COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2017

The Columbia City Council conducted a Work Session on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin called the Work Session to order at 2:12 p.m. and the following members of Council were present: The Honorable Sam Davis, The Honorable Howard E. Duvall, Jr., The Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr. and The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann. The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine participated remotely. The Honorable Moe Baddourah was absent. Also present were Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Moore, City Clerk. This meeting was advertised in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

INVOCATION

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda, subject to adding the discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements related to annexations to Executive Session.

FINANCIAL REPORT

1. Ms. Jan Alonso, Finance Director will be present to answer questions regarding the January 2017 financial report.

Councilor Duvall noted that the Fire and Police Department's combined expenditures are $3.5 million over budget.

Ms. Jan Alonso, Finance Director clarified that the departments are under budget.

Councilor Duvall inquired about encumbered expenses for the departments.

Ms. Jan Alonso, Finance Director said an encumbrance is created when a purchase order is entered into the system.

FISCAL YEAR 2017/2018 BUDGET WORKSHOP

2. Fiscal Year 2017 / 2018 Budget Calendar - Ms. Melisa Caughman, Budget and Program Management Director

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager explained that we want to utilize the work sessions leading up to the approval of the budget to bring forward experts on the various funds and then bring forth the funds. Today is specific to water and sewer and stormwater and because Council asked us to consider sidewalks as part of the GO Bond, we will be doing a presentation on sidewalks. We started an outline of the City's obligations as well as needs and wants. We will build upon these slides during each budget workshop.

Ms. Melisa Caughman, Budget and Program Management Director outlined the budget workshop schedule and the topics to be discussed. The budget public hearing and first reading is scheduled for June 6, 2017.

Councilor Rickenmann asked to schedule preliminary healthcare discussions earlier than planned. He said continuing to have a plan that's not sustainable doesn't benefit anybody.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager noted that several discussions have already taken place with Council and some of the recommendations have not been accepted. She agreed to revisit those previous discussions with Council on April 18, 2017. She noted that any recommendations presented before the approval of the City's budget would be without an actuarial from the new healthcare consultant. The recommendations need to be for the new plan design that will be effective in January 2018.

Councilors Davis and McDowell concurred with the request to see the recommendations.

Ms. Melisa Caughman, Budget and Program Management Director said second reading and adoption of the budget is scheduled for June 20, 2017. She explained that departments used the 2036 Vision Statement focus areas and goals to structure their budgets in addition to their ongoing maintenance and operations needs. She outlined other obligations, immediate needs and wants that impact the City's budget process.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager reiterated that we will build upon these slides as we go through the budget workshops; there are several things we will need to address.

3. Clean Water 2020 Program Update - Mr. Joey Jaco, Director of the Engineering Department and Mr. Brian Cully, Program Manager for CDM Smith

Mr. Joey Jaco, Director of the Engineering Department explained that the Clean Water 2020 program started with the Consent Decree as a program to improve how we operate our wastewater system with the primary goal of reducing sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs). He reported that SSOs have been reduced by over 70% since 2009.

Mr. Brian Cully, Program Manager for CDM Smith reviewed a list of the programs within the Clean Water 2020 Program and the program deliverable dates. He reported that two programs were submitted to the EPA two years ago and now most of the programs have been submitted. After approval, the programs must be implemented according to the schedule that was submitted. He reviewed a roadmap for wastewater improvements, while noting that we are currently working on the Continuing Sewer Assessment Program (CSAP). He described the major pipe assessment being done for 118 miles of 15" to 60" gravity pipe. He noted that a condition assessment is being done on smaller components of the system, as well. He explained that they are finding problems on the City's side of the sewer system and the private homeowner portion of the system also referred to as private laterals. He further explained how the use of acoustic inspections is an efficient approach to identifying blockages. In closing, he said other cities are trying to implement the methodology being used by the City of Columbia.

Mr. Joey Jaco, Director of the Engineering Department continued to explain how the acoustic inspections are conducted by a two man crew. He provided an update on sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs). He reported that there were 110 SSOs during fiscal year 2016/2017 and 75% were caused by a collapsed line, roots, or wet weather conditions. Effective May 2017, the City of Columbia will be fined for unpermitted discharges. He reported that there are over seventy sewer projects and over sixty water projects currently underway. There is a $120 million CIP request for fiscal year 2017/2018 to include $80 million for wastewater and $40 million for water. He noted that recommendations on AMR/AMI will be presented to Council next month.

Councilor Duvall reminded his colleagues that funding of the budget directly impacts AMR/AMI.

Mr. Joey Jaco, Director of the Engineering Department presented maps of completed CIP projects across the City totaling over $200 million; current capacity enhancing projects; and the 2017/2018 wastewater CIP locations. He explained that it was originally estimated that the Consent Decree would cost $750 million and we've spent over $170 million to date. The Crane Creek capacity enhancement project is nearly complete and storage will be added to that basin in an effort to reduce SSOs. He stated that significant improvements are being made in the wastewater system and the goal is to operate smarter and with more data while going beyond the requirements of the Consent Decree. He described how smarter infrastructure and technology is being used throughout the system. He recognized several employees who received awards during the 2017 South Carolina Environmental Conference. In closing, he outlined many customer service initiatives ranging from staff training to weekly random meter route rechecks.

