March. We have talked about each chapter and the feedback we have received from the public. The priority investment element sets forth a short, medium, and long term priority for each recommendation. The short-term will be within the first three years; medium term is between four to six years; and long-term is around seven to ten years. The Amplify Columbia process is reaching its culmination. They will be scheduling a final presentation in the future. We have tried to make this as accessible as possible. We want Columbia Compass to be a tool not just for you or staff, but for the citizens.

Ms. Leigh Anne King, Clarion Associates Director said my team is leading the housing element of the plan. The housing market survey was done at the beginning of this process to see what the conditions of this community were relative to the local housing market. We initially met with stakeholder groups and the Planning Commission to get their input and aspirations for the community. We looked at 2000 to 2016 data. We used some local data as well for the assessment. There were three key takeaways from the assessment: rental prices and home values are rising faster than income, there is an unmet demand for a mix of housing types, and there is a gap in affordability for extremely low income renters. When you compare the median rent and median home values, they are not aligned. Rent rose 59% and median home values rose 67%.

Councilor Rickenmann asked if the basis for that number is coming from the property tax.

Ms. Leigh Anne King, Clarion Associates Director said the number is based on home owners value of their property. They are probably taking into account what their property is being assessed for. Looking at the housing stock based on 2016 data points, 55% are renters and 45% are owners. The housing stock break down shows 42,255 units: more than half are single-family detached units, about a quarter are attached with fewer than ten in a structure, and less than a quarter are attached with ten or more in a structure. About 91% of the owner occupied units are single family. There were 43% of rental units in 2000 that were less than \$500 and in 2016 you have 13% of rental units within that category. That is a very significant difference. In 2000, about 50% of housing was less than \$100,000. In 2016, we are looking at less than 25% of units



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at less than \$100,000. This is not unique to Columbia; this is a common trend that we are seeing throughout the United States. In 2018, the vast majority of homes on the market that were sold were single-family detached homes. We found that patio homes for the city and metro area stayed on the market for less time. This can be a product that people would like to have more of. We looked at the affordability and the income ranges that renters fall in. We found that there is a rental gap. For folks earning less than \$20,000 a year (37% of the rental population), there is a significant gap in properties available. For folks earning less than \$35,000, it is anticipated that the percent of homes that are affordable are likely going to decline over time. We have affordability challenges.

We have five governing principles for the housing element of the plan. They were developed using the inputs we received from the public, stakeholders, and the Planning Commission. We met with a variety of different groups that are interested in housing and neighborhoods in the city like housing advocates, developers, neighborhood leaders, and transitional emergency housing folks, to get their insights and concerns for the future of Columbia. From the information gathered, we generated five governing principles: comfortable and vibrant neighborhoods, enhancement and stabilization of underserved neighborhoods, protection of historical and cultural characteristics, affordable housing, and mix of housing and neighborhood choices. We included a summary of the implementation recommendations for those five guiding principles. In terms of comfortable and vibrant neighborhoods, there is an overlap in what you will see in the land use element of the plan. We need to think about all of the components that make a complete neighborhood like sidewalks, lighting, access to parks, schools, and local services for daily needs. There are recommendations on how to go about evaluating that over time and trying to encourage redevelopment enhancements in the future. The recommendations we provided in terms of enhancement and stabilization of underserved neighborhoods are for departments within the city and agencies outside the city that work to assist the underserved neighborhoods to be collaborating. There can be opportunities for different efforts by having ongoing neighborhood systems and creating a community dialogue within the neighborhoods. For protection of historical and cultural characteristics, we wanted to touch on how important the maintenance of properties is. For affordable housing, we have several recommendations including: developer incentives, updating your affordability housing location standards, looking at opportunities in funding to leverage resources that you have available, and transitional housing services for those having the most challenging housing situations in the community. According to data for mixed neighborhood choices, there is a need for more variety. There is an opportunity to incentivize multi-unit housing within the city.



