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COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2019

WORK SESSION - 2:00 P.M.

The Columbia City Council met for a Work Session on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201. The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin 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 Moe Baddourah, The Honorable Howard E. Duvall, Jr., The Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr., and The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann. Also present were Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Moore, City Clerk. This meeting was advertised in accordance to the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

INVOCATION

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

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION

1. Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 - Mr. Jonathan Guy, Vice President Kimley Horn and John Fellows, Planning Administrator

Mr. John Fellows, Planning Administrator for the Planning and Development Services Department provided an update on Columbia Compass. We've reached out to over 3,400 people through public meetings, surveys, social media, open houses, 14 neighborhood meetings, and Lunch with a Planner. He presented the demographics of the survey respondents: 57% live in Columbia; 55% work in Columbia; and 11% attend school in Columbia. Over 35% of the respondents have lived in Columbia for 21 years or more. We are boosting the social media posts in areas where we didn't have as much participation. Respondents value our neighborhoods, cultural offerings, opportunities for engagement, protection of cultural and historical assets, and the walkability of Columbia. Respondents also perceive that the City doesn't always prioritize and that neighborhoods are disconnected. There were a lot of comments about infrastructure needs and innovation. Most people want Columbia to be vibrant, safe, and friendly.

Mr. Jonathan Guy, Vice President for Kimley Horn said we've been working with John to collect a lot of data on the City. He conducted a survey with the members of Council using keypad polling devices.



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Mr. John Fellows, Planning Administrator for the Planning and Development Services Department said we are sending out emails and have made Facebook posts about our public meetings next week. We will provide you all with links and resources that you can easily forward to your constituents.

2. 2020 Census Complete Count Committee - Ms. Krista Hampton, Planning and Development Services Director

Ms. Krista Hampton, Planning and Development Services Director said the 2020 Census is an important endeavor for the federal government, but it has a lot of impact locally. The Census has been conducted every 10 years since 1790. Both political power and funding are tied to the Census. Over \$675 billion a year is distributed to state and local governments based on Census data. There are sixteen large Census guided programs including transportation, CDBG funding, and education funding. The Census has recommended a Complete Count Committee. We have done all of the technical work that needs to be done with the Census. Now it's about a public relations and marketing campaign. It is going to take local voices to tell people how important this is and to ensure them that the privacy of their data is secure. This year, they will allow for online responses to the Census. The Richland Library wants to help with outreach. The highest local elected official establishes a chairperson for the Complete Count Committee. That chairperson establishes subcommittees ranging from education to housing. Funding is required and funding should be a combination of public and private dollars. This presentation was developed by the Census.

Mayor Benjamin said we have to stand up a Complete Count Committee and we have to resource it. Let's look at Baltimore and Houston to see what our effort ought to look like. We should include Melanie [Richland Library] and a whole bunch of stakeholders. Staff was asked to bring a budget back for the Complete Count Committee.



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FISCAL YEAR 2019/2020 BUDGET WORKSHOP

3. Water and Sewer Rate Study - Mr. Robert Chambers, MBA, Principal Consultant / Black & Veatch Management Consulting, LLC

Mr. Robert Chambers, MBA, Principal Consultant / Black & Veatch Management Consulting, LLC said this presentation initiates this cycle of the water and sewer rate study. The goal is to present what we will do, talk about how we got here, and to get feedback and direction. This study establishes a financial roadmap. It is important to understand how you will meet your obligations going forward. We also have to determine if you are catching all of the costs associated with operating in a sustainable manner and that your stakeholders understand what this means. Implicit drivers of your business are maintaining revenue stability across the utility fund; making sure you are resilient as a utility; continuing to implement your utility and operating programs; engaging your stakeholders; and staying competitive with your neighboring utilities. We will continue to monitor these drivers. He presented a table outlining the history of water revenues and costs and how we are meeting debt service coverage. Our debt service coverage is net revenues less expenses divided by your annual debt. The internal debt ratio target is 2.0 and we are hovering within that 2.0 range.

Councilor Rickenmann asked why the target is 2.0.

