



COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2019

WORK SESSION - 2:00 P.M.

The Columbia City Council conducted a Work Session on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 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 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

There was a consensus of Council to meet on April 2, 2019; to cancel the April 16, 2019 meeting; and to schedule an additional meeting during April.

Mayor Benjamin introduced Blake Givens, Spring Hill High School student who is shadowing the Council today.

1. Voluntary Code of Civil Public Discourse and Pledge of Professional Conduct - The Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr.

Councilor McDowell presented the Pledge of Professional Conduct that was previously signed by members of Council for consideration by existing members.

Councilor Devine suggested that Council consider becoming the first City of Kindness on the east coast. We would work with citizens to identify ways to promote acts of kindness.

There was a consensus of Council to mesh the current Pledge of Professional Conduct with the City of Kindness Pledge for future consideration.



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FISCAL YEAR 2019/2020 BUDGET WORKSHOP

2. Economic and Community Development Committee Report - The Honorable Sam Davis

Councilor Davis reported that the Economic and Community Development Committee members met with the three homeless service providers. We attempted to gain clarity on the daily interactions with the homeless. There wasn't an outward request for additional dollars. There was some disagreement about where the organizations are going in terms of service delivery. There is coordination, but affordable housing is a challenge.

Councilor Devine said when mental health patients are being discharged from the hospital, the issue becomes placement. More and more, they are no longer able to go to Transitions. There needs to be a conversation among service providers about what needs to be done.

Councilor Rickenmann said it's a challenge, because we can't make anybody accept the services. We have 67 homeless service providers in our community.

Councilor McDowell said it depends on whether or not the providers can step out of the box and make this something that is going to impact economic development. What about the folks who are able to work? If we don't deal with this homeless situation, Finlay Park will become a 5-star hub for the homeless. There needs to be a deeper conversation about how we deal with the homeless.

Councilor Davis said we agreed at the end of the meeting to continue to meet and look at what's happening elsewhere. We can pull from experiences in other parts of the country.

Councilor Duvall said I have been going to Transitions' board meetings and they are trying to think out of the box. They have an expert on Medicaid and they are changing their procedures. They are full almost every night with people who do obey the rules. There is no capacity and there are no easy answers.

Councilor Devine said Homeless Court has been successful. Is there a way to get more folks in there? I haven't seen the homeless service providers at mental health court.

Councilor Baddourah said a 40% decrease in homelessness was reported by United Way.



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Mayor Benjamin said we need aggressive, proactive engagement with our homeless citizens - meeting them on the streets and finding out what their needs are, and making sure we are making a robust effort to meet those needs. There needs to be consistency in trying to reach people. I want to see strong coordination and cohesion with all of our partners, especially those that are receiving public money. They are dealing with a challenging situation. The homeless population is heterogeneous and it has changed dramatically.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said we are trying not to further the perception that the homeless service providers aren't doing what they are supposed to do. Today, we tried to reiterate that it would be more helpful if they provided more tangible ways as to how we move the needle forward. We are at five years from when we put the RFP out. They've been working from the original RFP and they acknowledged that things are different now. We need to either reissue the RFP with specific deliverables or let them keep going. We have to be specific about what the annual outcomes should be.

Mayor Benjamin said I'd love to see a more robust effort to engage with the individuals on the street every single day. We need to communicate that very effectively to our partners. A redefinition of the relationship is very important.

There was a consensus of Council to amend the contracts with the homeless service providers.

3. Parking Fund - Ms. Melisa Caughman, Budget & Program Management Director

Ms. Melisa Caughman, Budget & Program Management Director reported that the proposed parking fund budget for fiscal year 2019/2020 is \$8,858,970, which is a 2% increase over the current year's budget. Parking meter revenues are increasing due to the implementation of the Passport Mobile Parking App.

Councilor Duvall suggested that meters be used in conjunction with the parking app so that drivers have cheaper payment options.

Ms. Melissa Gentry, Assistant City Manager explained that the app is used in areas that are highly populated by students. We will check to see how many meters we have available. We may have to go with a different style meter.

Councilor Devine suggested that we conduct citizen surveys before making any changes.



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Councilor Rickenmann proposed the installation of parking towers that accept different forms of payment without accessing a service charge.

Mayor Benjamin said technology is changing rapidly. Let's look at what other solutions are out there that will allow us to adjust accordingly while maximizing revenues.

Ms. Melisa Caughman, Budget & Program Management Director continued to report that parking garage revenues are projected at 6% over prior year actuals. We were able to reduce the amount of fund balance.

Councilor Baddourah asked if the parking lots that charge for parking have business licenses.

Ms. Melissa Gentry, P.E., Assistant City Manager said those are private lots that are oftentimes managed by valet parking companies.

Ms. Melisa Caughman, Budget & Program Management Director reviewed the expenditures for the parking fund. She reported that the parking garage control equipment is in place and will go live in the next month or two at the Lincoln, Park, Lady, and Sumter Street garages. A Request for Proposals for a parking rate study will be issued later this year. The results will be presented in time for the next budget cycle.

Ms. Melissa Gentry, P.E., Assistant City Manager outlined the hardware and software system upgrades for the Lincoln, Park, Lady, and Sumter Street garages. The new equipment will allow us to better manage supply and demand. We are conscious of the taxing of our system. We're not wedded to the City being the only parking provider. We reach out to private companies as well. We are also creative with our street parking and we are maximizing the use of our spaces.

Mr. Jeff Palen, Assistant City Manager and Chief Financial Officer explained that studies have been done over the last several years. One study looked at the market and rates. Another study looked at facility needs. The next study will resemble what we do for water and sewer. It will look at our rate structure, revenues, the needs of the system, and how we're funding that. The parking system has outstanding debt. We need someone to make sure we stay within those bond covenants.

Ms. Melissa Gentry, P.E., Assistant City Manager concluded the discussion of the proposed budget for the parking fund.



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4. Council Directed Projects Form - Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said we are ready to implement the Council Directed Projects Form if you all are in agreement. I am hearing a lot from you all. This is a forward thinking Council, wanting us to take advantage of the economy and creative ideas. With that comes lots of opportunities for discussions with vendors and all types of people who have great ideas. We are always going to do our due diligence. This would also allow you all to become aware of other councilmembers' ideas and thoughts. Then we can bring something back for a consensus to be reached on moving forward. I'm looking for feedback on how you want to proceed with this.

