



COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2022

The Columbia City Council conducted a meeting on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, 3rd Floor, Columbia, SC 29201. The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. and the following members of Council were present: The Honorable Howard E. Duvall, Jr., The Honorable William Brennan, The Honorable Tina N. Herbert, and The Honorable Joe E. Taylor, Jr. The Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr., Mayor Pro-Tempore and The Honorable Aditi Bussells participated remotely. Also present were Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Moore Hammond, City Clerk. This meeting was advertised in accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. *The minutes are numbered to coincide with the order of the meeting.*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Taylor, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda subject to adding Resolution R-2022-028 (*Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only within Boyd Plaza adjacent to the Columbia Museum of Art for Live on Boyd Plaza on Sunday April 3, 2022*) to Event Resolutions as **Item 22**.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Bernetha Moultrie, Greenview Community resident expressed her concerns regarding the repeals included in Ordinance 2022-020. We have experienced many problems dealing with gun violence in our community. In cooperation with the County Sheriff's Office, the Columbia Police Department, and with all of our community citizens, we have seen a decline in gun violence. There are still ongoing problems, but not as much as it has been in the past. She asked for clarification on why the ordinances are being repealed. She asked Council to keep the safety of citizens in mind.

Mayor Rickenmann said we are repealing these because when we passed the ghost guns and schools zone ordinances in 2019, we were sued by the state. Essentially, what it comes down to is we lost the case and now we can't enforce them. We have not been able to use any of these ordinances since 2019. There is a school zone state statute in place that does not allow anybody to have guns at school or on the property. We will continue to enforce that and ask for the maximum. The state preempts local legislation so we don't have any authority to go beyond what the state has.



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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Council is asked to approve the March 1, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes. – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mayor Rickenmann and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve the March 1, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes.

PRESENTATIONS

2. AmeriCorps Week Proclamation - The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor

Mayor Rickenmann and the members of City Council proclaimed the week of March 13-19, 2022 as AmeriCorps Week in the City of Columbia.

Ms. Deja Vaughn, MRC Operations Manager for United Way of the Midlands said I just want to say thank you on behalf of AmeriCorps, South Carolina and the United Way of the Midlands. I know from experience that serving the community has a huge impact so we also appreciate your work.

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION / ACTION

3. American Rescue Plan Proposed Allocations for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 - Ms. Missy Caughman, Budget, Program Management, and Grants Director – *Approved*

Ms. Missy Caughman, Budget, Program Management, and Grants Director said what is included in the budget amendment is an allocation of \$500,000 for cost incurred to date and \$85,000 for additional expenses between now and June 30th. We also have included the allocation for premium pay and the vaccine incentives. That is a reimbursement to ourselves for those costs that have already been spent. We have also incorporated funds for year one of the proposed Pathways Unit, the Fire Department's second set of bunker gear and gear extractors, and for year one of the demolition cost.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve the American Rescue Plan Proposed allocations for fiscal year 2021/2022.



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CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 4 THROUGH 10

Upon a single motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Taylor, Council voted unanimously to approve Consent Agenda **Items 4** through **10**.

Mayor Rickenmann explained that item 8 is a contract to spend a little over \$10 million that is part of our investment in reducing the amount of spills by investigating, replacing, repairing, and lining about 70,000 linear feet of our sewer system. This is one of the investments we marked as most important and need to continue to focus on. We appreciate the fact that our staff worked so hard to make this happen.

4. Council is asked to approve a Contract to Purchase Audio Visual Equipment, Installation, Programming, and One Year of Service for the Information Technology Department, as requested by the Support Services Division on February 14, 2022. Award to Advanced Video Group, Inc., using the SC State Contract in the amount of \$109,055.25. This vendor is located in Irmo, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: General Capital Projects - City Hall Renovations - Capital Project Costs; (4039999-CP106602-658650). The original budget amount is \$109,055.25.

5. Council is asked to approve a Contract to Purchase a 2022 Isuzu Diesel Truck with a Switch-N-Go Body for the Forestry and Beautification Division, as requested by the Fleet Services Division on November 2, 2021. Award to Shealy's Truck Center Inc., using the SC State Contract in the amount of \$114,382.93. The vendor is located in Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Capital Replacement - Auto Trucks, Heavy Equipment - Capital (6308972-658500). The original budget amount is \$114,382.93.