Mr. Robert Chambers, MBA, Principal Consultant / Black & Veatch Management Consulting, LLC said it helps with the cost of capital and your bond rating. It provides a good perspective of how you are running your business. Historically, we've seen lumps of rate increases, which reflect years where there may have been a rate increase and multiple years where there wasn't a rate increase. It is to the testament of this body for taking the action necessary to implement the increases as needed. We were a part of a recent bond issuance that was done by Columbia Water. The rating agency commented on the stability of your organization and your practical approach to taking action. This has allowed you to have a good credit rating. He continued to report that as part of the integrated financial plan paradigm we've had to deal with some issues. For example, the loss of a significant customer.

Councilor Rickenmann argued that the value of what we got back is much greater than anything.



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Mr. Robert Chambers, MBA, Principal Consultant / Black & Veatch Management Consulting, LLC said implementation of your capital program; Clean Water 2020 impacts as it relates to the consumption of costs as a result of flooding and rain events; building out your storm water system; looking at the adjustments of Columbia Water as an operation; and potentially extending service to new customers. These are things we've had to deal as part of this journey. He reviewed the financial forecast that was presented last year. We implemented a 9.76% rate increase last year and based on last year's forecast we are looking at 5.98% rate increase. We wanted to use last year's forecast as a baseline to start the analysis going forward.

Councilor Rickenmann asked how much we are doing at the bulk rate. Are we equally spreading the cost out? There's a gap between government entities and the state. If they are not paying equivalent to what our homeowners are paying, then we need to make an adjustment.

Mr. Clint Shealy, P.E., Assistant City Manager for Columbia Water said we do wholesale water. We don't have a bulk rate. We use an all other rate with the Town of Chapin, Winnsboro, and those types of customers. We are going to be looking at large volumetric users. There is a small differential between the rates.

Mayor Benjamin asked if Winnsboro has moved forward with seeking alternative sources of water?

Mr. Clint Shealy, P.E., Assistant City Manager for Columbia Water said they've installed a water line to the Broad River, but they are still purchasing up to a million gallons per day.

Councilor Baddourah said we surpassed the 2.0 debt ratio limit in previous years. Is that part of the calculation for the rate increase?

Mr. Robert Chambers, MBA, Principal Consultant / Black & Veatch Management Consulting, LLC said we will look at the conditions at that time and try to make the best forecast going forward.

Mayor Benjamin explained that the debt to service coverage ratio is the amount of cash we have to cover our obligations. The proposed rate increases are significantly lower than what we discussed previously. The bifurcated approach we've taken to meeting our needs in terms of debt issuance and paying as we go has helped us tremendously.



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Mr. Robert Chambers, MBA, Principal Consultant / Black & Veatch Management Consulting, LLC said our study approach is a bottom up approach where we look at your billing information and rates to calculate revenues based on how you budget and track costs. We incorporate those costs and compare it to the forecast for revenues. We go through the cost of service. We determine how much has been collected from each service type in Columbia Water. The final step goes into pricing and understanding how you should collect revenue. Based on the three step approach, the areas of focus include looking into and maintaining the integrity of the financial system.

Councilor Rickenmann said we are going through the Consent Decree. When do we stop putting in capital and when is it just pure maintenance? Do we have a point where it balances out?

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said I have been asking everybody to look at how we start preparing ourselves to roll back off of the program management and preparing our human capital to walk on our own.

Mr. Clint Shealy, P.E., Assistant City Manager for Columbia Water said we have a plan in place to start weaning ourselves off of the program management capability. We are absorbing a lot of the rehabilitation costs now in our O&M budget. As the projects have been laid out to meet our Capacity Assurance Program, we have a lot of projects to do. We are about to submit the list of projects that the hydraulic modeling and studies have helped us develop. We submit those to the EPA and they become Consent Decree deliverables. We are wrapping those projects up now. There's quite a bit of capital spend ahead of us to make sure we are in compliance with the Capacity Assurance Program. On average our Wastewater Treatment Plant treats 35 million gallons per day (MGD). We have the capacity for 60 MGD with a potential plan to expand to 80 MGD. When we have rain events, we go well above 60 and approach 100 in really wet seasons. It is not the treatment capacity; the issue is with the conveyance capacity to get it there. We have a significant project coming up for Lake Katherine. We are making the pipes bigger to minimize sanitary sewer overflows in that localized vicinity.

Councilor Rickenmann asked what we are doing to fill the capacity with paying customers. We need to encourage growth within our municipal boundaries and not outside, because it is too expensive to deliver. As we work on the budget, we should pull all of the things together to make a plan and commit the resources needed to recruit five million-gallon users each year for five years. A lot of growth occurs here and we should be able to take advantage of it.