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Mr. Jonathan Guy, Kimley Horn Vice President said I am going to discuss the existing conditions related to transportation in Columbia to help set the frame of our recommendations. According to 2017 data, we primarily drive alone. We don't carpool but there is walking within the city. There are about 28,000 commuters that come into the city every day and you export about 8,500 between Lexington County. There is a lot of regional mobility. Commuters are attracted to the jobs, attractions, and location, but unfortunately people are not staying here, which ties to the housing element. With street ownership, SCDOT is your primary owner of streets. They own about 55% of the streets here in the City of Columbia. They own about 41,000 lane miles in the state of South Carolina. There is split ownership between the City of Columbia with 25% and 19% owned by the county or privately. There were about 1,000 fatalities in South Carolina last year. The majority of crashes in the city are occurring on U.S. primary routes, this goes back to the commuting patterns. You are in the crossroads of South Carolina and a lot of people travel through here. As we look at the overall crashes, we can see that Garners Ferry Road is number one, followed by some of the interstates, and then it's the more local streets. The top primary cause for crashes is speeding. That is indicative of the design of the road ways. We put together a street priority matrix. This helps to frame how the street should be by capturing what the priority mode is for that street. Asset management will help a lot with crashes. Asset management is looking at the consolidation of drive ways and the connectivity between giving people the option of going between side streets without getting back on major roads. The quickest way to help with crashes is by enforcement, but the best way to do it is by design and changing how your streets interact; accommodations for bicycles, pedestrians, and cars; and changing speed limits.

Councilor Rickenmann said when we look at places where we would like to slow traffic down, we can't seem to get the highway department to work with us even if we are willing to pay. How can we do that in those areas? What are folks doing in other areas to encourage the federal agency? This is one of our struggles since they own 55% of our streets.

Mr. Jonathan Guy, Kimley Horn Vice President said what you have seen a lot of agencies do is move to ownership of the streets. South Carolina owns about 41,000 miles. Unfortunately, they got into the business of owning neighborhood streets or downtown streets where the idea is not necessarily to move cars, but to move people. They struggle with that because their design manual does not have a chapter that says how to deal with pedestrians. They are getting better by adopting low-speed urban guidelines. In locations like a neighborhood, the best and quickest way we have seen is for communities to take back control of those streets. It is a financial burden for the city to do that.



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Councilor Rickenmann said the other thing is that we must have the ability to enforce it. Speed cameras and things like that which other communities use, we can't utilize. We need those options, because we can't afford to put an officer at every corner.

Councilor Devine said the other challenge is the community. When you do stuff that slows down traffic, you get people who do not like it. We have to be committed to the long term benefit, even if there are short term pains of people getting use to them.

Mr. Jonathan Guy, Kimley Horn Vice President said the recommendations for the safety aspect are: target safety improvements for all modes, adopt city standards to encourage traffic calming, and develop and adopt a Vision Zero Plan to reduce the overall fatality rates. Another element is partnerships to accomplish goals. The recommendations for partners in the plan are: broader regional transportation projects, targeted street ownership, and prioritized railroad projects. We are changing and evolving and everything is getting more connected. Create that connected signal system and leverage shared mobility options to plan for the impacts of technology. I would stress the prioritization of transportation projects and a parking study using data to define where the best parking might be. We have heard from communities about building a comprehensive plan and looking at how streets can be better utilized. Streets are one of the largest public spaces a city has. They should be designed to accommodate not just singular modes. Lastly, for the building environment element we looked at developing neighborhood traffic control projects. Some of the priority projects that we included are: corridor enhancements (long term to short term); corridor operation projects (synchronized timings and improving traffic flow); intersection improvement projects (mobility); and railroad consolidation (railroad crossings and quiet zones).



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3. Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Budget Workshops - Ms. Missy Caughman, Director of Budget and Program Management

Ms. Missy Caughman, Director of Budget and Program Management said part of what we will be talking about are budget drivers and budget capacity. Budget additions are what staff and Council have talked about throughout the year. Including things that are out of our control like state retirement, which will have about a one percent increase, and our healthcare costs in anticipation of the experience rate. Some of the revenue generation items are underway. As you consider the model ordinance and look at adopting the model ordinance changes, it is reflective of a combination of nonprofit exemptions that we currently have. You already approved the fire hydrant fees and those will be reflected in the General Fund. Business license enhancements that are also underway. We are negotiating fees with some entities. Some of those entities are the nonprofit organizations that receive services, but are not contributing to our tax base.