6. Council is asked to approve Contract Amendment #2 for Badger Meter BEACON Advanced Metering Analytics Managed Solution, as requested by Columbia Water on February 17, 2022. Award to Badger Meter Inc. in the amount of \$220,000.00. The firm is located in Milwaukee, WI. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Water and Sewer Capital Projects - Maintenance and Service Contract (5529999-WM435401-638200). The original budget amount is \$1,089,935.00. Amendment #1 was for a time extension only. The budget amount for this amendment is \$220,000.00. The total revised budget amount is \$1,309,935.00.



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7. Council is asked to approve a Contract to Purchase a 2022 Ford Van with an Enclosed Box for Wastewater Maintenance, as requested by the Fleet Services Division on January 27, 2022. Award to Jet-Vac Equipment Company, using the Sourcwell Cooperative Contract in the amount of \$345,857.88. The vendor is located in Sumter, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Utilities Wastewater Maintenance - Autos Trucks, Heavy Equipment - Capital (5516205-658500). The original budget amount is \$345,857.88.

8. Council is asked to approve a Contract for Project SS758302; Saluda River 02 Engineer-Led Find & Fix Services, as requested by Columbia Water on August 27, 2021. Award to McClam & Associates, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$10,502,652.60, which includes contingency. This firm is located in Little Mountain, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Engineering - Water & Sewer Improvements (5529999-SS758302-658650). The original budget amount is \$10,502,652.60.

This is a Columbia Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (CDBE) program project with a 15% CDBE goal. The CDBE goal for this project was exceeded at 17.86%. McClam & Associates Inc. is the prime contractor and will provide rehabilitation services at 49.87% (\$4,761,081.00) of the total contract amount.

The following subcontractors will provide additional services:

AM Liner East of Berryville, VA will provide Cured In-Place Pipe services at 11.44% (\$1,092,000.00) of the total contract amount.

BLD Services, LLC of Kenner, LA will provide lateral Cured In-Place Pipe services at 11.65% (\$1,112,000.00) of the total contract amount.

Hydrostructures, PA of Pittsboro, NC will provide CCTV/Cleaning and manhole inspections at 4.16% (\$397,075.00) of the total contract amount.

Chao & Associates, Inc., a Minority Business Enterprise and a CDBE of Columbia, SC, will provide GIS updates at 0.05% (\$5,250.00) of the total contract amount.

Intech Coating Consultants, LLC of Alberta, Canada will provide manhole rehabilitation services at 2.66% (\$253,750.00) of the total contract amount.

Smoak Construction, LLC, a Minority Business Enterprise (W) and a CDBE of Little Mountain, SC, will provide open cut point repair services at 15.43% (\$1,473,420.00) of the total contract amount.

L.A. Barrier & Son Inc., a Minority Business Enterprise (W) and a CDBE of Lexington, SC, will provide hauling services at 2.38% (\$227,390.00) of the total contract amount.

Sloan Construction Company, Inc. of Duncan, SC will provide asphalt milling and resurfacing services at 2.36% (\$225,900.00) of the total contract amount.



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9. Ordinance No.: 2022-022 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City of Columbia and Tarez Graham for the sale of property located at 934 Laurie Lane, Richland County TMS #11215-04-23 - *First reading approval was given on March 1, 2022 – Approved on second reading.*
10. Ordinance No.: 2022-023 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City of Columbia and Ernest Berry for the sale of property located at 612 Hemphill Street, Richland County TMS #13708-22-06 - *First reading approval was given on March 1, 2022 – Approved on second reading.*

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

11. Ordinance No.: 2022-020 - Repealing Ordinance No.: 2019-046 that Amended the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 8, Environmental Health and Sanitation, Article II, Nuisances, Sec. 8-31 Nuisance – Definitions (a) and (b), Ordinance No.: 2019-056 that Amended the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 14, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, to add Article XII Extreme Risk Protection Orders and Ordinance No.: 2019-063 that Amended the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 14, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions to add Article XIII, Gun-free School Zones – *Approved on first reading.*