Mayor Benjamin said we need to do a cost benefit analysis for incentivizing it.



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Mr. Robert Chambers, MBA, Principal Consultant / Black & Veatch Management Consulting, LLC said we are talking about extending service to large use customers and looking at what that rate and options could look like from a cost of service perspective. The third area would be rate design: appropriately pricing the service. Should the service be based on the cost of service or should it be a policy driven factor like economic development? We looked at moving from cubic feet to gallons. What would the impact of that look like?

Councilor Rickenmann said you need to add the customer piece to that, because people don't mind paying extra if they can get quality service and answers.

Mayor Benjamin asked where our current rates fall within the southeast.

Mr. Robert Chambers, MBA, Principal Consultant / Black & Veatch Management Consulting, LLC agreed to provide a comparison during the next update. The next step is to initiate the project.

Mayor Benjamin asked City Manager Wilson to meet with the Delegation and share data from Columbia Compass and from Robert's presentation. It will provide a bit of education as to how this City is unique and how we might need some legislation solutions to help us meet our goals.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session at 3:25 p.m. for the discussion of **Items 4** through **7** as outlined.

4. Receipt of legal advice related to a pending, threatened, or potential claim pursuant to §30-4-70(a)(2)
 - *Taboo v. City of Columbia (FOIA)*
5. Receipt of legal advice related to matters covered by attorney-client privilege pursuant to §30-4-70(a)(2)
 - *Smoking Ordinance*
 - *Harden Street Safety Enhancements*
 - *MACST Board Membership*
 - *Columbia Housing Authority/Allen Benedict Court*
 - *Assembly Street*



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6. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements pursuant to S. C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2)
 - *Finlay Park*
7. Discussion of employment of an employee pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2)
 - *Columbia Police Department*

COUNCIL MEETING - 6:00 P.M.

The Columbia City Council conducted a meeting on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201. The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and the following members of City Council were present: The Honorable Sam Davis, The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine, The Honorable Moe Baddourah, The Honorable Howard E. Duvall, Jr., The Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr., and The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann. Also present were Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Moore, City Clerk. This meeting was advertised in accordance to the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Miss Tonne Osborne and Master Ross Tucker.

INVOCATION

Reverend Dr. Reid R. White, Jr. of Jones Memorial AME Zion Church offered the invocation.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda, subject to the following amendments: recognize Ms. Angell Conwell immediately after the approval of the Consent Agenda; remove the approval of the Capital City Ballpark Demolition from the Consent Agenda; and to update the mentor and protégé participation percentages related to the Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant Levee Improvements.

PUBLIC INPUT RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS

No one appeared at this time.



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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

8. Council is asked to approve the January 15, 2019 City Council Meeting Minutes.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to approve the January 15, 2019 City Council Meeting Minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 9 THROUGH 26

Upon a single motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve the **Consent Agenda Items 9 through 26**, subject to amending **Item 9**.

9. Council is asked to approve a contract for the Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant Levee Improvements, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Stutts & Williams, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$906,582.95, which includes contingency funding. This firm is located in Lexington, SC. – *Approved as amended to reflect the following mentor and protégé participation percentages: Stutts & Williams, LLC, a certified LBE, will be the Mentor for this project and will perform grading and import of fill material at 80.0% (\$630,333) of the total contract value. Hammerhead Utilities, LLC of Columbia SC will be the protégé and will be providing clearing and erosion control services at 20.0% (\$158,000) of the total contract value.*

Funding Source: 5529999-SS7171-658650 - The original budgeted amount is \$1,700,000.00.

10. Council is asked to approve a contract for the Booker Washington Heights Water System Improvements Project, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to G.H. Smith Construction, Inc., a Minority Business Enterprise (W) in an amount not to exceed \$2,925,047.00, which includes contingency funding. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: 5529999-WM4375-658650 - The original budgeted amount is \$3,224,325.00.

This project has been designated as a Mentor Protégé Program project.



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G.H. Smith Construction, Inc., a certified LBE, will be serving as the Mentor and will be performing 43.7% (\$1,146,037.00) of the total contract value. Smoak Construction, LLC of Little Mountain, SC will serve as the Protégé on this project and will perform construction services totaling 20.0% (\$525,010.00) of the total contract value.