Ms. Melisa Caughman, Budget & Program Management Director added that the form isn't meant to be arduous for the requestor. The department would provide the information on personnel and impacts. We at least need a description of what's being requested.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said in the latest iteration of your strategic planning and at the retreat, you all gave us some very specific big ticket items that we've been working on. As we've acknowledged that we are working on those, some other things have risen to the top. How do I bring additional things back to the table? Sometimes we will fill out the form and bring it back to the whole Council and then there's that reminder of the decisions made at the retreat. If we start focusing on this we might have to shift priorities, resources, etc. This is meant to be the mechanism to put those additional things on the table for a collective discussion.

There was a discussion about timely responses; creating an electronic/mobile form; aligning requests with the City's strategic goals; and providing quarterly updates to Council.

Mayor Benjamin said let's think through how best we can do this. The process makes sense. Let's make sure we are giving everyone less work or more meaningful work in a strategic way.



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5. Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Audit - Ms. Ellen Adkins, CPA / Webster Rogers, LLP

Ms. Ellen Adkins, CPA, Partner / Webster Rogers, LLP said I've worked behind the scene on the City's audits since 2008. She presented the governance letter, which outlined significant points about the audit. There's a \$110 million hit to your equity for Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB). More adjustments were made to the financial statement this year than normal, but there are no uncorrected statements. We had no issues with management. There was a huge discussion about GASB 75. The representation letters are attached to the audit. The City does issue a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and your staff prepares the financial statements. You've got outstanding staff as far as their skillset. The transmittal letter is from City management as a forward looking discussion. The management discussion analysis is written by your financial staff as their summary of your financial statement. Those two documents are very informative. You hire our firm to express an opinion on your financial statements. The City received a clean opinion and you should be commended for that. The fund balance for the general fund was about \$34 million at the end of fiscal year 2017/2018, which was a \$4 million increase from the prior year. Of that amount, \$21 million was unassigned. Page 102 outlines your budget and actual. You were over budget in revenues due to grants and under budget in expenditures in most areas. You budgeted a zero balance budget and you had a surplus of \$4 million. I want to thank the staff for their cooperation and professionalism. I want to congratulate the City on its efforts to correct the prior year's findings and to continue to achieve a clean opinion every year.

Councilor Duvall said since 2015 there has been a negative balance in the County Services Fund. Is that used to fund the Fire Department?

Ms. Jan Alonso, Finance Director said we fund the Fire Department and half of 911.

Councilor Duvall asked if City residents are paying more than their fair share for these services.

Councilor Rickenmann said that's exactly what it means.

Ms. Jan Alonso, Finance Director said the balance is cumulative. We are owed the money.

Councilor Duvall noted that Providence Hospital was the second largest property tax payer in 2018.



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Mr. Jeff Palen, Assistant City Manager/Chief Financial Officer stated that Providence only begun paying property taxes in the last three years. They were a non-profit and then they were purchased by a for-profit company.

Councilor Duvall said page 145 lists operations indicated by function and program. In 2009, we filled 2,757 potholes, but last year we only filled 843 potholes. What happened to our pothole maintenance program? These charts in the back are very interesting and I recommend that you all read them.

Councilor Devine said page 142 outlines our demographic information. Do know if the personal income growth is equal to the population growth? How do we fare in relation to other cities?

Ms. Jan Alonso, Finance Director said that information is provided by the Census Bureau.

This concluded the discussion of the fiscal year 2017/2018 audit.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 4:22 p.m. for the discussion of **Items 6** through **9** as amended to include a personnel matter.

6. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements pursuant to S. C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2)
 - *Capital City Stadium*
 - *Wayfinding MOU*
 - *Magic Ice*
 - *Little Lake Katherine*
 - *Convention Center Study*
 - *Water & Sewer Bond Issuance*
7. Receipt of legal advice related to matters covered by attorney-client privilege pursuant to §30-4-70(a)(2)
 - *Business License Fees*
 - *Lower Richland Sewer*



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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)
 - *Finlay Park*
 9. Receipt of legal advice related to a pending, threatened or potential claim pursuant to §30-4-070(a)(2)
 - *Jerome L. Francis v. City of Columbia*
 - *Ray Clepper Boating Center v. City*

COUNCIL MEETING AT 6:00 P.M.

The Columbia City Council conducted a Meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201. The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 6:22 p.m. and the following members of 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

INVOCATION

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda, subject to withdrawing **Item 18** (*Utility Relocation Project*) and **Item 34** (*American Red Cross Proclamation*).

PUBLIC INPUT RELATED TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

No one appeared at this time.



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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

10. Council is asked to approve the February 19, 2019 and March 5, 2019 City Council Meeting Minutes.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to approve the February 19, 2019 and March 5, 2019 City Council Meeting Minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 11 THROUGH 29

Upon a single motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to approve the **Consent Agenda Items 11 through 17 and 19 through 29**.

11. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of two (2) Dodge Ram Trucks for the Water Maintenance Division, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Performance CDJR, using the SC State Contract in the amount of \$52,590.00. This vendor is located in Clinton, NC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Utilities Water-Maintenance Customer Service-Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment Capital: 5516202-658500. The original budget amount is \$52,590.00.

12. Council is asked to approve the purchase of two (2) Ford F250 4X4 Crew Cab Trucks for the Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Vic Bailey Ford, using the SC State Contract in the amount of \$78,968.00. Vic Bailey Ford, Inc. is located in Spartanburg, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Utilities Metro Wastewater Plant - Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment Capital: 5516208-658500. The original budget amount is \$100,000.

13. Council is asked to approved the purchase of two (2) Ford F450 Cab Chassis Vehicles for the Water Maintenance Division, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Dick Smith, using the SC State Contract in the amount of \$103,334.00. Dick Smith Ford, Inc. is located in Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Utilities Water-Maintenance - Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment Capital: 5516203-658500. The original budget amount is \$103, 334.00.