Mayor Benjamin said our challenge is to tackle this systemic challenge sooner rather than later. There is so much more we can be doing. You want others involved, but there has to be a sense of urgency articulated by the public sector. We are different than the rest of the state and this accounts for the significant issue of affordability that so many of our residents' experience. If we are going to attack this in a thoughtful comprehensive way, it is going to require some really affirmative steps by the county and the school districts. The reality of the amount of resources that it takes to educate a child is still the same. We have had some successes and failures in the past two decades in cutting that overall tax liability, but it is still something that requires a deep dive. We will have enough data to be able to start pushing discussions to see if we can build some consensus with the county.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said I agree with the continued discussions and negotiations of fees with the hospital systems and the university. We still are at the beginning of the new budget cycle where the public safety recruitment and retention plan has not been funded. The reality is that without some other type of revenue generation, we will probably need to be discussing other options. We listed some things that are beginning to see signs of suffering like sidewalks, city facilities, water and sewer, public safety, technology, fire facilities, and our capital replacement program. The next work sessions will focus on the budget to keep discussing these issues.



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4. Water and Sewer Rate Study Update - Mr. Robert Chambers, Financial and Utility Management Consultant for Black & Veatch Management Consulting, LLC

Mr. Robert Chambers, Financial and Utility Management Consultant for Black & Veatch Management Consulting, LLC said the purpose is to perform an independent study that will provide us with the ability to estimate the water and sewer system's ability to fund operating and capital programs and understand what it costs to serve your existing customers by determining how best to price those services. The issues currently affecting utilities are infrastructure issues like pipe breaks, sufficient revenue, charging the right rates, costs, and information and technology. Columbia has implemented a robust annual financial profit planning process that is tied to your budget process. It identifies the best practices and aligns these practices to what Columbia is doing by defining performance standards and tracking how resilient they are against those standards on an annual basis. Annually, the city completes a five to ten-year financial plan as part of your budget process to understand where you currently are and what you have to do to adjust your requirements going forward. You also perform a cost of service analysis to understand the cost of serving the customers. In addition to looking at rate increases, we looked at events that have taken place like the implementation of the AMI program. We looked at how the program might affect your revenue. We want to achieve consistent implementation of our capital program. From 2008 to FY 2020, we looked at a 4.7% rate increase. Under the current rates, tap water will cost 0.004 cents per gallon; tap water and all of the infrastructure will cost 0.76 cents on a daily basis; and wastewater will cost \$1.40 on a daily basis. With that price, you are able to instantaneously turn on the pipe when you want water. You have the ability to shower, use the toilet, wash your clothes, and have good drinking water. If we were to say we pay a dollar for one gallon of bottled water, that would be about 263 times higher than what you currently pay today for water. It is important to illustrate the value of water.

Our study approach is a three step approach where we identify what the size is, what the cost of service is, who generates that cost, and the rate design that says how to price the service. We will highlight some areas of focus as we execute this project. From a financial planning perspective, we look at the integrity of the financial system through our financial matrix. We will try to understand what we are doing as it relates to implementing our capital program. We will look at the water and wastewater utility and what it means to be self-sufficient. Additionally, we will look at the cost to provide the existing services and the cost to provide services to a potentially large amount of customers that are under consideration. We will also look at what it cost for turn off fees and other general fees that you currently have. On the rate design side, we will look at the price of the services you provide and see if the current rate is appropriate. We are in the process of collecting data and facilitating meetings with staff.



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Councilor Devine asked about the project timeframe.

Mr. Robert Chambers, Financial and Utility Management Consultant for Black & Veatch Management Consulting, LLC said it is about three to four months. It is going to be in alignment with the budget schedule.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 4:37 p.m. for the discussion of **Items 5** through **8** as outlined.

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

Convention Center

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

*L-J v. COC
State v. COC*

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

*Underwriters
2221 Devine Street
Municipal Complex*

8. Discussion of matters relating to proposed location or expansion of services to encourage location or expansion of industries or other businesses pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2)

Park Street Project



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COUNCIL MEETING - 6:00 P.M.