Councilor Bussells thanked Ms. Moultrie for talking about her community's experience with working with city officials to address violence. Just this past week, we lost two individuals to a shooting in Green Crossing, a student housing complex. I attended a candlelight vigil with Councilwoman Herbert in which I learned the stories of countless families torn apart due to violence. From a public health perspective, there is no doubt that violence and trauma are the root cause of so many problems that are facing our communities. In fact, the Centers for Disease Control found that more Americans died related to firearms in 2020 than any other year. While I was not on City Council when these laws were passed, they have now become unconstitutional and unenforceable. I want every child in our City to succeed and meet their full potential and they deserve a life free from violence. As we vote today on these unenforceable laws that we lost in court, I am requesting that our staff, including CPD and my colleagues, invest in violence prevention programs using the historic funding that we have received through the American Rescue Plan Act.



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Ms. Teresa Knox, City Attorney said we passed these ordinances in 2019. Thereafter, the Attorney General filed suit in Richland County court. The court did not find them to be unconstitutional but that it violated state law and that the state preempted the city from enforcement. We appealed the ruling to the Court of Appeals. We decided to withdraw the appeal so now we need to repeal these ordinances that cannot be enforced.

Councilor McDowell asked for clarification on what each ordinance being repealed encompasses.

Ms. Teresa Knox, City Attorney said there are three ordinances up for repeal. One has to do with firearms and mental health issues, the other is guns in school zones, and the third one is in regards to ghost guns. We still have one enforceable gun ordinance.

Councilor Herbert said I just want to make sure that we are clear to the public that this is a decision that we have made due to the procedural situation that we find ourselves in. Particularly in my district people call me and literally say they hear gunshots at night. I can't do anything to affirmatively repeal anything less than doing our best to protect our citizens. I want the people and Council to understand my vote. I understand the procedural consequences, but I don't think based on what I am experiencing in my community that I can ever be seen nor do I ever want to be seen doing anything less than everything.

Mayor Rickenmann said we appreciate your commitment to your constituents as we all are. What you are going to hear from this Council is that we will continue to invest in reducing gun violence and enforcing the laws that we have. Most of us have spent time talking with legislators because this is a judicial issue as well, not just a policy issue. We are going to continue to invest and do everything we can to keep every neighborhood safe and that is a commitment by this Council as a whole.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Taylor, Council voted four (4) to three (3) to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2022-020 - Repealing Ordinance No.: 2019-046 that Amended the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 8, Environmental Health and Sanitation, Article II, Nuisances, Sec. 8-31 Nuisance – Definitions (a) and (b), Ordinance No.: 2019-056 that Amended the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 14, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, to add Article XII Extreme Risk Protection Orders and Ordinance No.: 2019-063 that Amended the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 14, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions to add Article XIII, Gun-free School Zones. Mr. Taylor, Dr. Bussells, Mr. Duvall, and Mayor Rickenmann voted aye. Ms. Herbert, Mr. Brennan, and Mr. McDowell voted nay.



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12. Ordinance No.: 2022-025 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 5, Buildings and Building Regulations, Sec. 5-326 Rental permit required and Section 5-339 Permit Fee – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Brennan, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2022-025 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 5, Buildings and Building Regulations, Sec. 5-326 Rental permit required and Section 5-339 Permit Fee.

13. Ordinance No.: 2022-026 - Amending Ordinance 2021-022 to Amend the Budget for the City of Columbia, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2022 – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2022-026 - Amending Ordinance 2021-022 to Amend the Budget for the City of Columbia, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2022.

PUBLIC HEARING & FIRST READING FOR ZONING / PLANNING MATTERS

Council opened the Public Hearing at 4:36 p.m.

14. ANNEXATION, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 819 Skyland Drive; TMS# 07313-01-06 – *Approved on first reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2022-017 - Annexing 819 Skyland Drive, Richland County TMS# 07313-06-01 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina Columbia, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map – Approved on first reading.

Council District: 2

Proposal: Request to annex the property and assign a land use classification of Urban Edge Residential Large Lot (UER-2) and assign zoning of Residential Single Family-Large Lot District (RSF-1) at the time of annexation. The property is currently classified as Mixed Residential High Density and zoned RS-LD by Richland County.