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14. Council is asked to approve the Renewal of Cityworks Software and License Support, as requested by the Information Technology Services Department. Award to Azteca Systems, Inc., in the amount of \$100,000.00. This vendor is located in Sandy, UT. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Public Works Admin-Computer Equipment/Hardware, 1011124-627500; Public Works Admin-Maintenance and Service Contract, 1011124-638200; Forestry Horticulture-Maintenance and Service Contract, 1011217-638200; Streets & Side Walks-Maintenance and Service Contract, 1013201-638200; Traffic Operations-Maintenance and Service Contract, 1013204-638200; Street Storm Drain-Maintenance and Service Contract, 5534203-638200; 5513202-638200; Finance Customer Service-Maintenance and Service Contract, 5511407-638200; Utilities Water Customer Service-Maintenance and Service Contract, 5516202-638200; Utilities Wastewater-Maintenance and Service Contract, 5516205-627510; Solid Waste Street Sweeping-Maintenance and Service Contract, 5534408-638200. The original budgeted amount is \$100,000.00.

15. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Tasers and Accessories, as requested by the Police Department. Award to Axon Enterprises, as a Sole Source, in the amount of \$108,203.04. This vendor is located in Scottsdale, AZ. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Police Administrative Services - Weapons and Firearms: 1012402-624500. The original budget amount is \$110,000.00.

16. Council is asked to approve the purchase of Disk Backup Appliance, as requested by the Information Technology Services Department. Award to SHI International in the amount of \$109,989.74 using the National IPA Agreement. SHI International is located in Piscataway, NJ. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Capital Lease IT- Computer/ Elect Equipment Capital - Maintenance & Service Contract, 6218992-658600; 6218992-638200 - The original budget amount is \$109,989.74.

17. Council is asked to approve the purchase of Managed Deployment Services for the Citywide Computer Refresh Project, as requested by the Information Technology Services Department. Award to Dell Marketing in the amount of \$1,425,135.88. Dell Marketing is located in Round Rock, TX. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Technical Contingency - Computer Equipment/Hardware - 5518408 - 627500; Technical Contingency - Professional Services - 5518408 - 636600; Capital Lease IT - Computer Equipment/Hardware - 6218992 - 627500. The original budget amount is \$1,425,135.88.



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18. Council is asked to approve Contract Amendment #1 for Utility Relocation Project WM4400; Engineering Services for the Patterson Road and Caroline Road Sidewalk from US 378 to SC Highway 262, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Michael Baker International, LLC, in the amount of \$53,127.91. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. – *This item was withdrawn from the agenda.*

Funding Source: 5529999-WM4400-658650 - The original budget amount is \$53,127.91.

The following sub-consultant will provide additional services:

IPW Construction Group, LLC a MBE of Charleston, SC will provide survey and subsurface utility engineering services at \$49,137.91 (92.5%) of the total contract amendment amount.

19. Council is asked to approve Change Order #1 for Project WM4383; Water Main Construction at South Beltline Boulevard and Gills Creek, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to North American Pipeline Management, a DBE(W) in an amount not to exceed \$75,460.00. This firm is located in Marietta, GA. – *Approved*

Funding Source: 2539999-638400 FEMA 2015 October Flood Recovery/FEMA Grants Control. The revised budget amount is \$622,830.00.

20. Council is asked to approve a Contract for 6" Water Line Construction along Edgehill Road, Plumer Drive, and Oakridge Drive, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to DS Utilities Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$161,638.25, which includes contingency funding. This firm is located in Little Mountain, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: 5529999-WM4438-658650. The original budgeted amount is \$211,250.00.

This is a Mentor Protégé Program project. DS Utilities, Inc. of Little Mountain, SC is the Mentor and will be performing 8% (\$11,555.00) of the total contract value. Patriot Construction, Inc. of Columbia, SC is the Protégé and will be performing 92% (\$129,000.00) of the total contract value.

The following sub-consultant will provide additional services:

Fortiline Waterworks of Columbia, SC will provide materials/supplies to the Protégé valued at \$25,970.76. This amount is included in the Protégé's (Patriot Construction, Inc.) portion (\$129,000.00) of the total contract value.



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21. Council is asked to approve a contract for the Colony North Pointe Baseball Field Renovation Project. Award to Hammer Construction, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$298,000.00, which includes contingency funding. Hammer Construction, LLC is a MBE(W) located in Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: General Capitol Project - Capital Projects Cost - Colony North Recreation; 4039999-658650 - PK003801-658650. The original budget amount is \$298,000.00.

22. Council is asked to approve an Engineering Services Agreement for Project SS7465; Lower Crane Creek Relief Sewer Phase 2, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Black & Veatch, in the amount of \$236,360.00. This firm is located in Greenville, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: 5529999-SS7465-658650 - The original budget amount is \$236,360.00.

This is a Clean Water 2020 Program Project and Mentor Protégé Program Project. Black & Veatch of Greenville, SC is the Mentor and will provide technical consulting support to the City for the Lower Crane Creek Relief Sewer Phase 2 Preliminary Engineering Report at 76.2 % (\$180,060.00) of the contract value.

Highfill Infrastructure Engineering, P.C. of Columbia, SC is the Protégé and will provide project administration, data collection, utility coordination, and alternative analysis at 22.1 % (\$52,300.00) of the contract value.

The following sub-consultant will provide additional services:

Bunnell-Lammons Engineering, Inc., of Greenville, SC will provide services at 1.7% (\$4,000.00) of the contract value.

23. Council is asked to approve a Contract for Asbestos Abatement, Demolition, and Air Monitoring Services for Thirty-one (31) Properties, as requested by the Police Department. Award to Corley Construction, LLC, a MBE, in an amount not to exceed \$267,440.72. Corley Construction, LLC is located in Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: 205999-636600-JL-9227000019 - This project is being funded by CDBG funds. The original budget amount \$267,440.72.

The following sub-contractor will provide additional services:

B&B Construction, of Sumter, SC will be providing air monitoring services at \$350.00 per day per property.