The following subcontractors will provide additional services/materials:

Armstrong Contractors, LLC of Columbia, SC, a certified LBE, will be providing asphalt and paving services at 6.6% (\$174,000.00) of the total contract value.

Fortiline Waterworks of Columbia SC will be providing pipe and fittings at 16.4% (\$430,000.00) of the total contract value.

Capital Concrete of Lexington, SC, a certified LBE, will be providing flowable fill and concrete at 13.3% (\$350,000.00) of the total contract value.

11. Council is asked to approve the Sanitary Sewer Pipe Rehabilitation Annual Maintenance Contract for fiscal year 2018/2019, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to IPR Southeast, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$6,500,000.00, which includes contingency funding. This firm is located in Stone Mountain, GA. - *Approved*

Funding Source: 552999-SS6966-18/19-658650 - The original budget amount is \$7,500,000.00.

This is a Clean Water 2020 Program Project and a Columbia Disadvantaged Business Enterprise construction project. The following subcontractors will provide additional services:

Southern Traffic Control (aka Plus Enterprise) of Columbia, SC, a certified DBE, will provide traffic control services at 14.6% (\$865,125.00) of the total contract value.

Lindler's Construction of South Carolina, LLC of Newberry, SC, a certified DBE(M) and a certified LBE, will provide point repairs, concrete and hauling at 11.4% (\$675,750.00) of the total contract value.



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Southern Commercial Development, LLC, a certified DBE(W) of Lexington, SC, will provide traffic control services at 0.8% (\$50,000.00) of the total contract value.

United Sewer Services, Inc. of Patterson, GA will provide CCTV and cleaning services at 10.7% (\$636,250.00) of the total contract value.

BLD Services, LLC of Kenner, LA will provide sectional/lateral liners at 10.5% (\$625,000.00) of the total contract value.

P & H Utilities of Shelby, NC will provide open cut services at 9.1% (\$537,175.00) of the total contract value.

12. Council is asked to Rescind the Award to Emergency Professionals Inc. for the purchase of an Engine in an amount not to exceed \$616,241.00 and a Ladder Truck in an amount not to exceed \$1,431,847.00, as requested by the Fire Department and approved by Council on January 8, 2019. Council is further asked to Award Spartan Fire & Emergency, Apparatus, Inc., located in Roebuck, SC for the purchase of an Engine in an amount not to exceed \$616,241.00 and a Ladder Truck in an amount not to exceed \$1,431,847.00, as requested by the Fire Department. – *Approved*
13. ANNEXATION, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT - 2807 Atlas Road; TMS# 13510-01-01

Ordinance No.: 2019-005 - Annexing and Incorporating 2807 Atlas Road, Richland County TMS#13510-01-01 into the Plan Columbia Land Use Plan Putting the Pieces Together adopted by Ordinance No.: 2015-014 on February 17, 2015

Council District: 3

Proposal: Request to annex, assign land use classification of Urban Edge Community Activity Center (UEAC-1) and assign zoning of General Commercial District (C-3). The property is currently classified as Economic Development Center/Corridor and zoned General Commercial (GC) by Richland County.

Applicant: Circle K Stores, Inc.

Staff Recommendation: Approval



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PC Recommendation: 11/05/2018; Approval (9-0)

First reading approval was given on January 15, 2019. – Approved on second reading.

14. ANNEXATION, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT - 1200 Veterans Road Suite 1, 1200 Veterans Road Suite 2, and 0.65 acres B/S Veterans Road; TMS# 16302-07-16 and 16302-07-61

Ordinance No.: 2019-004 - Annexing and Incorporating 1200 Veterans Road, Suite 1, 1200 Veterans Road, Suite 2, and 0.65 acres 8/S Veterans Road, Richland County TMS #16302-07-16 and 16302-07-61 into the Plan Columbia Land Use Plan Putting the Pieces Together adopted by Ordinance No.: 2015-014 on February 17, 2015

Council District: 3

Proposal: Request to annex, assign land use classification of Industrial (IND) and assign zoning of Light Industrial District with a portion within the Flood Protective Overlay (M-1, -FP). The property is currently classified as Mixed Residential High Density and zoned Light Industrial District (M-1) by Richland County.