Mayor Benjamin asked about the rollout schedule for AMI/AMR if fully funded.

Mr. Joey Jaco, Director of the Engineering Department said it will be presented as a three-year plan at $15 million per year, but the implementation is three to five years.

Councilor Duvall inquired about the age of the water and sewer system.

Mr. Joey Jaco, Director of the Engineering Department said some areas of the water system are in excess of 100 years and the wastewater plant was built in the early 1970s. He noted that we've also adopted a number of systems through the years.

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

Mr. Robert Chambers, Financial and Utility Management Consultant for Black and Veatch Management Consulting, LLC explained that the water & sewer rate study approach takes into consideration the annual requirements, who should pay, and how to price the service. He explained that the City's water and sewer rates are broken into base rates based on a graduated scale by meter size and the water system has a minimum allowance of 300 cubic feet.

Councilor Rickenmann asked if it is common to give away 300 cubic feet of water.

Mr. Robert Chambers, Financial and Utility Management Consultant for Black and Veatch Management Consulting, LLC said the practice of including a minimum allowance is not uncommon and it's not viewed as a giveaway.

Councilor Rickenmann inquired about the impacts of charging for usage versus offering the minimum allowance. He said we need to look at that before requesting an increase.

Mayor Benjamin inquired about the amount of revenue that would be produced by the removal of block one.

Mr. Robert Chambers, Financial and Utility Management Consultant for Black and Veatch Management Consulting, LLC agreed to provide that information.
Councilor Davis expressed an interest in considering the pros and cons of offering the minimum 300 cubic feet in the base rate.

Mr. Robert Chambers, Financial and Utility Management Consultant for Black and Veatch Management Consulting, LLC said the impact on those benefiting from the minimum allowance will be lower. He continued to report that the volumetric rates for water are charged by a decreasing block assessment of usage and customers are charged per cubic foot for all sewer flow. He presented the assumptions of the study; revenue comparisons for fiscal years 2017 and 2018; and the revenue requirements. He highlighted the importance of considering rate adjustments on a consistent basis and in line with the cost of inflation. He explained that they used a balanced and programmatic approach to meeting the City's obligations. He presented a financial plan for 2017 to 2022 that will meet the City's obligations, while noting that the Ni America revenues will cease in fiscal year 2019. He presented the capital financing plan for fiscal years 2017 to 2021 in terms of issuing debt and paying for the capital program. He presented the proposed revenue adjustments, while noting that the City of Columbia's bill comparisons are in the middle of the pack. The bill of a typical in-city customer will increase by $2.49; $4.24 for out of city customers; and $14.29 for commercial customers outside the city.

Councilor Rickenmann asked if contingency or other funds were included in operations and maintenance.

Mr. Robert Chambers, Financial and Utility Management Consultant for Black and Veatch Management Consulting, LLC said no.

Mayor Benjamin asked if the City would have to charge both in-city and out of city customers for the first 300 cubic feet.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager suggested that Council receive legal advice on the matter.

Councilor Devine asked that staff reinstitute the online water bill calculator.

Mayor Benjamin asked that we schedule opportunities to share the strides we've made with Clean Water 2020 and how we are trying to continue that work.

Councilor Davis said before we conclude to raise rates there should be dialog with clusters of neighborhoods so that they can fully understand and provide their feedback. He asked the City Manager to put this on the radar. He said income is a concern.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager agreed to run the numbers on the recommendations to include block one and to schedule open houses in the districts after clarification is received from Council.

5. Storm Water Rate Study - Mr. Robert Chambers, Financial and Utility Management Consultant for Black and Veatch Management Consulting, LLC

Mr. Robert Chambers, Financial and Utility Management Consultant for Black and Veatch Management Consulting, LLC said the storm water rate study approach determined what the costs are; who's creating that cost and how we price the cost. The projected fiscal year 2017 revenues are $7.3 million. He reported that the equivalent residential units (ERUs) will increase by .25% in fiscal year 2018 and 2019; by .50% in 2020 and 2021; and by .75% in 2022. Other revenue sources generate $81,800 and delinquencies generate $200,000 annually. The O&M fiscal year 2018 budget revenue requirements start at $6.1 million. There is no existing debt service, but there are plans to issue revenue bonds. He reviewed the history of revenue adjustments for the Stormwater Fund, while noting that rates haven't been increased since 2012. He proposed a 20% increase, which equates to $1.36. He reiterated the need to implement consistent rate increases. He presented four (4) financial plan scenarios for fiscal year 2018 through fiscal year 2022. Revenues for 2017 are estimated at $7.3 million and by the end of 2018 revenues with the rate increase will be $8.7 million. He presented a capital financing plan for each scenario.

Mayor Benjamin requested a list of the storm water priority projects.

Councilor Rickenmann said knowing what's inside the city and what's outside the city is important as well.

Mr. Robert Chambers, Financial and Utility Management Consultant for Black and Veatch Management Consulting, LLC reported that both the current and proposed rates are in the middle of the pack as compared to the customer bill impacts of other providers.

Mayor Benjamin said this is an opportunity to look at green bond infrastructure.