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24. Council is asked to approve Contract Amendment #4 for Project WM4326; Water Tank Repainting and Maintenance Services, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Utility Service Company, Inc. in the amount of \$464,404.00. This firm is located in Perry, GA. – *Approved*
- Funding Source: 5516206-WM4326-638305 (50%) and 5516207-WM4326-638305 (50%). The original budgeted amount is \$470,000.00*
- The following subcontractors will provide additional services:*
- Bullins Painting of Stoneville, GA will provide blast/paint labor services at 17.2% (\$80,000.00) of the contract amendment value.*
- Semper Fi Steel of La Grange, KY will provide blast/paint labor services at 17.2% (\$80,000.00) of the contract amendment value.*
25. Council is asked to approve the Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Contract for Sanitary Sewer Easement Maintenance, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to DS Utilities, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$1,903,100.00 to include contingency funding. This firm is located in Little Mountain, SC. – *Approved*
- Funding Source: 5516205-SS7271-18/19-638305.*
- This project is a Columbia Disadvantaged Business Enterprise construction project. The required participation was designated at 10%. The following contractor will provide additional services:*
- Herndon Inc., of Lugoff, SC, a certified CDBE, will provide herbicide, bush hogging, and project management at 10% (\$189,000.00) of the total contract value.*
26. Resolution No.: R-2019-021 Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at the Rocky Shoals Spider Lily Happy Hours in the Amphitheater Area of the Riverfront Park on Tuesdays April 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2019 – *Approved*
27. Resolution No.: R-2019-022 Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at the Make Music Day Happy Hour in the Amphitheater Area of the Riverfront Park on Friday, June 21, 2019 – *Approved*
28. Resolution No.: R-2019-023 Authorizing consumption of beer and wine beverages only at the Jam Room Music Festival in the 1400 block of Main Street, the eastern half block of the 1100 block of Hampton Street adjacent to Boyd Plaza, and Boyd Plaza on Saturday, October 26, 2019 with a rain date contingency of Saturday, November 2, 2019 – *Approved*
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29. Resolution No.: R-2019-031 Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only within Boyd Plaza adjacent to the Columbia Museum of Art for Love, Peace and Hip Hop Kickoff on Friday, April 12, 2019 – *Approved*

PRESENTATIONS

30. Columbia Firefighter Appreciation Month - The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin

Mayor Benjamin and the members of Council proclaimed March 2019 as Columbia Firefighter Appreciation Month in the City of Columbia.

Master Gresham Beverly, Muscular Dystrophy Association camp participant kicked off the 2019 Fill the Boot Drive in Council Chambers

31. Richland Two Institute of Innovation Day Proclamation - The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin

Councilman Duvall and the members of Council proclaimed Tuesday, March 19, 2019 as Richland Two Institute of Innovation Day in the City of Columbia.

Students from the Richland Two Institute of Innovation explained that a secondary school in Sare Bilaly, Senegal was gifted a photocopier last year, but there is no way to power it. All of their schoolwork is done on paper and they don't have many visuals. Our solution was to make a solar-bioenergy device. The modular devices can be connected to one another in series or parallel to increase both current and voltage. The total output can be adjusted. These modular devices are able to change how students learn in Senegal.

32. Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month Proclamation - The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin

Mayor Benjamin and the members of Council proclaimed March 2019 as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month in the City of Columbia.

33. Earth Hour 2019 Proclamation - The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin

Mayor Benjamin and the members of Council proclaimed Saturday, March 30, 2019 from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. as Earth Hour in the City of Columbia.



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34. American Red Cross Month Proclamation - The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin – *This item was withdrawn from the agenda.*
35. Save Our Kids Update - Mr. Lee Carroll, Founder of Save Our Kids, LLC

Ms. Malaysia Heyward, presented The Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr. and Fire Chief Aubrey Jenkins with plaques in recognition of their support of the work being done by Save Our Kids, LLC. She was joined by the Allen University Women's and Men's Basketball Team.

36. NCAA Basketball Tournament - Mr. Bill Ellen, President & CEO of Experience Columbia SC

Mr. Bill Ellen, President & CEO of Experience Columbia SC provided an update on March Madness. We have Duke University and Zion Williams, the University of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth, Oklahoma, Ole Miss, Gardner Webb, Central Florida, and either North Carolina Central or North Dakota State coming in. We created a visitor guide with a map and events associated with March Madness. We are expecting a tremendous turnout.

PUBLIC HEARING

37. Ordinance No.: 2019-012 Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 8, Environmental Health and Sanitation, Article IV, Pollution, Division 5, Regulations and Requirements Relating to Smoking of Tobacco Products, Sec. 8-215 Findings and intent, Sec. 8-216, Definitions, Sec. 8-217 Prohibition of smoking in the workplace; Sec. 8-218 Exceptions, Sec. 8-219 Reasonable distance of entry, Sec. 8-220 Jurisdiction, enforcement and penalties

Council opened the Public Hearing at 7:08 p.m.

Ms. Beth Johnson, American Cancer Society/Cancer Action Network said there are hundreds of types of e-cigarettes on the market. The products vary by the ingredients, quality of control, and the ability to deliver nicotine or other substances. Manufacturers claim that the products are safe, but the products have not been thoroughly and independently tested. The long-term health effects are scientifically uncertain. According to the Surgeon General, we are facing an e-cigarette epidemic among our youth. We support your effort to add e-cigarettes to the current smoke-free policy.



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Ms. Yarley Steedly, Government Relations Director / American Heart Association said there were sections in the draft ordinance that caused the national partners some concern. Specifically, Sec. 8-217 and 8-220 where it talks about possession of smoking materials. We think that will be hard to enforce and you could be targeting youth. We suggest taking out the possession piece. We fully support what the Council is doing.

Mr. Ian Hamilton recalled when Council passed the current smoke-free air law. There are 64 other communities around South Carolina that have smoke-free air laws and ten of the last thirteen have included e-cigarettes. Council has the opportunity to maximize clean air protection for all of Columbia's workers, visitors, and young people by adopting a truly comprehensive smoke and vape-free environment in all of our work and public places.

Ms. Diane Wiley, Belvedere Community Organization President said the old Mr. B's was supposed to be a used tire place, but they changed it to a vaping business.

Council closed the Public Hearing at 7:13 p.m.

Councilor Duvall said he has three amendments to the proposed ordinance. The first is to remove subsection (3) from Section 8-218. This would remove the exemption for hotel rooms. The second amendment is to change the distance to 25' in Section 8-219. All space requirements will be at 25'. The third amendment is to revert Section 8-217 and 8-220 back to the original language, which makes the use of a lighted tobacco product an infraction.

Ms. Teresa Knox, Esq., City Attorney suggested that Council wait until first reading to make any motions to amend.

There was a consensus of Council to include Mr. Duvall's amendments in today's meeting packet and schedule first reading consideration of the ordinance for April 2, 2019.