Applicant: HollyKat Properties, LLC

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 11/05/2018; Approval (9-0)

First reading approval was given on January 15, 2019. – Approved on second reading.

15. ANNEXATION, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT - 209 Plumbers Road; TMS# 14303-02-04

Ordinance No.: 2019-003 - Annexing and Incorporating 209 Plumbers Road, Richland County TMS#14303-02-04 into the Plan Columbia Land Use Plan Putting the Pieces Together adopted by Ordinance No.: 2015-014 on February 17, 2015

Council District: 1



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Proposal: Request to annex, assign land use classification of Employment Campus (EC) and assign zoning of Light Industrial District (M-1). The property is currently classified as Economic Development Corridor and zoned M-1 by Richland County.

Applicant: Robert L. Cohen, trustee of the Cohen Family Trust

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 11/05/2018; Approval (9-0)

First reading approval was given on January 15, 2019. – Approved on second reading.

16. ANNEXATION, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT - 5.82 acres S. Beltline Boulevard; TMS# 13606-02-02

Ordinance No.: 2019-001 - Annexing and Incorporating 5.82 acres S. Beltline Boulevard, Richland County TMS#13606-02-02, into the Plan Columbia Land Use Plan Putting the Pieces Together adopted by Ordinance No.: 2015-014 on February 17, 2015

Council District: 3

Proposal: Request to annex, assign land use classification of Industrial (IND) and assign zoning of Heavy Industrial District with a portion within the Flood Protective Overlay (M-2 and M-2, -FP). The property is currently classified as Mixed Residential High Density and zoned Heavy Industrial (HI) by Richland County.

Applicant: Beltline Partners, LLC

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 11/05/2018; Approval (9-0)

First reading approval was given on January 15, 2019. – Approved on second reading.

17. ANNEXATION, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT - 101 Sparkleberry Crossing Road; TMS# 25705-07-34



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Ordinance No.: 2019-002 - Annexing and Incorporating 101 Sparkleberry Crossing Road, Richland County TMS#25705-07-34 into the Plan Columbia Land Use Plan Putting the Pieces Together adopted by Ordinance No.: 2015-014 on February 17, 2015

Council District: 4

Proposal: Request to annex, assign land use classification of Regional Activity Corridor (AC-3) and assign zoning of General Commercial District (C-3). The property is currently classified as Mixed Use Corridor and zoned General Commercial (GC) by Richland County.

Applicant: Westview-Durham, LLC

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 11/05/2018; Approval (9-0)

First reading approval was given on January 15, 2019. – Approved on second reading.

18. ANNEXATION, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT - 908 Oakland Avenue; TMS# 11707-06-13

Ordinance No.: 2019-007 - Annexing and Incorporating 908 Oakland Avenue, Richland County TMS #11707-06-13 into the Plan Columbia Land Use Plan Putting the Pieces Together adopted by Ordinance No.: 2015-014 on February 17, 2015

Council District: 1

Proposal: Request to annex, assign land use classification of Urban Edge Residential Small Lot (UER-1) and assign zoning of Single-Family Residential District (RS-3). The property is currently classified as Mixed Residential High Density and zoned Residential Single-Family High Density (RS-HD) by Richland County.

Applicant: Armondo Donald Balthrope

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 12/03/2018; Approval (7-0)



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19. ANNEXATION, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT - 1124 S. Ott Road; TMS# 13703-05-08

Ordinance No.: 2019-008 - Annexing and Incorporating 1124 South Ott Road, Richland County TMS #13 703-05-08 into the Plan Columbia Land Use Plan Putting the Pieces Together adopted by Ordinance No.: 2015-014 on February 17, 2015

Council District: 3

Proposal: Request to annex, assign land use classification of Urban Core Residential Small Lot (UCR-1) and assign zoning of General Residential District (RG-1). The property is currently classified as Mixed Residential High Density and zoned Residential Multifamily Family Medium Density (RM-MD) by Richland County.

Applicant: Michael P. Scheele

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 12/03/2018; Approval (7-0)

First reading approval was given on January 15, 2019. – Approved on second reading.