Councilor Davis said there are areas within neighborhoods and other commercial areas that are prone to flooding and it will be important to consider those areas as well. We need to put everything on the table.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager agreed to present the water and sewer and storm water budgets with the proposed increases at the next meeting.

Councilor Duvall said Council needed to make the commitment up front before staff is directed to proceed with a public presentation.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager reiterated that a consistent rate increase is needed. She said rate studies are conducted annually. She stated that she would not be able to get the water and sewer rate increase below 4.75% for this budget cycle.

Councilor McDowell recalled how he voted last year. He said you get to a point where you understand what the full implications are and what's needed. He wants to make sure that he can tell the story in a way that will give constituents a sense of worth in the whole process.

6. General Obligation Bond Discussion - Mr. Jeff Palen, Assistant City Manager / Chief Financial Officer

Mr. Jeff Palen, Assistant City Manager / Chief Financial Officer said Council gave the General Obligation Bond first reading approval on March 7, 2017. The list of projects included the Bull Street infrastructure and we revised the document to add sidewalk projects within the City. The not to exceed amount of $8,135,000 cannot be changed. The initial plan was to issue part of the bond in June 2017 and the second part in June 2018 to cover the potential for our Bull Street infrastructure needs. The amount we spend on sidewalks this year may require Council to pass a new ordinance next year for additional funding. There are other considerations that will impact this decision as well. We will issue Bond Anticipation Notes (BAN) in June for $3 million to meet our Bull Street obligations.

Mr. Robert Anderson, Public Works Director explained that they've compiled a list of sidewalk requests for twenty years. All requests are evaluated based on pedestrian travel, worn path, curb and gutter and other obstacles. He submitted a proposed list of sidewalk requests by Council districts. He noted that these sidewalks are not part of the Penny Sales Tax Projects. He elaborated on the elements of the rating process.

Councilor Davis requested the comprehensive list of sidewalks. He said we need to determine where we can make the addition of sidewalks meaningful.

Councilor Devine asked staff to compare the Live Well Columbia Project 29203 Community Assessment conducted by Palmetto Health, because the report cited the lack of sidewalks as a reason why people didn't get out and walk. She said the report might impact the sidewalk ratings as well.

Mayor Benjamin suggested that Council take this information under advisement along with the complete list of sidewalk requests.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 5:03 p.m. for the discussion of **Items 7** and **8,** as amended to add the discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements related to annexations.

7. Receipt of legal advice related to related to a pending, threatened, or potential claim pursuant to §30-4-70(a)(2)
   - *SC Public Interest Foundation and DePass v. City*
   - *S. Lyman Munson v. City of Columbia, David Hatcher, Ronnie Hingleton and Lisa Sumpter*

8. Receipt of legal advice related to matters covered by attorney-client privilege pursuant to §30-4-70(a)(2)
   - *Edventure Children's Museum*
   - *Penny Tax Projects*
   - *Public Funds on Private Laterals*
   - *Public Purpose Doctrine*
   - *City website and public signage*

Council adjourned the Executive Session at 6:10 p.m.

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The Columbia City Council conducted a Meeting and a Zoning Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 6:28 p.m. and the following members of Council were present: The Honorable Sam Davis, The Honorable Howard E. Duvall, Jr., The Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr. and The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann. The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine participated remotely. The Honorable Moe Baddourah was absent. Also present were Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Moore, City Clerk. This meeting was advertised in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act. *The minutes are numbered to coincide with the order of the meeting.*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor McDowell introduced the Brown Family. He said Greg is a sixth grader at Heathwood Hall and he has many hobbies. In July 2016, he was diagnosed with Leukemia. He has an outstanding sense of humor and a great interest in robotics.

Mayor Benjamin said Greg comes from a great family and he is a talented musician.

Master Greg Anthony Brown, Heathwood Hall Student led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

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

RESOLUTION

9. Resolution No.: R-2017-035 - Rescinding Resolution R-2017-016 Approving the renaming of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Park Community Center to the "Durham E. Carter Community Center at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park" and direct staff to identify an appropriate place of recognition for Council's consideration. – *Approved, subject to staff assessing an appropriate place of recognition for the late Durham E. Carter and reporting back to Council.*

Councilor McDowell made a motion to rescind the action to rename the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center on January 10, 2017 and to direct staff to identify and assess an appropriate place of recognition for Council's consideration. The motion was seconded by Mr. Davis.

Mayor Benjamin said we've had constructive discussions and a degree of consensus on this. It was a very difficult discussion, but in the interest of the overall measure of everything he agreed to support Mr. McDowell's motion.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2017-035 - Rescinding Resolution R-2017-016 Approving the renaming of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Park Community Center to the "Durham E. Carter Community Center at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park", subject to staff assessing an appropriate place of recognition for the late Durham E. Carter.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to direct staff to develop a comprehensive policy for the honorary renaming of facilities and streets for Council's consideration.

PUBLIC INPUT RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS

No one appeared at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a single motion made by Mr. Rickenmann and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve the **Consent Agenda Items 10** through **17**. Mr. McDowell was not present for the vote.

10. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of (3) three RAM 2500 Crew Cab Trucks for the Fire Department, as requested by the Fleet Services Division. Award to Lynn Cooper, Inc., using the SC State Contract in the amount of $113,046.00. This vendor is located in Clinton, SC. *Funding Source: Fire Administration-County - Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment Capital 2082301-658500. The original budgeted amount is $114,000.00. - Approved*

11. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of a Virtual Firearms Simulator Training System, as requested by the Police Department. Award to Meggitt Training Systems, Inc., using the General Services Administration Contract in the amount of $142,728.50. This vendor is located in Suwanee, GA. *Funding Source: US Justice Grants Control - Machinery and Equipment Capital 2659999-658300. JAG - Firearms Training Simu Sys - Machinery and Equipment Capital 9211000116-658300. Police Administration Services - Machinery and Equipment Capital 1012402-658300. The original budgeted amount is $142,729.00. - Approved*

12. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Valve Parts for the Lake Murray Water Treatment Plant and the Columbia Canal Water Treatment Pump Stations as requested by the Utility Operations Department. Award to Ross Valve Manufacturing Co., in the amount of $80,059.98. This vendor is located in Troy, NY. *Funding Source: Utilities Columbia Canal WTP: Machinery & Equipment Capital 5516206-658300 $40,029.99 and Utilities Lake Murray WTP: Machinery & Equipment Capital 5516207-658300 $40,029.99 - Approved*

13. Council is asked to approve Contract Amendment #2 for Project SS7172; Evaluation of Design and Construction for the Rehabilitation of Harbison #2, Mallard Pointe and Animal Shelter Pump Stations, as requested by the Engineering Department. Award to W.K. Dickson Company, Inc., in an amount not to exceed $98,765.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Capital Water/Sanitary Sewer Budget 5529999-638650. This is a Clean Water 2020 Program Project and a Mentor Protégé Program Project. HPG and Company Consulting Engineers, Inc. a Small Business Enterprise of West Columbia, SC is the Protégé and will receive $18,850.00 (19.09%) of the Contract Amendment value. The original budgeted amount is $250,615.00. - Approved*

14. Ordinance No.: 2017-016 - Granting a Franchise to Lucky Hot Dog Cart with Hot Fire Kitchen for operation of a stationary sidewalk vending cart in the mid-block pad near 1423 Main Street – *Approved on second reading.*

15. Ordinance No.: 2017-021 - Granting an encroachment to Main & Blanding, LLC for installation and maintenance of a ramp and landing, door, landing and awning, stairwells, railing, sidewalks, grease interceptor and pump station, roof drains, and landscaping for a below grade garden/patio area within the right of way area of the 1100 block of Blanding Street adjacent to 1649 Main Street, Richland County TMS #09014-10-04, excluding outdoor dining – *Approved on second reading.*

16. Resolution No.: R-2017-025 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine beverages only at the SC Pride Festival 2017 on Main Street on Friday October 20, 2017 and Saturday, October 21, 2017 – *Approved*

17. Resolution No.: R-2017-030 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only within Boyd Plaza adjacent to the Columbia Museum of Art for the Contemporaries Oyster Roast on Thursday, April 27, 2017 – *Approved*

PRESENTATIONS

18. City LIGHTs Employee Recognition - Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager recognized Ms. Jill Martinez and Mr. Denis Bergeron for going above the call of duty. They are both laboratory technicians in the Utility Operations Department. In February 2017, a citizen sent an email to their supervisor thanking the employees for alerting her about a possible gas leak. Ms. Wilson thanked them for their leadership, integrity, generosity and helpful attitudes and their willingness to share their talents. For being City LIGHTS, she presented them with plaques and tokens of appreciation.

19. Change Up Program - Ms. Angela Adams, Director of the Customer Care Center and Ms. Charmaine Clark, Community Liaison for the Community Development Department

Ms. Angela Adams, Director of the Customer Care Center presented an overview of the residential water and sewer bill assistance program. The Change Up Program assists citizens with paying past due water and sewer bills. The City's HomeServe commission is applied to the Change Up Program. In order to qualify, customers must be single family residential, have a minimum 6-month payment history, received a disconnect notice or service has been disconnected and income must be at or below 50% of the Area Median Income (AMI) for Richland County. The City will pay up to 75% of a customer's account balance in an amount not to exceed $300 and up to two times every 36 months and not more than once every 12 months. She explained that pre-screening will be conducted by the Customer Care Center.

Ms. Charmaine Clark, Community Liaison for the Community Development Department continued to explain that the Community Development Department will continue the screening process with the customer and encourage applicants to attend a free money management seminar. Since February 2017, assistance has been provided to ten households in the total amount of $2,055.29. Additional program promotions will start on April 1, 2017.

Councilor Duvall said assistance for sewer line replacement needs to be added to the program. He asked how much is currently available.

Ms. Angela Adams, Director of the Customer Care Center said they started with $150,000.

Councilor Davis commended the Customer Care Center for being able to work with customers.

Mayor Benjamin recognized Mr. Randy Davis, Director and Ms. Jacqueline Williams, Program Coordinator for the Parks and Recreation Department for being awarded a $120,000 grant from the US Conference of Mayors for the Garden, Nutrition and Fitness Club. The program will be introduced in recreational centers in the 29203 and 29204 zip codes where we have the most significant challenges and health and economic disparities.