PUBLIC HEARING & FIRST READING FOR ZONING / PLANNING MATTERS - 7:00 P.M.

Council opened the Public Hearing for Zoning/Planning Matters at 7:22 p.m.

38. FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT CONFIRMATION - 112 Silo Court; TMS# 11108-01-12 and 11112-01-17 – *Approved on first reading.*



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Ordinance No.: 2019-019 - Amending the City of Columbia Comprehensive Plan 2018 Future Land Use Map to include 112 Silo Court; Richland County TMS# 11108-01-12 and 11112-01-17; annexed by Ordinance No.: 2018-071 enacted January 8, 2017 – *Approved on first reading.*

Council District: 3

Proposal: Request to affirm land use classification of Industrial (IND) following the annexation of the property. The property currently has interim classification of Industrial (IND).

Applicant: Stadium Suites Investors, LLC; JMG Realty, Inc. as agent

Staff Recommendation: Approval

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

No one appeared in support of or in opposition to this matter.

39. ZONING MAP AMENDMENT CONFIRMATION - 112 Silo Court; TMS# 11108-01-12 and 11112-01-17 – *Approved on first reading.*

Council District: 3

Proposal: Request to affirm zoning of Light Industrial District and Light Industrial District in the Flood Protective Overlay (M-1 and M-1, -FP). The property currently has interim zoning of Light Industrial District and Light Industrial District in the Flood Protective Overlay (M-1 and M-1, -FP)

Applicant: Stadium Suites Investors, LLC; JMG Realty, Inc. as agent

Staff Recommendation: Approval

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

No one appeared in support of or in opposition to this matter.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to **Item 38 Future Land Use Map Amendment Confirmation**; Ordinance No.: 2019-019 - Amending the City of Columbia Comprehensive Plan 2018 Future Land Use Map to include 112 Silo Court; Richland County TMS# 11108-01-12 and 11112-01-17; annexed by Ordinance No.: 2018-071 enacted January 8, 2017; and **Item 39 Zoning Map Amendment Confirmation** for 112 Silo Court; TMS# 11108-01-12 and 11112-01-17.



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40. ZONING MAP AMENDMENT - 516 S. Holly Street, TMS# 11313-07-18 – *Approved on first reading.*

Council District: 3

Proposal: Request to rezone the parcel from RS-3 and RG-2 to RG-2

Applicant: Stephen Jahue Moore

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 01/07/2019; Approval (8-0)

No one appeared in support of or in opposition to this matter.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the *Zoning Map Amendment* for 516 S. Holly Street, TMS# 11313-07-18.

41. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT - 1703 McFadden Street, TMS# 11511-11-02 – *Approved on first reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2019-015 - Amending the City of Columbia Comprehensive Plan 2018 Future Land Use Map to include 1703 McFadden Street; Richland County TMS# 11511-11-12 – *Approved on first reading.*

City Council District: 2

Proposal: Request to amend Chapter 8.3 of The Columbia Plan 2018 - Future Land Use Map to modify the land use classification from UCR-1 to UEMF.

Applicant: Lila Anna Sauls, Homeless No More

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 02/04/2019; Approval (9-0)

No one appeared in support of or in opposition to this matter.



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42. ZONING MAP AMENDMENT - 1703 McFadden Street, TMS# 11511-11-02

Council District: 2

Proposal: Request to rezone the parcel from RG-1 to C-1

Applicant: Lila Anna Sauls, Homeless No More

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 02/04/2019; Approval (9-0)

No one appeared in support of or in opposition to this matter.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to **Item 41 Comprehensive Plan – Future Land Use Map Amendment**; Ordinance No.: 2019-015 - Amending the City of Columbia Comprehensive Plan 2018 Future Land Use Map to include 1703 McFadden Street; Richland County TMS# 11511-11-12; and **Item 42 Zoning Map Amendment** for 1703 McFadden Street, TMS# 11511-11-02.

43. ZONING MAP AMENDMENT - 3601 Ridgewood Avenue, TMS# 09209-24-04

Council District: 1

Proposal: Request to rezone the parcel from PUD-R to RS-2

Applicant: John Stevens, Celtic Works, Inc.

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 02/04/2019; Approval (9-0)

No one appeared in support of or in opposition to this matter.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the *Zoning Map Amendment* for 3601 Ridgewood Avenue, TMS# 09209-24-04.



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44. ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT - Amend §17-681(b)(7) and Granby Architectural Conservation District Guidelines to add 316 Heyward Street, TMS# 08816-10-12 – *Approved on first reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2019-017 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Land Development and Zoning, Article V, Historic Preservation and Architectural Review, Division 3, Landmarks and Design Protection Districts, Sec. 17-681 Districts identified, (b) Architectural conservation district (7) – *Approved on first reading.*

Proposal: Amend City of Columbia's Code of Ordinances §17-681(b)(7) (Districts identified) to include an additional lot to an annexation and update the map in the Granby Architectural Conservation District Guidelines for the same reason.

Pertinent Sections: Chapter 17, Article V, Division 3, Amend §17-681(b)(7) (Districts identified); Granby Architectural Conservation District Guidelines

Applicant: Krista Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 02/04/2019; Approval (9-0)

No one appeared in support of or in opposition to this matter.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2019-017 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Land Development and Zoning, Article V, Historic Preservation and Architectural Review, Division 3, Landmarks and Design Protection Districts, Sec. 17-681 Districts identified, (b) Architectural conservation district (7).