20. ANNEXATION, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT - 1315 Basil Street; TMS# 16309-05-08

Ordinance No.: 2019-006 - Annexing and Incorporating 1315 Basil Street, Richland County TMS #16309-05-08 into the Plan Columbia Land Use Plan Putting the Pieces Together adopted by Ordinance No.: 2015-014 on February 17, 2015

Council District: 3

Proposal: Request to annex, assign land use classification of Urban Edge Residential Small Lot (UER-1) and assign zoning of Single-Family Residential District (RS-2). The property is currently classified as Economic Development Corridor and zoned Light Industrial (M-1) by Richland County.



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Applicant: Mt. Sinai Southern United Church of Jesus Christ (Apostolic) formerly known as Mt. Sinai United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 12/03/2018; Approval (7-0)

First reading approval was given on January 15, 2019. – Approved on second reading.

21. ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT - Amend §17-401 and §17-405(b)(5) Temporary Signs

Ordinance No.: 2018-075 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Land Development and Zoning, Article III, Zoning, Division 12, Signs, Sec. 17-401, Definitions and Sec. 17-405 Temporary signs (b)(5)

Proposal: Amend City of Columbia's Code of Ordinances §17-401 (Definitions) and §17-405(b)(5) (Temporary Signs) to reflect proposed changes to the temporary signage regulations for feather flags

Pertinent Sections: Chapter 17, Article III, Division 12, Amend §17-401- Definitions; Chapter 17, Article III, Division 12, Amend §17-405(b)(5) - Temporary Signs

Applicant: Rachel Bailey, Zoning Administrator

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 11/05/2018; Approval (9-0)

First reading approval was given on January 15, 2019. – Approved on second reading.

22. Resolution No.: R-2018-112 Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at the “St. Pat’s in Five Points Festival” and authorizing the City Manager and the Parks and Recreation Director to sign Park Rules for the St. Pat's in Five Points Festival on Saturday, March 16, 2019 with a rain contingency of Sunday, March 17, 2019 - *Approved*



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23. Resolution No.: R-2019-002 Authorizing consumption of beer and wine beverages only at the Official Kick-Off to St. Pat's in Five Points at the Five Points Fountain on Sunday, March 3, 2019 with a rain date contingency of Sunday, March 10, 2019 - *Approved*
 24. Resolution No.: R-2019-003 Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at the Dinner on Main Street on April 7, 2019 - *Approved*
 25. Resolution No.: R-2019-014 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine beverages only at the Capital City Hoop & Music Fest on Main Street on Saturday, March 23, 2019 with a rain contingency date of Sunday, March 24, 2019 – *Approved*

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS & AGREEMENTS

26. Council is asked to approve a contract for Capital City Ballpark Demolition, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Carolina Wrecking, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$136,500.00, which includes contingency funding. Carolina Wrecking, Inc., a certified Local Business Enterprise, is located in Columbia, SC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: 4039999-CP0001601 - The original budgeted amount is \$136,500.00.

The following subcontractor will provide additional services:

Asbestos & Demolition, Inc. of Lugoff, SC will provide asbestos abatement services at 2.0% (\$2,500.00) of the total contract value.

Councilor Baddourah asked staff to explain what is going on with the ballpark. I know we have a contentious contract on it and just to be fair and open to the public, this money we are using to demolish the ballpark is in the contract that we signed. The contingency money that he paid is nonrefundable and we are going to use it to demolish the building.

Ms. Krista Hampton, Planning and Development Services Director explained that as part of the negotiations to extend the last contract there was a termination of the escrow funding, which allowed us to use that for the demolition of the structure.



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PRESENTATIONS

27. Recognition of Angell Conwell - The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin

Mayor Benjamin said I wanted to take an opportunity to recognize one of our great success stories. Angell is an accomplished actress gracing the big screen and the small screen. With so many talents, she's a wonderful example of what our young people can accomplish in this world with faith, perseverance, incredible parents, and an entire community pouring into them.

Mayor Benjamin and the members of Council proclaimed Tuesday, February 5, 2019 as Angell Conwell Day in the City of Columbia.

Ms. Angell Conwell said thank you so much Mayor Benjamin and City Council. I am very full of joy and I am grateful. I entered into the entertainment field, because I wanted to help heal people through laughter and through telling stories. I am so grateful to God that that has happened and there are so many more things planned. I wouldn't be able to do this without the love and support of my family and my loved ones. To have the support of my city means so much.