Applicant: Emily Frantz

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 01/13/2022; Approval (5-0)



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No comments were received at this time.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Taylor, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Annexation, Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment, and Zoning Map Amendment for 819 Skyland Drive; TMS# 07313-01-06 **and** Ordinance No.: 2022-017 - Annexing 819 Skyland Drive, Richland County TMS# 07313-06-01 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina Columbia, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map.

15. ANNEXATION, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 626 Sallie Baxter Road; TMS# 16404-11-01 – *Approved on first reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2022-015 - Annexing 626 Sallie Baxter Road, Richland County TMS# 16404-11-01 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina Columbia, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map – Approved on first reading

Council District: 4

Proposal: Request to annex the property and assign a land use classification of Urban Edge Residential Large Lot (UER-2) and assign zoning of Residential Single Family-Large Lot District (RSF-1) at the time of annexation. The property is currently classified as Mixed Residential High Density and zoned RS-LD by Richland County.

Applicant: Stacy M. Walden and James B. Walden

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 01/13/2022; Approval (5-0)

No comments were received at this time.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Annexation, Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment, and Zoning Map Amendment for 626 Sallie Baxter Road; TMS# 16404-11-01 **and** Ordinance No.: 2022-015 - Annexing 626 Sallie Baxter Road, Richland County TMS# 16404-11-01 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina Columbia, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map.



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16. ANNEXATION, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 1458 Caroline Road a/k/a 1458 Trinity Three Road; TMS# 16414-08-03 – *Approved on first reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2022-016 - Annexing 1458 Caroline Road a/k/a 1458 Trinity Three Road, Richland County TMS# 16414-08-03 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina Columbia, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map – Approved on first reading

Council District: 3

Proposal: Request to annex the property and assign a land use classification of Urban Edge Mixed Residential (UEMR) and assign zoning of Office and Institutional District (O-I) at the time of annexation. The property is currently classified as Neighborhood (Medium Density) and zoned RU by Richland County.

Applicant: Patricia R. Edwards / Big & Tall, LLC

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 02/10/2022; Approval (8-0)

Mr. Norman Jackson, King Charles Road resident said I have received a lot of calls from the community about this property being rezoned to office and institutional. The confusion of the community is that this went from medium density straight to multifamily, which is a higher density. This is located between two churches and it just can't handle the traffic. I would recommend to send it back to the Planning Commission and have the community meet with the developer to understand the plan for the property.

Ms. Krista Hampton, Planning and Development Services Director said for this annexation and rezoning, the Planning Commission is not a required notice only the zoning public hearing. The zoning classification of office and institutional is what the developer required. These will be a series of duplexes of 35 buildings with 70 units. That is why office and institutional was requested, the zoning of medium density residential would not permit that. We can't make rezonings conditional, so once you assign office and institutional, they have the right to do whatever is permitted under that zoning classification. We have received a sketch plan for pending review by the Planning Commission. It has not been submitted formally, but that is what their intention is currently.

Mayor Rickenmann requested that the development team sit down with the neighborhood and share with them the plan before second reading. This way we can keep the process moving, but also make sure we are communicating and answering any other concerns of the community.



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Upon a motion made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Brennan, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Annexation, Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment, and Zoning Map Amendment for 1458 Caroline Road a/k/a 1458 Trinity Three Road; TMS# 16414-08-03 **and** Ordinance No.: 2022-016 - Annexing 1458 Caroline Road a/k/a 1458 Trinity Three Road, Richland County TMS# 16414-08-03 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina Columbia, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map subject to the development team meeting with members of the community to discuss their plans prior to second reading.

17. **ANNEXATION, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT** for 1010 Edgefield Street; TMS# 09107-13-19 – *Approved on first reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2022-014 - Annexing 1010 Edgefield Street, Richland County TMS# 09107-13-19 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina Columbia, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map – Approved on first reading

Council District: 1

Proposal: Request to annex the property and assign a land use classification of Urban Core Residential Small Lot (UCR-1) and assign zoning of Residential Mixed District (RM-2) and Historic Preservation Overlay District (OV-HP) at the time of annexation. The property is currently classified as Mixed Residential (High Density) and zoned RM-HD by Richland County.