45. ANNEXATION, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT - 111 South Williams Street, 105 South Williams Street, 103 South Williams Street, 101 South Williams Street, RR101 Williams Street, R111 Williams Street, 316 Heyward Street, W/S Williams Street, and 108 South Williams Street; TMS# 08816-10-02, 08816-10-05, 08816-10-07, 08816-10-08, 08816-10-09, 08816-10-10, 08816-10-12, 08816-10-17, and 08816-10-03 – *Approved on first reading.*



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Ordinance No.: 2019-014 - Annexing and Incorporating 111 South Williams Street, 105 South Williams Street, 103 South Williams Street, 101 South Williams Street, RR101 Williams Street, R111 Williams Street, 316 Heyward Street, W/S Williams Street, and 108 South Williams Street, Richland County TMS# 08816-10-02, 08816-10-05, 08816-10-07, 08816-10-08, 08816-10-09, 08816-10-10, 08816-10-12, 08816-10-17, and 08816-10-03 into the Plan Columbia Land Use Plan Putting the Pieces Together adopted by Ordinance No.: 2015-014 on February 17, 2015 – *Approved on first reading.*

Council District: 2

Proposal: Request to annex, assign land use classification of Urban Core Mixed Residential - Type 3 and Urban Core Neighborhood Activity Center (UCMR-3 and UCAC-1) and assign zoning of General Residential District and Mill Village Two-Family Residential District in the Granby Architectural Conservation District Design Preservation Overlay (RG-2 and RD-2, -DP). The property is currently classified as Mixed Residential High Density and zoned Heavy Industrial (HI) and Residential Multifamily High Density (RM-HD) by Richland County.

Applicant: 135 Williams Street, LLC and Mary Frances Paris

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 01/07/2019; Approval (8-0)

No one appeared in support of or in opposition to this matter.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the *Annexation, Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment, And Zoning Map Amendment* for 111 South Williams Street, 105 South Williams Street, 103 South Williams Street, 101 South Williams Street, RR101 Williams Street, R111 Williams Street, 316 Heyward Street, W/S Williams Street, and 108 South Williams Street; TMS# 08816-10-02, 08816-10-05, 08816-10-07, 08816-10-08, 08816-10-09, 08816-10-10, 08816-10-12, 08816-10-17, and 08816-10-03 **and** Ordinance No.: 2019-014 - Annexing and Incorporating 111 South Williams Street, 105 South Williams Street, 103 South Williams Street, 101 South Williams Street, RR101 Williams Street, R111 Williams Street, 316 Heyward Street, W/S Williams Street, and 108 South Williams Street, Richland County TMS# 08816-10-02, 08816-10-05, 08816-10-07, 08816-10-08, 08816-10-09, 08816-10-10, 08816-10-12, 08816-10-17, and 08816-10-03 into the Plan Columbia Land Use Plan Putting the Pieces Together adopted by Ordinance No.: 2015-014 on February 17, 2015.



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46. **ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT - Amend §17-401 to Exempt Signage Associated with a Wayfinding Program**

Ordinance No.: 2019-016 - 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, Sign – *Approved on first reading.*

Proposal: Amend the text of §17-401 to exclude signage installed as part of a wayfinding program sponsored by Columbia City Council from the definition of Sign

Applicant: Krista Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services

Pertinent Section: Chapter 17, Article III, Division 12, Amend §17-401- Definitions

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 03/04/2019; Approval (7-0)

Ms. Diana Stevenson, Owner and CEO of Grace Outdoor Advertising said we manage, operate, and sell advertising on digital screens (billboards) across South Carolina. We are a Columbia company, but have grown to other areas. I would ask that the kiosk aspect of this project be tabled or slowed down so that the impact can be studied. She represented a range of questions related to maintenance, installation, and stakeholder involvement.

Mayor Benjamin said some of those questions have been answered from staff. I do want to move forward with the digital kiosks while giving consideration to the various questions that were asked. We have been working on this for a long time and I want to make sure we execute.

A motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Mr. Duvall to defer first reading until the next Council meeting was withdrawn.

Councilor Devine said we've been briefed substantially on this matter. I'm not sure why we would hold it at this point. I would prefer to move forward. Let's meet with Mrs. Stevenson, answer her questions, and see how we can incorporate some of her concerns.



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Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said this component of the project was part of the overall wayfinding program. We've been working hard to get a lot of things done in time for March Madness. We were hoping for this to be in place as well. Obviously, it won't be. The City is a partner in this. I've committed to make sure that the Stevenson's have conversations with Experience Columbia SC and Duke Power.

Councilor Davis asked if the questions were answered before tonight.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said I've had a conversation with Hal about the process.

Ms. Missy Gentry, P.E., Assistant City Manager stated that she spoke with Grace Outdoor Advertising earlier today. I explained that this is part of the wayfinding program. The vendors were secured as part of the process through Experience Columbia SC. Originally, the digital kiosk was a part of the program that we, the City nor Experience Columbia, were not going to be able to fund. This vendor came to the table offering the same product as other vendors that wanted one or two million for theirs. They came to the table with operating and managing it. Experience Columbia SC will work through us to see what messaging the City wants on it. I've committed to finding out what their model is for securing local advertising. We are committed to allowing affordable advertising as well.

Councilor Rickenmann said if we vote tonight it doesn't affect us having a discussion with Grace Advertising. We don't have to schedule second reading until we figure out that piece and make sure local participation is part of it. I would suggest that we move forward. If these issues aren't resolved, we won't move forward with second reading.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager clarified that the contract is not with the City. We've already committed to facilitating the discussion.

Councilor Duvall asked for pictures of the kiosks.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager recalled that there was a pilot on Main Street and we invited everybody to participate with it. I regret if all councilmembers didn't see it. We received a lot of positive feedback.

Councilor Baddourah said the urgency isn't there. I'd like to hold it another week or two.



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Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted five (5) to two (2) to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2019-016 - 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, Sign. Voting aye were Mr. Rickenmann, Mr. McDowell, Ms. Devine, Mr. Davis, and Mayor Benjamin. Mr. Duvall and Mr. Baddourah voted nay.

47. **ADOPTION OF A UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE - Repeal Chapter 17 and Adopt a new Chapter 17**

Ordinance No.: 2019-013 Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, to repeal and replace Chapter 17, Planning, Land Development and Zoning

Proposal: Repeal Chapter 17 of the Columbia Code of Ordinances entitled "Planning, Land Development, and Zoning" and adopting a new Chapter 17 entitled "Unified Development Ordinance"

Pertinent Sections: Chapter 17 of the Columbia Code of Ordinances

Applicant: Krista Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services

Staff Recommendation: Recommend to City Council approval of the new Unified Development Ordinance

PC Recommendation: 01/07/2019; Approval (8-0)

Mr. Craig Richardson, Esq., Director for Clarion Associates said this amendment is significant and it will impact the quality and type of development you see in the community moving forward. There was policy direction from the Council in your comprehensive land use plan that was adopted several years ago. It included a number of guiding principles. We developed a code assessment that produced four overriding objectives for this project: creating a user-friendly document; implementing Plan Columbia; modernizing regulations to strongly encourage redevelopment and support infill development. It needs to be the type of infill development that you want to see, because Columbia is a built out-community. A lot of the lots are platted; there is some form of development on many of the lots; and the vacant lots surrounded by development. The last theme is to support green development practices. The code is broken down into nine articles that are organized into three concepts: review procedures, zoning districts and use regulations, and the development standards.