The Columbia City Council conducted a meeting on Tuesday, February 4, 2019 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201. The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 6:18 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., and The Honorable William Brennan. The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann was absent. Also present were Mr. Jeffery Palen, Assistant City Manager / Chief Financial Officer and Ms. Erika D. Moore Hammond, 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Reverend Robert Cox, Conference Scouting Coordinator for The United Methodist Church South Carolina Conference said this year celebrates the 100th anniversary of the first Boy Scouts Sunday of the United Methodist Church. In 1920 we formally introduced the Boy Scouts of America and this year the United Methodist Church is the number one sponsor of Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Camp Fire Big Brother and Big Sisters. We have three of our churches here from the Columbia district: Asbury is our smaller church and pack and Red Bank and Shandon are our biggest ones. The BSA Girl Troop 9518 from Red Bank is the first girl troop in the conference of South Carolina to win the Bishops Award of Excellence.

Reverend Robert Cox, Conference Scouting Coordinator for The United Methodist Church South Carolina Conference Scouting Ministry with members from Cub Scout Pack 397 from Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church; Cub Scout Pack 518, Boy Scout Troop 518, and BSA Girl Troop 9518 from Red Bank United Methodist Church; and Boy Scout Troop 37 from Shandon United Methodist Church led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The troops recited the Scout Oath and the Scout Law.



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Mayor Benjamin said we live in the greatest nation in the world. It has been built and sustained by men and women who commit themselves by serving this country in so many different ways. You all signed up for a tradition that goes back over a century. It is amazing to be here in your presence. Everything we do is because we believe in the future of the city and we believe in the fact that young people are the reason why we are working every day to make Columbia a better place. We truly believe in the greatness of this country that is manifested through you all and your service. Thank you to all the parents and adults who dedicate their time to these young people living up to their God given potential because we know they can do amazing things.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda, subject to deferring consideration of **Item 12**.

PUBLIC INPUT RELATED TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

No one appeared at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

9. Council is asked to approve the January 21, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve the January 21, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 10 THROUGH 22

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve the **Consent Agenda Items 10, 11, and 13 through 22**.



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10. Council is asked to approve a contract for Project WM4493; Installation of a new 6" Water Main Upgrade along Cedar Street and Renewal of Water Service along Elmore Street, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Carolina Tap & Bore, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$68,925.60, which includes contingency. This firm is located in West Columbia, SC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Water and Sewer Capital Project Cost (5529999-WM449301-658650). The original budget amount is \$92,000.00.

This is a Mentor Protégé Program project. Carolina Tap & Bore, Inc. is the Mentor and will be performing bonding, purchase of materials, traffic control, skilled experience pipe installation, clean up and restoration, supervision of protégé and submission of pay applications at 65% (\$37,438.00) of the total contract value. LG Utilities, LLC, a Woman Owned Business Enterprise of Lugoff, SC, is the Protégé and will be providing equipment and personnel to complete work related tasks, pipe installation, clean up and restoration, traffic control, purchase of materials and invoicing at 35% (\$20,000.00) of the total contract value.

11. Council is asked to approve the Fiscal Year 2020 Water and Sewer Rate Study Update, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Black & Veatch Management Consulting, LLC, as a Sole Source in the amount of \$118,125.00. This firm is located in Kansas City, MO and services are being provided out of Orlando, FL. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Engineering - Special Contracts W/S, SW (5511109-636600). The original budget amount is \$150,000.00.

12. ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 0.66 acres S/S Hampton Street (p), TMS# 09009-10-01 (p) – *Deferred*

Council District:	2
Proposal:	Request to rezone the eastern portion of the parcel from PUD-R, -DD to C-1, -DD
Applicant:	Cubby Culbertson
Staff Recommendation:	Approval
PC Recommendation:	12/02/2019; Approval (7-0)

First reading approval was given on January 21, 2020.