20. The Columbia Fireflies: Looking Back at Season One and Looking Ahead to Season Two - Mr. Jason M. Freier, Chief Executive Officer for Hardball Capital

Mr. Jason M. Freier, Chief Executive Officer for Hardball Capital reported that attendance at Spirit Communications Park was over 261,000 people for baseball and another 45,000 people for other events in less than nine months. They received the Ballpark of the Year Award; it was ranked the number one ballpark in the league; and the ballpark won the best new logo award. He reported that there are 31 full-time employees and 761 part-time employees. He outlined the direct taxes that were paid totaling $806,144; the total impact of players was $360,950; and the direct hotel impact was $119,652.50. The 2017 All-Star Game will have a significant impact as well starting with 250 room nights, the meeting space, off-site event location and excursions. He said nearly $1 million was spent in contracts with local businesses and they expect to repeat these expenditures each year. He said the attendance numbers will improve along with the other numbers seen here today. The infrastructure is constantly evolving and we are at the heart of Bull Street. In closing, he insisted that 2017 will be better on every front than 2016 was and we will continue to grow with the development.

21. Cannon Garage and Taylor Street Garage Murals - Mr. Lee Snelgrove, Executive Director for One Columbia for Arts and History

Mr. Lee Snelgrove, Executive Director for One Columbia for Arts and History said we've been working on a process for One Columbia to commission public art since 2014 on behalf of the City. He reported that eight projects have been completed with a total value of $113,000. These pieces were privately funded and are now public property. There are currently twenty-four public art projects in process. He presented a proposal for public art on the Cannon Garage and the Taylor Street Garage. He said the Sumter Street side of the Cannon Garage was intended for public art. He presented a proposed mural by Alex Rusnak. This mural would take a couple of weeks to complete. For the Taylor Street Garage, he presented a proposed mural from the Milagros Collective. He said a similar design will be carried over to a small brick box outside of Washington Square. He would like to complete the Taylor Street Garage Mural during the week of April 17, 2017. He described other public art projects that are currently underway.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve the addition of murals at the Cannon Garage and the Taylor Street Garage.

Mr. Lee Snelgrove, Executive Director for One Columbia for Arts and History estimated that the Cannon Garage mural will cost $6,000 and the Taylor Street Garage will be funded in partnership with Indie Grits and One Columbia.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager agreed to identify the funding source.

ORDINANCE - SECOND READING

22. Ordinance No.: 2017-023 - Authorizing the issuance and sale by the City of Columbia, South Carolina, of its not exceeding $8,135,000 General Obligation Bonds, in one or more series, and, pending the issuance of such bonds, authorizing the issuance and sale of General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes, in one or more series, issued in anticipation thereof, for the purpose of funding various capital projects; fixing the form and details of the bonds or notes; authorizing the Mayor, the City Manager and the Assistant City Manager for Finance And Economic Services, or any two of them acting together, to determine certain matters relating to the bonds or notes; providing for the payment of the bonds or notes and the disposition of the proceeds thereof; and other matters relating thereto – *Approved on second reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to give second reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2017-023 - Authorizing the issuance and sale by the City of Columbia, South Carolina, of its not exceeding $8,135,000 General Obligation Bonds, in one or more series, and, pending the issuance of such bonds, authorizing the issuance and sale of General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes, in one or more series, issued in anticipation thereof, for the purpose of funding various capital projects; fixing the form and details of the bonds or notes; authorizing the Mayor, the City Manager and the Assistant City Manager for Finance And Economic Services, or any two of them acting together, to determine certain matters relating to the bonds or notes; providing for the payment of the bonds or notes and the disposition of the proceeds thereof; and other matters relating thereto.

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

23. Ordinance No.: 2017- 025 - Granting an encroachment to WHLR Columbia Fire House, LLC for installation and maintenance of a brick wall, patio, brick pavers, riser, handrails, landscaping and irrigation system within the right of way area of the 1000 block of Senate Street adjacent to 1001 Senate Street – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2017- 025 - Granting an encroachment to WHLR Columbia Fire House, LLC for installation and maintenance of a brick wall, patio, brick pavers, riser, handrails, landscaping and irrigation system within the right of way area of the 1000 block of Senate Street adjacent to 1001 Senate Street.

24. Ordinance No.: 2017-026 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Contract of Sale, Deed and any other documents necessary to consummate the transfer of approximately 0.06 acres (2,485 sf), property addressed as 1418 Woodrow Street, Irmo, SC 29063 and being further identified as Lexington County TMS #001920-07-010 to Woodrow Street Properties, LLC - *This is a vacant lot in the town of Irmo where a water tank used to be located. The property value was determined by an appraisal and bids were received for the property disposition; Woodrow Street Properties, LLC was the highest bidder. – Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr Davis, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2017-026 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Contract of Sale, Deed and any other documents necessary to consummate the transfer of approximately 0.06 acres (2,485 sf), property addressed as 1418 Woodrow Street, Irmo, SC 29063 and being further identified as Lexington County TMS #001920-07-010 to Woodrow Street Properties, LLC.