Applicant: Emily Kluttz and David Johnson

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 02/10/2022; Approval (8-0)

No comments were received at this time.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Annexation, Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment, and Zoning Map Amendment for 1010 Edgefield Street; TMS# 09107-13-19 **and** Ordinance No.: 2022-014 - Annexing 1010 Edgefield Street, Richland County TMS# 09107-13-19 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina Columbia, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map.



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18. ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT to Amend Chapter 17, Appendix D for (Historic Sub-District Boundaries, Earlewood Protection Area, Area A) to add TMS# 09107-13-19 (1010 Edgefield Street) – *Approved on first reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2022-019 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17 (Unified Development Ordinance), Appendix D: Historic Sub-District Boundaries – Approved on first reading

Proposal: Amend Chapter 17, Appendix D: Historic Sub-District Boundaries; request to add TMS# 09107-13-19 (1010 Edgefield Street) to Chapter 17, Appendix D: Historic Sub-District Boundaries (Earlewood Protection Area, Area A) at the time of the property's annexation.

Pertinent Sections: Chapter 17, Appendix D: Historic Sub-District Boundaries, Earlewood Protection Area, Area A

Applicant: Krista Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 02/10/2022; Approval (8-0)

No comments were received at this time.

Councilor Taylor asked for clarification on why this is being requested.

Ms. Krista Hampton, Planning and Development Services Director said when properties are in a historic district there are two ways it is applied: one is through the zoning maps so that would be a map amendment and the other is within the actual text of the zoning ordinance. This being annexed within that district will add the tax map to the list.

Mayor Rickenmann said my concern is the fact that we don't have anything from the property owner. Can we get a letter of support from the property owner before second reading. It is very important to hear from the property owner before we move forward on this.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Herbert and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted six (6) to one (1) to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2022-019 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17 (Unified Development Ordinance), Appendix D: Historic Sub-District Boundaries. Ms. Herbert, Dr. Bussells, Mr. Brennan, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Duvall, and Mayor Rickenmann voted aye. Mr. Taylor voted nay.



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19. ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 1810 Allen Benedict Court, TMS# 11408-03-01 – *Approved on first reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2022-018 - Amending the Official Zoning Map to modify the zoning for 1810 Allen Benedict Court, Richland County TMS # 11408-03-01 – Approved on first reading

Council District: 2

Proposal: Request to rezone the property from Residential Mixed District (RM-2) to Mixed-Use District (MU-2).

Applicant: Gerald A. Lee, Chao and Associates, Inc.

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 02/10/2022; Approval (8-0)

No comments were received at this time.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Taylor, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2022-018 - Amending the Official Zoning Map to modify the zoning for 1810 Allen Benedict Court, Richland County TMS # 11408-03-01.

Council closed the Public Hearing at 4:58 p.m.

EVENT RESOLUTIONS

20. Resolution No.: R-2022-019 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine beverages only at Outfest Columbia in the 1200 block of Park Street between Gervais Street and Lady Street on Saturday, June 4, 2022 – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Brennan, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2022-019 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine beverages only at Outfest Columbia in the 1200 block of Park Street between Gervais Street and Lady Street on Saturday, June 4, 2022.

21. Resolution No.: R-2022-022 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine beverages only at the South Carolina Carnival in the 1800 block of Main Street between Laurel Street and Richland Street on Saturday, June 11, 2022 with a rain contingency date of Saturday, July 16, 2022 – *Approved*



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Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Brennan, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2022-022 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine beverages only at the South Carolina Carnival in the 1800 block of Main Street between Laurel Street and Richland Street on Saturday, June 11, 2022 with a rain contingency date of Saturday, July 16, 2022.

22. Resolution No.: R-2022-028 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only within Boyd Plaza adjacent to the Columbia Museum of Art for Live on Boyd Plaza on Sunday April 3, 2022 – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Brennan, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2022-028 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only within Boyd Plaza adjacent to the Columbia Museum of Art for Live on Boyd Plaza on Sunday April 3, 2022.