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13. ZONING MAP AMENDMENT CONFIRMATION for 2.69 acres NW/S Clemson Road; TMS# 25705-07-36 – *Approved on second reading.*

Council District: 4
Proposal: Request to affirm zoning of General Commercial District (C-3). The property currently has interim zoning of General Commercial District (C-3).
Applicant: Gallion Group, Inc.
Staff Recommendation: Annex, Assign Interim Land Use and Interim Zoning Approval
PC Recommendation: 11/04/2019; Annex, Assign Interim Land Use & Interim Zoning Approval (6-0)

First reading approval was given on January 21, 2020.

14. FUTURE LAND USE MAP CONFIRMATION AMENDMENT for 2.69 NW/S Clemson Road; TMS# 25705-07-36 – *Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2020-002 Amending the City of Columbia Comprehensive Plan 2018 Future Land Use Map to include 2.69 acres NW/S Clemson Road; Richland County TMS# 25705-07-36; annexed by Ordinance No.: 2019-100 enacted December 17, 2019 - *Approved on second reading.*

Council District: 4
Proposal: Request to affirm land use classification of Regional Activity Corridor (AC-3) following the annexation of the property. The property currently has interim classification of Regional Activity Corridor (AC-3).
Applicant: Gallion Group, Inc.
Staff Recommendation: Confirm Land Use Approval
PC Recommendation: 11/04/2019; Annex, Assign Land Use & Zoning Approval (6-0)

First reading approval was given on January 21, 2020.



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15. FUTURE LAND USE MAP CONFIRMATION AMENDMENT for 7347 Garners Ferry Road; TMS# 16409-05-04 – *Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2020-004 Amending the City of Columbia Comprehensive Plan 2018 Future Land Use Map to include 7347 Garners Ferry Road; Richland County TMS# 16409-05-04; annexed by Ordinance No.: 2019-108 enacted January 7, 2020 - *Approved on second reading.*

Council District: 3
Proposal: Request to affirm land use classification of Community Activity Corridor (AC-2). The property currently has interim classification of Community Activity Corridor (AC-2).
Applicant: Carolina Sales, Inc. of Columbia, SC / 7347 Garners Ferry Road, LLC
Staff Recommendation: Confirm Land Use Approval
PC Recommendation: 12/02/2019; Annex, Assign Land Use & Zoning Approval (7-0)

First reading approval was given on January 21, 2020.

16. ZONING MAP AMENDMENT CONFIRMATION for 7347 Garners Ferry Road; TMS# 16409-05-04 – *Approved on second reading.*

Council District: 3
Proposal: Request to affirm zoning of General Commercial District (C-3). The property currently has interim zoning of General Commercial District (C-3).
Applicant: Carolina Sales, Inc. of Columbia, SC / 7347 Garners Ferry Road, LLC
Staff Recommendation: Confirm Zoning Approval
PC Recommendation: 12/02/2019; Annex, Assign Interim Land Use & Zoning Approval (7-0)

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17. FUTURE LAND USE MAP CONFIRMATION AMENDMENT for 8550 Farrow Road; TMS# 17104-05-01 – *Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2020-003 Amending the City of Columbia Comprehensive Plan 2018 Future Land Use Map to include 8550 Farrow Road; Richland County TMS# 17104-05-01; annexed by Ordinance No.: 2019-101 enacted December 17, 2019 – *Approved on second reading.*

Council District: 1
Proposal: Request to affirm land use classification of Community Activity Corridor (AC-2). The property currently has interim classification of Community Activity Corridor (AC-2).
Applicant: Pantry Express, LLC
Staff Recommendation: Confirm Land Use Approval
PC Recommendation: 11/04/2019; Annex, Assign Land Use & Zoning Approval (6-0)

First reading approval was given on January 21, 2020.

18. ZONING MAP AMENDMENT CONFIRMATION for 8550 Farrow Road; TMS# 17104-05-01 – *Approved on second reading.*

Council District: 1
Proposal: Request to affirm zoning of Light Industrial District (M-1). The property currently has interim zoning of Light Industrial District (M-1).
Applicant: Pantry Express, LLC
Staff Recommendation: Confirm Zoning Approval
PC Recommendation: 11/04/2019; Annex, Assign Land Use & Zoning Approval (6-0)

First reading approval was given on January 21, 2020.