25. Ordinance No.: 2017-027 - Granting an encroachment to Lula Drake for placement and maintenance of seven (7) tables and fourteen (14) chairs within the tree zone and sidewalk right of way areas of the 1600 block of Main Street adjacent to 1635 Main Street for use by its patrons for outdoor dining during normal business hours of 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 a.m. Monday through Saturday – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2017-027 - Granting an encroachment to Lula Drake for placement and maintenance of seven (7) tables and fourteen (14) chairs within the tree zone and sidewalk right of way areas of the 1600 block of Main Street adjacent to 1635 Main Street for use by its patrons for outdoor dining during normal business hours of 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 a.m. Monday through Saturday.

RESOLUTIONS

26. Resolution No.: R-2017-032 - Release and Abandonment of a Portion of the City's Existing Utility Easement along a Portion of Richland County TMS#08913-04-01 (formerly the Unopened Portion of Wayne Street) for the University of South Carolina Technology Incubator Project; CF#339-17 - *Approved, subject to the City Manager ensuring that there are no unintended financial consequences.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2017-032 - Release and Abandonment of a Portion of the City's Existing Utility Easement along a Portion of Richland County TMS#08913-04-01 (formerly the Unopened Portion of Wayne Street) for the University of South Carolina Technology Incubator Project; CF#339-17, subject to the City Manager ensuring that there are no unintended financial consequences.

27. Resolution No.: R-2017-033 Affirming Participation in and Recognition of Sunshine Week - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2017-033 Affirming Participation in and Recognition of Sunshine Week.

ZONING PUBLIC HEARING

Council opened the Zoning Public Hearing at 7:25 p.m.

*No one appeared in support of or in opposition to **Items 28** through **34**.*

Upon a single motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to **Items 28** through **34**. Mayor Benjamin abstained from voting due to a potential conflict of interest.

28. Annexation, Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment and Zoning Map Amendment - 0.14 acres W/S Woodcreek Farms Road; TMS# 25815-01-01 – *Approved on first reading.*

    Ordinance No.: 2017-012 - Annexing and Incorporating 0.14 acres, W/S Woodcreek Farms Road, Richland County TMS# 25815-01-01 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: 4

    Proposal: Request to annex, assign Urban Edge Residential Large Lot (UER-2) Land Use Classification and Planned Unit Development- Residential District (PUD-R) zoning. The property is currently classified as Neighborhood – Medium Density by Richland County and zoned as PDD by Richland County.

    Applicant: The Park Homeowner's Association, Inc.

    Staff Recommendation: Approval

    PC Recommendation: 01/09/2017; Approval (9-0)

29. Annexation, Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment and Zoning Map Amendment - 0.19 acres S/S Buckthorn Court; TMS# 28906-02-03 – *Approved on first reading.*

    Ordinance No.: 2017-013 - Annexing and Incorporating 0.19 acres S/S Buckthorn Court, Richland County TMS# 28906-02-03 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: 4

    Proposal: Request to annex, assign Urban Edge Residential Large Lot (UER-2) Land Use Classification and Planned Unit Development- Residential District (PUD-R) zoning. The property is currently classified as Neighborhood – Medium Density by Richland County and zoned as PDD by Richland County.

    Applicant: Beaver Lake Limited Partnership; Woodcreek Farms Homeowners Association

    Staff Recommendation: Approval

    PC Recommendation: 01/09/2017; Approval (9-0)

30. Annexation, Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment and Zoning Map Amendment - 1.07 acres Red Bay Road; TMS# 28812-03-01 – *Approved on first reading.*

    Ordinance No.: 2017-014 - Annexing and Incorporating 1.07 acres Redbay Road, Richland County TMS# 28812-03-01 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: 4

    Proposal: Request to annex, assign Urban Edge Residential Large Lot (UER-2) Land Use Classification and Planned Unit Development- Residential District (PUD-R) zoning. The property is currently classified as Neighborhood – Medium Density by Richland County and zoned as PDD by Richland County.

    Applicant: Beaver Lake Limited Partnership; Woodcreek Farms Homeowners Association

    Staff Recommendation: Approval

    PC Recommendation: 01/09/2017; Approval (9-0)

31. Zoning Map Amendment - The Park- Phase 2: 1404 Beechfern Circle; TMS# 25815-01-06 – *Approved on first reading.*

    Council District: 4

    Proposal: Amend the Official Zoning Map of the City of Columbia to include the above property and confirm zoning of PUD-R (Planned Unit Development- Residential District)

    Applicant: David G. Thompson

    Staff Recommendation: Annex, Assign Interim Land Use and Interim Zoning, Approval

    PC Recommendation: 04/04/16: Annex, Assign Interim Land Use and Interim Zoning, Approval (7-0)

32. Zoning Map Amendment - The Park- Phase 2: 1407 Beechfern Circle; TMS# 25815-02-23 – *Approved on first reading.*

    Council District: 4

    Proposal: Amend the Official Zoning Map of the City of Columbia to include the above property and confirm zoning of PUD-R (Planned Unit Development- Residential District)

    Applicant: Sundiata K. Swinton

Staff Recommendation: Annex, Assign Interim Land Use and Interim Zoning, Approval

PC Recommendation: 04/04/16: Annex, Assign Interim Land Use and Interim Zoning, Approval (7-0)

33. Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map Amendment - The Park- Phase 2: 1407 Beechfern Circle; TMS# 25815-02-23 – *Approved on first reading.*