Councilor Devine inquired about interactive mapping.



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Ms. Krista Hampton, Planning and Development Services Director said we are adopting the text of the zoning ordinance. We published a draft map based on a number of inputs. We will bring that to the public for feedback. We will provide opportunities for one-on-one staff meetings to answer questions about the draft map. This process could take up to twelve months.

Councilor Rickenmann inquired about the demolition delay ordinance.

Ms. Krista Hampton, Planning and Development Services Director explained that the Community Character neighborhoods have demolition review currently. City Council is also considering a demolition delay ordinance. That is separate from what you have before you tonight. There is no demolition delay in this ordinance.

Councilor Baddourah asked Ms. Hampton to review the changes in zoning classifications.

Ms. Krista Hampton, Planning and Development Services Director said we have new mixed-use districts. We want redevelopment along our corridors, but we want it to respect our neighborhoods. The new districts are context sensitive and there are neighborhood compatibility standards that will ensure that the operational standards also respect adjacent neighborhoods. In the next steps, we will hold educational sessions for the community to understand the districts.

Mr. Earl McLeod, Executive Director of the Building Industry Association expressed concerns about Section 17-3.7 Overlay Districts. We have questions about the limits to demolitions. That language wasn't provided during any of the public sessions. The proposed demolition delay ordinance might conflict with this ordinance. We want one consistent standard.

Ms. Henri Baskins, Executive Vice President of the Columbia Chamber of Commerce said the members of the Columbia Chamber have been calling us about these changes. I received some clarity tonight. We're concerned that there could be some conflict if something is enacted with the demolition delay ordinance that is contrary to this. Is there a way for us to have more input?

Ms. Krista Hampton, Planning and Development Services Director said the proposal to have demolition as part of the community character districts did go to the Planning Commission and we've mentioned it at a number of Economic Development Subcommittee meetings in an effort to alleviate some of that confusion. What we are considering tonight is limited to community character districts, which are residential districts. They are regulations that largely exist right now.



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Mr. Dan D'Alberto, Esq. appeared on behalf of the University of South Carolina to express their wholehearted support for the zoning rewrite and appreciation to staff for involving USC in the process. It is a wonderful new code.

Ms. Virginia Harness said my friend Pam lives adjacent to a gym and they lift and drop weights causing vibrations on her property. There is nothing in the zoning ordinance to address this. In the rewrite, there is wording about vibrations, but there is nothing for commercial properties. It is a problem that is not limited to gyms. There are gyms that do not allow you to drop weights. Please consider this issue with respect to the new zoning ordinance.

Ms. Pam Kendrick said I am adjacent to property that is zoned C-3. We found out that cross-fit style gyms are atypical of a gym use because of the intense weight drop that creates a low frequency noise and vibration intrusion into the adjacent properties. Other cities like Austin have reclassified cross-fit gyms. I would like to ask you to add a specific use for that type of gym.

Ms. Krista Hampton, Planning and Development Services Director said we think there may be a solution for this.

Ms. Diane Wiley, Belvedere Community Organization President asked if this will help get rid of C-3. We have two liquor stores that came up on the fifth by Benedict College. There are three liquor stores within four blocks and that's uncalled for. They disrespect our churches and schools.

Ms. Krista Hampton, Planning and Development Services Director said the GC district is similar to C-3. We do not know what each area will be zoned. Liquor stores remain as a special exception. We have criteria for the concentration of uses.

Councilor McDowell said the appropriate persons are addressing the pieces of property we have identified. Two Notch Road has been a C-3 corridor for a long time. Some folks will be grandfathered in and others will not. It gives us latitude to work through the whole process. When a store is granted a liquor license, that is done by the Department of Revenue.

Ms. Regina Williams, Booker Washington Heights Organization President asked if the new zones will be established prior to the community input sessions.

Ms. Krista Hampton, Planning and Development Services Director said we met with Ms. Williams and her community and we understand their concerns. We will publish a draft map for input. Most single family districts will remain as single family districts.



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Council closed the Zoning Public Hearing at 8:44 p.m.

There was a consensus of Council to schedule a work session within the next thirty days to review the draft Unified Development Ordinance and to schedule first reading consideration in six weeks.

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

48. Ordinance No.: 2019-021 Granting an encroachment to Experience Columbia SC for the use of right of way area of the 1600 block of Main Street, 1500 block of Main Street, and 1100 block of Lincoln Street for the installation and maintenance of digital information kiosks adjacent to 1633 Main Street, 1505 Main Street, and 1120 Lincoln Street, Richland County TMS#09014-10-08, 09014-11-13, 08916-02-14 – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2019-021 Granting an encroachment to Experience Columbia SC for the use of right of way area of the 1600 block of Main Street, 1500 block of Main Street, and 1100 block of Lincoln Street for the installation and maintenance of digital information kiosks adjacent to 1633 Main Street, 1505 Main Street, and 1120 Lincoln Street, Richland County TMS#09014-10-08, 09014-11-13, 08916-02-14.

RESOLUTIONS

49. Resolution No.: R-2019-018 Permitting the Fire Department to collect money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2019-018 Permitting the Fire Department to collect money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

50. Resolution No.: R-2019-024 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Contract for Purchase and Sale of Real Property between the City of Columbia and Columbia Venture, LLC for 199.65 acres along Simmon Tree Lane, Beltline Boulevard and Bluff Road (MWWTP), TMS #11000-01-06 - *Approved*



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Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2019-024 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Contract for Purchase and Sale of Real Property between the City of Columbia and Columbia Venture, LLC for 199.65 acres along Simmon Tree Lane, Beltline Boulevard and Bluff Road (MWWTP), TMS #11000-01-06.