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19. Resolution No.: R-2020-007 Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at the Sola Station and Canal Side Sign Lighting Party at Canalside on Thursday, March 26, 2020 with a rain contingency date of Thursday, April 2, 2020 - *Approved*
 20. Resolution No.: R-2020-012 Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only within Boyd Plaza adjacent to the Columbia Museum of Art for the CMA Gala: Silver Scream Soiree on Saturday, March 7, 2020 - *Approved*
 21. Resolution No.: R-2020-016 Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only within Boyd Plaza adjacent to the Columbia Museum of Art for the CMA "The Talk" on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 - *Approved*
 22. Resolution No.: R-2020-021 Authorizing consumption of beer and wine beverages only at the Columbia Mardi Gras Festival at City Roots Urban Farm on Saturday, February 22, 2020 - *Approved*

PRESENTATIONS

23. Boy Scouts Day in the United Methodist Church Proclamation - The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin

The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin and the members of City Council proclaimed February 9, 2020 as Boy Scouts Day in the United Methodist Church in the City of Columbia.

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

24. 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 – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to 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.



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25. Resolution No.: R-2020-009 Release and Abandonment of a Portion of the City of Columbia's Existing 10' Water Main Easement along Richland County TMS#17400-07-02 (Parcel 5, located at 2719 Clemson Road); CIP Project #W113-2/3-J, K2; CF#97-52 and CF#350-05d - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2020-009 Release and Abandonment of a Portion of the City of Columbia's Existing 10' Water Main Easement along Richland County TMS#17400-07-02 (Parcel 5, located at 2719 Clemson Road); CIP Project #W113-2/3-J, K2; CF#97-52 and CF#350-05d.

26. Resolution No.: R-2020-015 Adopting City of Columbia Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) Forgivable Loan Program - *Commercial Corridor Redevelopment Plan - Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Brennan, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2020-015 Adopting City of Columbia Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) Forgivable Loan Program.

OTHER MATTERS

27. Council is asked to approve the Installation of two (2) Speed Humps on Wheat Street, 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. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve the Installation of two (2) Speed Humps on Wheat Street, as requested by the Public Works Department.



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28. Adoption of the City Flag - *Approved*

Mayor Benjamin said I am excited about getting to this point today. We will have a formal resolution at our next meeting. It is important for the legislative record to indicate exactly our focus around the spirit of inclusion, what the three rivers mean, what under the wings of Columbia means, and our representation as the capital city with the six-pointed star, which also represents the resilience of this great city in 1865. I think it's been as inclusive of a process as you could ever have. Thank you all for your leadership.

Councilor Duvall suggested a flag replacement ceremony. They do this in the military where a battle flag is taken down and a new battle flag is put in place. Let's have a short ceremony, maybe at a council meeting, where we remove the cornstalks and put up the newly vetted flag.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve the adoption of flag design 14A as the City of Columbia Flag.

APPOINTMENTS

29. Board of Zoning Appeals

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve the reappointment of Mr. Gene Dinkins, Jr. to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

30. Design Development Review Commission

Ms. Ashley Jenkins, Senior Executive Assistant to the City Manager said you have two reappointments and one additional appointment that is a community representative for district two. Chloe Jaco seems to be the best fit. After looking at state law, we have an architect filling a planner's seat. We don't have to unseat the architect, but it will be great to have a planner to fulfill the state requirement. You can also choose to reappoint one or both. It is best to keep Ms. Wildt in the architectural historian seat. Chloe Jaco will fulfill the state requirement, as well as be the representative for district two.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve the reappointment of Angi Fuller Wildt and Bob Broom and the appointment of Chloe Jaco as the planner representative to the Design Development Review Commission.



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31. Planning Commission

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve the reappointments of Jamie Frost and Joel “Ford” Tupper and the appointment of Harris Cohn to the Planning Commission.

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS DISCUSSED DURING THE WORK SESSION

No matters were considered at this time.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS/REFERRALS

No reports or referrals were received at this time.

APPEARANCE OF THE PUBLIC

No one appeared at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Moore, CMC
City Clerk