Ordinance No.:2017-020 - Amending the City of Columbia Comprehensive Plan 2018 Future Land Use Map to include1407 Beechfern Circle, Richland County TMS #25815-02-23, annexed by Ordinance No.: 2016-122 enacted February 7, 2017 – *Approved on first reading.*

Council District: 4

Proposal: Amend Chapter 8.3 of The Columbia Plan 2018- Future Land Use Map to include the above property and confirm land use classification of Urban Edge Residential Large Lot (UER-2)
Applicant: Sundiata K. Swinton

Staff Recommendation: Annex, Assign Interim Land Use and Interim Zoning, Approval

PC Recommendation: 04/04/16: Annex, Assign Interim Land Use and Interim Zoning, Approval (7-0)

34. Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map Amendment - The Park- Phase 2: 1404 Beechfern Circle; TMS# 25815-01-06 – *Approved on first reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2017-010 - Amending the City of Columbia Comprehensive Plan 2018 Future Land Use Map to include1404 Beechfern Circle, Richland County TMS #25815-01-06, annexed by Ordinance No.: 2016-115 enacted December 20, 2016 – *Approved on first reading.*

Council District: 4

Proposal: Amend Chapter 8.3 of The Columbia Plan 2018- Future Land Use Map to include the above property and confirm land use classification of Urban Edge Residential Large Lot (UER-2)

Applicant: David G. Thompson

Staff Recommendation: Annex, Assign Interim Land Use and Interim Zoning, Approval

PC Recommendation: 04/04/16: Annex, Assign Interim Land Use and Interim Zoning, Approval (7-0)

35. Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map Amendment - 5243 Forest Drive, 5307 & 5311 Forest Drive, 5417 Forest Drive and 5425 Forest Drive; TMS #16706-03-35, 16706-03-29, 16706-03-41 and 16706-03-20 – *Approved on first reading.*

    Ordinance No.: 2017-011 - Amending the City of Columbia Comprehensive Plan 2018 Future Land Use Map to include 5243 Forest Drive, 5307 Forest Drive, 5311 Forest Drive, 5417 Forest Drive and 5425 Forest Drive; Richland County TMS# 16706-03-35, 16706-03-29, 16706-03-41 and 16706-03-20 – *Approved on first reading.*

    City Council District: 4

    Proposal: Request to amend Chapter 8.3 of The Columbia Plan 2018 – Future Land Use Map to assign a land use classification of Urban Edge Regional Activity Center (UEAC-2).

    Applicant: City of Columbia

    Staff Recommendation: Approval

    PC Recommendation: 01/09/2017, Approval (9-0)

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

Upon a motion made by Mr. Rickenmann and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map Amendment for 5243 Forest Drive, 5307 & 5311 Forest Drive, 5417 Forest Drive and 5425 Forest Drive; TMS #16706-03-35, 16706-03-29, 16706-03-41 and 16706-03-20 **and** Ordinance No.: 2017-011 - Amending the City of Columbia Comprehensive Plan 2018 Future Land Use Map to include 5243 Forest Drive, 5307 Forest Drive, 5311 Forest Drive, 5417 Forest Drive and 5425 Forest Drive; Richland County TMS# 16706-03-35, 16706-03-29, 16706-03-41 and 16706-03-20.

36. Annexation, Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment and Zoning Map Amendment - 821 Pepper Street, 831 Pepper Street and 835 Pepper Street & 819 Leesburg Road and 821 Leesburg Road, TMS# 16407-07-06 and 16407-08-04 – *Approved on first reading.*

    Ordinance No.: 2017-015 - Annexing and Incorporating 821 Pepper Street, 831 Pepper Street, 835 Pepper Street, 819 Leesburg Road and 821 Leesburg Road, Richland County TMS# 16407-07-06 and 16407-08-04 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: 4

Proposal: Annex, assign land use classification of Industrial (IND) for TMS# 16407-07-06 and Community Activity Corridor (AC-2) for TMS# 16407-08-04, and assign zoning of M-1 for TMS# 16407-07-06 and C-3 for TMS# 16407-08-04. The property is currently classified as Neighborhood-Medium Density by Richland County for both parcels and zoned M-1 by Richland County for TMS# 16407-07-06 and LI by Richland County for TMS# 16407-08-04.

Applicant: RDS Associates, LLC

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 01/09/2017; Approval (9-0)

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

Upon a motion made by Mr. Rickenmann 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 821 Pepper Street, 831 Pepper Street and 835 Pepper Street & 819 Leesburg Road and 821 Leesburg Road, TMS# 16407-07-06 and 16407-08-04 **and** Ordinance No.: 2017-015 - Annexing and Incorporating 821 Pepper Street, 831 Pepper Street, 835 Pepper Street, 819 Leesburg Road and 821 Leesburg Road, Richland County TMS# 16407-07-06 and 16407-08-04 into the Plan Columbia Land Use Plan Putting the Pieces Together adopted by Ordinance No.: 2015-014 on February 17, 2015.

37. Annexation, Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment and Zoning Map Amendment - 24.138 acres N. of Sunbelt Boulevard also known as 115 Sunbelt Boulevard, TMS# 09409-01-03 – *Approved on first reading.*

    Ordinance No.: 2017-019 - Annexing and Incorporating 24.7 38 acres N. of Sunbelt Boulevard also known as 115 Sunbelt Boulevard, Richland County TMS# 09409-01-03 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: 1

    Proposal: Request to annex, assign land use classification of Industrial (IND) and assign zoning of Light Industrial District, -Flood Protective Area (M-1, -FP). The property is currently classified as Neighborhood (Medium Density) by Richland County and zoned as CC-3 by Richland County.