RESOLUTIONS

23. Resolution No.: R-2022-023 - Certifying Building Sites as Abandoned Buildings Pursuant to the South Carolina Abandoned Buildings Revitalization Act, Title 12, Chapter 67, Section 12-67-100 et seq., of the South Carolina Code of Laws (1976), as amended, regarding the properties located at 936-938 Harden Street, Richland County TMS # 11404-01-21; 944-946 Harden Street, Richland County TMS# 11405-07-22 (portion); 948 Harden Street, Richland County TMS# 11405-07-25; and 950 Harden Street, Richland County TMS# 11405-07-01 – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2022-023 - Certifying Building Sites as Abandoned Buildings Pursuant to the South Carolina Abandoned Buildings Revitalization Act, Title 12, Chapter 67, Section 12-67-100 et seq., of the South Carolina Code of Laws (1976), as amended, regarding the properties located at 936-938 Harden Street, Richland County TMS # 11404-01-21; 944-946 Harden Street, Richland County TMS# 11405-07-22 (portion); 948 Harden Street, Richland County TMS# 11405-07-25; and 950 Harden Street, Richland County TMS# 11405-07-01.

24. Resolution No.: R-2022-024 - Adopting City of Columbia Use of Force Policy – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Brennan, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2022-024 - Adopting City of Columbia Use of Force Policy.



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APPOINTMENTS

25. Tax Modernization Committee – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mayor Rickenmann and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to appoint Steve Taylor, Scottie Hughes and James Bennett to the Tax Modernization Committee and to appoint The Honorable Joe E. Taylor as chair of the committee.

OTHER MATTERS

26. Council is asked to approve Reimbursement of the November 2 and 16, 2021 City of Columbia Municipal Election Expenses, as requested by the City Clerk's Office. Award to the Richland County Voter Registration & Elections Office in the amount of \$184,846.89. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Citizens Support Services - Election Expense (1011119-637100). The original budget amount is \$185,000.00.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Taylor, Council voted unanimously to approve the Reimbursement of the November 2 and 16, 2021 City of Columbia Municipal Election Expenses, as requested by the City Clerk's Office. Award to the Richland County Voter Registration & Elections Office in the amount of \$184,846.89.

27. City Council Standing Committee Referrals - The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mayor Rickenmann and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to allow standing City Council Committees to meet at the discretion of the chair. The date, time and location of each meeting will be coordinated with the City Clerk and an agenda will be noticed in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.



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28. Moving to a Priority/Zero Based Budget - The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor
– *Approved*

Mayor Rickenmann said this will move our budget process to a priority/zero base. This means clearing out and not using the budget from last year as a basis, but actually building it up from the base so that we can make sure we are addressing the current priorities and needs of our community. This will allow us to redirect funding and invest in the priorities we have for this budget year.

Councilor Duvall asked what this process will do to the budgeting process currently used.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said this way of budgeting is not going to detract too much from the current process. Knowing what the intent is, I will be able to redirect the departments and make the necessary adjustments. We are just beginning to dive into the budget. What you are going to find is us addressing the difference between how we may have budgeted for certain positions in the past that have been held in the budget but not necessarily utilized. This is where there will be some wiggle room to have additional funding for the priorities Council would like to see. We are at the beginning stages of building the budget. We have the departments' budget requests. Over the last several years, these budget requests have been pretty flat. We know from operating differently during the pandemic, what programs are essential versus what has not been efficient. We will take these budget requests and begin to look over them to determine priorities. This is an opportunity for this newly seated Council to put a spotlight on the prioritization of things.

Councilor Herbert asked if departments have to resubmit budget requests.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager answered no. There is always give and take when reviewing budget requests. No department head comes into their budget request thinking that the request is going to be what they receive. We can provide more instructive language to reiterate priority budgeting and the intent to department heads, but it should not come as a surprise.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Rickenmann and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve Moving to a Priority/Zero Based Budget for Fiscal Year 2022/2023.



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CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said I will be incorporating into the agenda a city manager's report for times when Council has requested information that does not need a full blown presentation. At the last meeting, Council made a request for the original projections of the Bull Street project to include the cost, what has been spent to date, and the revised estimate to complete our obligations. We have sent you all an email and have also provided the binder in front of you including all of what we have as far as agreements and other documentation for your reference. This would be the time to put information on the record or ask any questions.