28. Special Presentation - Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said it is a night of recognizing our hometown greats. We have another presentation that we would like to make in honor of one of our own. Fire Chief Aubrey D. Jenkins with Columbia-Richland Fire is celebrating 40 years of service.

There was a video presentation highlighting Chief Jenkins' career.

Mayor Benjamin and the members of Council proclaimed February 2019 as Chief Aubrey Jenkins Month in the City of Columbia.



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Mr. Aubrey D. Jenkins, Fire Chief / Columbia-Richland Fire Department said this is an honor. I'm grateful and I'm thankful. The Lord has really blessed me here at the City for 40 years. I never thought that it would come to this. This City has really been good to me and I have no complaints. I have the best Fire Department in the nation. I want to thank my wife, because you can't be in these positions for this long without support from your wife. When I leave out at two o'clock in the morning, I am leaving my family.

Mayor Benjamin presented Fire Chief Aubrey Jenkins with a Key to the City.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager presented Chief Jenkins with autographed fire safety boots.

Councilor Baddourah said from one fireman to another, I want to thank you for everything you do. You never quit working and you always do the right thing. You are always there for the people and we appreciate the hard work you are doing for the City.

29. Special Presentations - The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin

Mayor Benjamin said I want to take an opportunity to recognize four young people who are about to blaze their own trails with certificates of achievement and a little bit of financial incentive to continue doing the great things that they're doing: Mr. Elijah Jenkins, Miss Tonne Osborne, Mr. Ross Tucker, and Mr. Robert Harris. The future in Columbia, South Carolina and this great country is bright. These academic records with focus on leadership and a commitment to service is so important. Recognizing that we've all been given incredible opportunities because of the work of our parents, grandparents, and others we may never know. The fact that you all are enlightened enough to realize that you have a responsibility to help and lead this community is something that we wanted to celebrate.

30. City LIGHT Presentation - Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said on Saturday, January 19, 2019, Columbia police officers responded to a three vehicle collision at Bluff Rd and I-77. Columbia Recruit Firefighter Brandon Zinn was involved in the collision. He was struck by an impaired motorist and was left in critical condition. Cpl. Justin Poage was one of the first to arrive on scene and immediately started to apply an issued tourniquet to Brandon's leg wound trying to stop the bleeding. Richland County EMS arrived and transported Brandon to the hospital where he underwent successful lifesaving surgery. Earlier that afternoon, both Richland County EMS and Palmetto Health Richland staff contacted CPD to acknowledge Cpl. Poage's lifesaving actions. It was stated that without the quick application of the tourniquet to the leg wound, Recruit Firefighter



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Zinn would not have been able to survive his injuries. Please join me in commending Cpl. Justin Poage for his heroic lifesaving actions.

Mr. William “Skip” Holbrook, Police Chief / Columbia Police Department said it’s an honor and a privilege to work with you every day Aubrey. We are lucky to have you. Justin Pouk has been with the Columbia Police Department since 2009, but I had the privilege of promoting him to Corporal over a year ago. He is one of many officers who have been trained with tactical first aid. They carry Narcan, which is an opioid reversal agent used to save someone’s life. He has been trained with his tourniquet and it was no surprise to us to see him perform in such a heroic way. It’s what we do and it’s what he does every day. He works in a great region and they are here to support him. It’s all about service before self. I’m glad that Brandon is recovering. I received a wonderful letter from his mother.

RESOLUTIONS

31. Resolution No.: R-2019-005 Release and Abandonment of a five (5’) foot portion of the City’s Existing 30’ Water Line Easement along a portion of Richland County TMS# 16606-03-03; 1890 Shady Lane; CF#97-49 & CF#250-376 - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Rickenmann and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2019-005 Release and Abandonment of a five (5’) foot portion of the City’s Existing 30’ Water Line Easement along a portion of Richland County TMS# 16606-03-03; 1890 Shady Lane; CF#97-49 & CF#250-376.

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

32. Ordinance No.: 2019-011 Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 14, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provision, Article IV, Offenses Against the Public Peace and Order to add Sec. 14-107 Careless operation of drone - *First reading approval was given on February 5, 2019.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Rickenmann and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2019-011 Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 14, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provision, Article IV, Offenses Against the Public Peace and Order to add Sec. 14-107 Careless operation of drone.