    Applicant: Columbia United FC DBA: South Carolina United FC

    Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: Approval, 02/06/2017 (9-0)

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

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Annexation, Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment and Zoning Map Amendment for 24.138 acres N. of Sunbelt Boulevard also known as 115 Sunbelt Boulevard, TMS# 09409-01-03 **and** Ordinance No.: 2017-019 - Annexing and Incorporating 24.7 38 acres N. of Sunbelt Boulevard also known as 115 Sunbelt Boulevard, Richland County TMS# 09409-01-03 into the Plan Columbia Land Use Plan Putting the Pieces Together adopted by Ordinance No.: 2015-014 on February 17, 2015.

*No one appeared in support of or in opposition to **Items 38** through **40**.*

Upon a single motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to **Items 38** through **40**.

38. Zoning Text Amendment - Amend §17-55 to Modify the Definition of Public Dormitory

Ordinance No.: 2017-001 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning & Land Development and Zoning & Article III Zoning, Division 1, Generally, Sec. 17-55 Definitions, Dormitory, public – *Approved on first reading.*

Proposal: Amend §17-55 – to modify the definition of Public Dormitory.

Applicant: K. Brian Cook, Zoning Administrator, City of Columbia

Pertinent Section: Chapter 17, Article III, Division 1, Amend §17-55 – Definitions (Public Dormitory)

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: Approval, 12/05/2016 (8-0)

39. Zoning Text Amendment - Amend §17-345 (Reduction of Parking Requirements for Certain Uses) To Add Subsection (H) College and University Public Dormitories

Ordinance No.: 2017-003 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Land Development and Zoning Article III, Zoning, Division 8, District Descriptions, Use and Dimensional Regulations, Sec. 17-258 Table of permitted uses, SIC 8811.4 Dormitories, public, SIC 8811 .5 Fraternity and sorority houses and SIC 8811.6 Dormitories, Private (Sec. 17-321) – *Approved on first reading.*

Proposal: Amend §17-345 (Reduction of parking requirements for certain uses) to add subsection (h) College and University Public Dormitories.

Applicant: K. Brian Cook, Zoning Administrator, City of Columbia

Pertinent Section: Chapter 17, Article III, Division 10, Amend §17-345 (Reduction of parking requirements for certain uses)

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: Approval, 12/05/2016 (8-0)

40. Zoning Text Amendment - Amend §17-258 (Table of Permitted Uses) to amend and clarify off-street parking requirements for public dormitories, fraternity, and sorority houses

Ordinance No.: 2017-002 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Land Development and Zoning, Article Ill Zoning, Division 10, Off-Street Parking and Loading Facilities, Sec. 17-345 Reduction of parking requirements for certain uses to add (h) College or university public dormitories – *Approved on first reading.*

Proposal: Amend §17-258 (Table of Permitted Uses) to amend and clarify off-street parking requirements for public dormitories, fraternity and sorority houses.

Applicant: K. Brian Cook, Zoning Administrator, City of Columbia

Pertinent Section: Chapter 17, Article III, Division 8, Amend §17-258 (Table of Permitted Uses)

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: Approval, 12/05/2016 (8-0)

Council closed the Zoning Public Hearing at 7:32 p.m.

OTHER MATTERS

41. Council is asked to approve the Installation of three (3) Speed Humps in the Moore's Creek Neighborhood, as requested by the Traffic Engineering Division. *The Fire Department and Police Department have reviewed and approved the proposed location. - Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve the Installation of three (3) Speed Humps in the Moore's Creek Neighborhood.

APPOINTMENTS

42. Council is asked to approve the appointment of one (1) Council Member as Chairman and one (1) individual to the Bull Street Commission.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of The Honorable Howard E. Duvall, Jr. as Chairman of Bull Street Commission.
Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mayor Benjamin, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Ms. Ellen Cooper to the Bull Street Commission as a representative of the Downtown Coalition of Neighborhoods.

43. Council is asked to approve the appointment of one (1) individual to the Election Commission.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to defer consideration of an appointment of one (1) individual to the Election Commission.

44. Council is asked to extend term dates for three (3) members of the Midlands Authority for Conventions, Sports & Tourism Board.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to defer consideration of extending the term dates for three (3) members of the Midlands Authority for Conventions, Sports & Tourism Board.

45. Council is asked to approve the re-appointment of two (2) individuals to the Design/Development Review Commission.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Rickenmann and seconded by Mayor Benjamin, Council voted unanimously to approve the reappointment of Mr. Harris Cohn to the Design/Development Review Commission for a second and final term.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mayor Benjamin, Council voted unanimously to approve the reappointment of Mr. Bob Wynn to the Design Development Review Commission for a second and final term.

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS DISCUSSED DURING THE WORK SESSION

No matters were considered at this time.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS / REFERRALS

No reports or referrals were made at this time.

APPEARANCE OF THE PUBLIC

No one appeared at this time.
Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Moore, CMC
City Clerk