Councilor Duvall said this is a good addition to add a city manager's report to the agenda. My concern is that we need to have protocol on how Council makes request for major reports such as this Bull Street report. Such extensive reports should be a request from at least four Council members if the report is going to require a lot of staff time. I think it is good that we ask for reports. If we ask for an extensive report, it needs to have the majority of Council requesting it.

Councilor Taylor said I asked for the original cost to date and projected cost to finish. City staff took it upon themselves to create a very extensive report. I asked for a report and I thought it was going to be simple enough where we would just get an email like the one I got earlier this week.

Mayor Rickenmann said I appreciate the time and effort that staff put on this report because not everybody is on the Bull Street Commission. This is good knowledge for new Council members to understand as we move forward with other projects. If we want to have rules then we can refer this to the Administrative Policy Committee if Council desires.

Councilor Herbert concurred with Mr. Duvall. I do want to make sure that we are doing everything to make sure that staff is successful. I'm very cognizant of how much effort and time is needed to research historical information. I have been there where I couldn't get the day-to-day things done or move my department forward because I was dealing with historical information. I do agree with the referral because we do need to make sure that we have some kind of process. Maybe it is more of a communication and understanding expectations so staff knows exactly what we are requesting.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REFERRALS, REPORTS, AND NEW BUSINESS

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to ask the Administrative Policy Committee to study the creation of a Columbia Clean Division under Columbia Water to focus on servicing litter, beautification, and clean water initiatives within the six water districts.



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Councilor Taylor requested that the City Manager talk to our lobbyists and convey to them that we would like for them to convey to the House Judiciary Committee, which is where the litter bill exists, that we as the capital City are in full support of the state raising the fine for littering. Currently, the litter fine is \$100. I think it should be raised to \$1,000 so people understand we are serious about this issue.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Ms. Herbert, Council voted five (5) to two (2) to ask the Administrative Policy Committee to review whether City Council needs guidelines for handling staff requests that may require an extensive amount of time. Ms. Herbert, Dr. Bussells, Mr. Brennan, Mr. McDowell, and Mr. Duvall voted aye. Mr. Taylor and Mayor Rickenmann voted nay.

Councilor Duvall took a moment of personal privilege to introduce Olivia Gillespie. She is a Mayor's Fellow that has been assigned to me. She is from Clinton, NC and is studying political science at the University of South Carolina and wants to get a master's in public administration.

Councilor Bussells said I wanted to take a moment to thank the Mayor for being creative with the fellows program to allow City Council to have some support. This is a great avenue by which our young folks can learn about government. I am very excited to be working with Gurujjal Roopra who recently ran for student council at the University of South Carolina. She is an Indian American woman who also loves public health and wants to go into health policy. I look forward to working with her to research the various issues that we are passionate about to make our city better.

PUBLIC INPUT

Ms. Regina E. Williams expressed her concerns regarding the repeals included in Ordinance 2022-020. I did not understand this completely when I started reading. I am wondering if in the future, we could have a synopsis of what the ordinances are about. I was able to look up a few, but everybody can't do that. I want to make sure that when we repeal these, that our neighborhoods will still be safe. I am concerned that this has become a public health issue. I don't want a public health issue to turn into a political issue. Please look into this before our second reading.



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Mr. John Black, Columbia Council of Neighborhoods President said the Columbia Council of Neighborhoods will be having our annual awards banquet. It will be on April 13, 2022 at Seawell's. We will have Congressman James Clyburn and Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott as our keynote speakers, as well as a surprise appearance by Chief Holbrook and Chief Jenkins. We are currently accepting nominations for the award of special recognitions, the CCN friend of the year, the neighborhood volunteer of the year, the neighborhood program of the year, and the coveted neighborhood of the year. Nominations are open until March 24th, 2022.

Voicemail via Public Input: My name is Tracy and I am a resident of the Greenview community. With the escalation of gun violence in the City of Columbia, I am requesting that you keep ordinance number 2019-063 until you have something better and enforceable.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Ms. Herbert, Council voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 5:56 p.m. for the discussion of **Item 29**.

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

Miller-Maynor v. City of Columbia

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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City Clerk