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OTHER MATTERS

33. Council is asked to approve the Installation one (1) Speed Hump on Shirley Street in the Melrose Heights Neighborhood, as requested by the Public Works Department. - *Approved*

The Columbia Police Department and the Columbia Fire Department have reviewed and approved the proposed installation.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve the Installation one (1) Speed Hump on Shirley Street in the Melrose Heights Neighborhood, as requested by the Public Works Department.

34. Columbia Housing Authority / Allen Benedict Court Update

Mayor Benjamin thanked Police Chief Holbrook and Fire Chief Aubrey Jenkins for the comprehensive report made to the community on yesterday of their ongoing work. We fully support that work.

Councilor McDowell said there are persons in the Chambers tonight who were some of our first responders in addition to Chief Jenkins, Code Enforcement, and the Police Department. There are persons and congregations that I would like to see stand.

Mayor Benjamin thanked Reverend McDowell for his incredible leadership with the humanitarian response. You would've done that even if you weren't a City Councilman. Your leadership in helping to meet the needs of the residents of Allen Benedict Court has been stalwart and we want to thank you. I want to thank all of our colleagues up here. We all want to make sure that this is properly investigated and that there is accountability at the end of the investigation. Our efforts on yesterday were to make sure that there is a transparent accounting of everything that has occurred.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to fully support the independent investigation by the Columbia Police Department supported by the Columbia Fire Department and the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division in consultation with the Circuit Solicitor and the HUD Office of the Inspector General into the events that led to the deaths of two of our citizens: Mr. Calvin Witherspoon and Mr. Derrick Roper.



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CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS DISCUSSED DURING THE WORK SESSION

No items were discussed at this time.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS / REFERRALS

No City Council Committee reports or referrals were made at this time.

APPEARANCE OF THE PUBLIC

Ms. Diane Wiley, President of the Belvedere Community said I was sorry to hear about what happened at Allen Benedict Court. Have you looked at the other residences? We go to the Read Street High Rise to deliver food and that place looks terrible. The Marion Street [High Rise] looks bad, too. Don't let these things go down before we get it solved. My husband and I have been out of our house since 2015. I have snakes in my house now. I need somebody to come to our meeting on the second Thursday of this month to explain to our neighbors what's going on. Councilman McDowell knows that Ms. Jones' backyard is corroding. My backyard is gone. Two neighbors moved out because of the ditches. 29203 and 29204 needs help. We started our grocery store on Truman Street. We own our own grocery store and we have good members.

Mr. Regi Solis, Needful Things said you know the issues that I've brought to you before. A Columbia Police Officer attended our Homeless Helping Homeless meeting recently and he informed us that items seized by the police are held for ninety days and can be retrieved from there if properly identified. He read the South Carolina Code of Laws Title 47, Animals, Livestock, and Poultry, Chapter 1, Cruelty to Animals. How can we get in trouble for treating our animals this way when we don't get into trouble for treating fellow human beings this way?

Mr. Bill Shanahan, co-owner of the Blowfish Baseball Club said we played a number of years at the Capital City Baseball Stadium and I was also the general manager of the Bombers in the 1990s before that the Columbia Mets. I received a call yesterday saying that it was going to be torn down. I've known that for a while. In many ballparks across the country that have less history of baseball hall of famers that have played at their stadiums, before they tear down the stadium, they give the fans an opportunity to go through it one more time. There is also an opportunity to purchase the old seats and other things that have great history to many baseball fans. What will be the opportunity for that?



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Mayor Benjamin said mitigating the challenges with the property are a priority. He asked City Manager Wilson if we can work out something to accommodate some salvage of memorabilia and the like with limited access.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said we can certainly do that. Getting this on Council's agenda was the first step to move forward with the demolition, which is necessary. We also want to be cognizant of any memories. We will work with you on that.

Mr. Bill Shanahan, co-owner of the Blowfish Baseball Club said I have no problem helping with placing a monument on the site so that people can see, read, and hear about the great history of baseball and wonderful music. Hootie & The Blowfish played their homecoming reunion tour in 1993 at that ballpark.

Mayor Benjamin said I'd love to work with you on that. He announced that there is a vacancy on the Midlands Authority for Conventions Sports and Tourism Board. We will post that vacancy for citizens to apply. There are two positions coming up on the Columbia Housing Authority Board that we will post immediately for a period of two weeks to get a wide selection of citizens who might fill those vacancies.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Moore, CMC
City Clerk