51. Resolution No.: R-2019-025 Approving and Ratifying Mutual Aid Agreements between the City of Columbia and the City of Columbia Police Department and Various Law Enforcement Agencies and Authorizing the City Manager of the City of Columbia and the Chief of Police of the City of Columbia to execute all such Agreements - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2019-025 Approving and Ratifying Mutual Aid Agreements between the City of Columbia and the City of Columbia Police Department and Various Law Enforcement Agencies and Authorizing the City Manager of the City of Columbia and the Chief of Police of the City of Columbia to execute all such Agreements.

52. Resolution No.: R-2019-027 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Lease between the City of Columbia and EM&L (MS Joint Venture) for lease of the 4th floor of 1401 Main Street - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2019-027 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Lease between the City of Columbia and EM&L (MS Joint Venture) for lease of the 4th floor of 1401 Main Street.

53. Resolution No.: R-2019-028 Authorizing the City Manager to execute any documents as approved by the City Attorney necessary to make repairs to or rebuild certain properties affected by the 2015 flood through implementation of the CDBG-DR Action Plan Programs of Columbia Housing Assistance Program (CHAP), Minor Repair Program (MRP) and Small Rental Repair Program (SRRP) - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2019-028 Authorizing the City Manager to execute any documents as approved by the City Attorney necessary to make repairs to or rebuild certain properties affected by the 2015 flood through implementation of the CDBG-DR Action Plan Programs of Columbia Housing Assistance Program (CHAP), Minor Repair Program (MRP) and Small Rental Repair Program (SRRP).



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54. Resolution No.: R-2019-029 Authorizing the City Manager to execute any documents necessary to purchase properties affected by the 2015 flood through the Property Acquisition Program (Claudia E. Dupree, 3408 Keenan Dr., TMS# 09111-02-03) - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2019-029 Authorizing the City Manager to execute any documents necessary to purchase properties affected by the 2015 flood through the Property Acquisition Program (Claudia E. Dupree, 3408 Keenan Dr., TMS# 09111-02-03).

55. Resolution No.: R-2019-030 Authorizing the City Manager to execute any documents necessary to purchase properties affected by the 2015 flood through the Property Acquisition Program (Patrick M. Johnson, 1006 California Avenue, TMS #13710-03-06) - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2019-030 Authorizing the City Manager to execute any documents necessary to purchase properties affected by the 2015 flood through the Property Acquisition Program (Patrick M. Johnson, 1006 California Avenue, TMS #13710-03-06).

APPOINTMENTS

56. Food Policy Committee – *Consideration of this item was deferred.*

57. Hospitality Tax Advisory Committee

Mayor Benjamin nominated the reappointment of Chris Davis, Drew Hampton, and Terry Davis, while noting that the reappointment of Ms. Davis will require a supermajority vote of Council. He also nominated the appointment of Rosa Daniels, Chad Elsey, and Robert Williams, III.

Councilor Devine expressed concerns about Council's enforcement of the policy for appointing members for more than two terms. There is no consistency to it and it sends a bad message when we have people willing to serve.

Mayor Benjamin explained the policy to the audience. We've had some issues in the past where people served a very long time and we are trying to break out of that habit. Your concerns are duly noted and wholly accurate.



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Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve the reappointment of Mr. Chris Davis, Mr. Drew Hampton, and Ms. Terry Davis and the appointment of Ms. Rosa Daniels, Mr. Chad Elsey, and Mr. Robert Williams, III to the Hospitality Tax Advisory Committee for a two-year term as representatives of the restaurant industry.

Councilor Duvall nominated John Whitehead to serve in an ex-officio role. He would have a voice, but no vote.

Mayor Benjamin said John has been serving since we established the committee. He has been a fantastic chairman and has helped to shape this process. We have to put some parameters to that.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Mr. John Whitehead to the Hospitality Tax Advisory Committee as an ex-officio member with non-voting rights.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to approve the reappointment of Mr. Scott Smith and the appointment of Ms. Tiffany James, Ms. Lajola Broughton, Mr. Joseph Kendrick, and Mr. Matthew Bridges to the Hospitality Tax Advisory Committee for a two-year term as at-large representatives.

OTHER MATTERS

58. Council is asked to approve the Installation of one (1) Speed Hump on Bannockburn Drive, as requested by the Public Works Department.

The Columbia Police Department and the Columbia Fire Department reviewed and approved this request.

Councilor Rickenmann said we have to come up with a process to verify support from all residents living on the street where speed humps are being installed.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said we will have more involvement by the Police Department and Fire Department. There are concerns about the toll humps are taking on vehicles.

Councilor Rickenmann asked staff to look at a pilot for installing speed cameras in school zones.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve the Installation of one (1) Speed Hump on Bannockburn Drive.



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59. Humanitarian Assistance Program - The Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr.

Councilor McDowell said there has been a collaborative effort shared with the Columbia Housing Authority, the United Way, Harvest Hope food bank, churches, pastors, and the whole city. It's called the relocation assistance program where Blue Cross Blue Shield has contributed \$20,000 and Richland County made an initial donation of \$150,000. Out of the 239 displaced families, 156 have identified new units/homes. So far, 83 families have not been able to find suitable housing. We continue to solicit your help as it relates to personal and household supplies.

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS DISCUSSED DURING THE WORK SESSION

No matters were discussed at this time.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS/REFERRALS

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to refer a presentation from staff on plastic particulates in water across the country to the Environment and Infrastructure Committee.

APPEARANCE OF THE PUBLIC

Ms. Lottie Myers appeared before Council on behalf of her sister Kershawn Johnson who is currently being detained at the Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center on a murder charge. She is disabled and has been there for almost six months. She offered additional details about her sister.

Mayor Benjamin said this is not the venue that she's going to be able to seek justice. Has she been assigned a public defender? We will make it a point to reach out to the public defender to make sure they are being responsive. The attorney is the best person to advocate in her interest. That is not something that we have any jurisdiction over at City Hall.

Ms. Regina Williams, Booker Washington Heights Organization President thanked City Council for approving the baseball field at Bethel Bishop (Colony North Pointe). She inquired about the groundbreaking.



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Councilor McDowell said there will not be a groundbreaking. When we break ground, we will be building.

Mayor Benjamin announced the Cornbread Festival on Saturday, March 23, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the corner of Main Street and Elmwood Avenue.

Councilor Devine said the 11th Annual Together We Can Read will be held on Tuesday, March 26, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Moore, CMC
City Clerk