



COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2019

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING - 10:00 A.M.

The Columbia City Council held a Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at the Busby Street Community Center, 1735 Busby Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29203. The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m. The following members of City Council were present: The Honorable Sam Davis, the Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine, the Honorable Moe Baddourah, the Honorable Howard E. Duvall, Jr., The Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr., and the Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann. Also present were Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Moore, City Clerk. This meeting was advertised in accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 10:11 a.m. for the discussion of **Item 1** as outlined.

1. Discussion of appointment of a person to a public body pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(1)
 - *Columbia Housing Authority*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the Executive Session at 12:35 p.m.



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FISCAL YEAR 2019/2020 BUDGET WORKSHOP - 12:00 P.M.

The Columbia City Council held a Budget Workshop on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at the Busby Street Community Center, 1735 Busby Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29203. The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 12:35 a.m. The following members of City Council were present: The Honorable Sam Davis, the Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine, the Honorable Moe Baddourah, the Honorable Howard E. Duvall, Jr., The Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr., and the Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann. Also present were Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Moore, City Clerk. This meeting was advertised in accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

2. Economic Development - Mr. Ryan Coleman, Economic Development Director

Mr. Ryan Coleman, Economic Development Director provided an overview of the department's goals and objectives for the upcoming year. We have seven partner agencies that assist the department with its core objectives. Overall partner funding for this year is approximately \$380,000, which is a significant reduction from 2014. We expect that number to naturally decrease as the interest from the MAST General project rolls off at the end of the year. He distributed scopes of work for the partner agencies.

Councilor Rickenmann asked to have a discussion about the partners' deliverables. We need to understand where everything is. It might be time to look at reinvesting in different avenues to promote growth in our city.

Mr. Ryan Coleman, Economic Development Director explained that Central SC is the regional marketing alliance for the City and the eight county region. Engenuity SC is our local project management team. They are involved in the insurance technology and services cluster.

Councilor Rickenmann asked what business Central SC has brought to this community in the last thirty-six months. He sought clarification on Engenuity SC's scope. I am trying to understand what we're getting for our investment.

Mr. Ryan Coleman, Economic Development Director said Central SC supports some of what we are doing. They are helping with 310 Ltd., the City's lead generation firm.



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Mayor Benjamin said I've always had a different view about the roles these respective organizations play in the regional ecosystem. We have a role with Central SC that requires us to have a seat at the table financially in supporting the overall regional efforts across the counties they serve. The deliverables need to be clear and they need to affirmatively respond to them. Engenuity is getting the business community focused on the role they should be playing individually and in the aggregate. I support their work. The Business Improvement District is one of the best things the City ever did. Paying a fee in lieu of property taxes is a proper role. They've since started to receive hospitality tax funding and we should look at that in totality. The Clean and Safe Program is one of the best things we've ever done.

Councilor Rickenmann said we have too many open spaces in our corridors.

Mayor Benjamin said we need to decide where the emphasis of our corridor focus needs to be. We need a new incubator or accelerator program. We saw some very smart partnerships. Making sure Ryan has the resources through us to help guide this, could be pretty significant. This city and region shows very well. Pushing our own narrative is key.

Councilor Rickenmann said the private sector should be leading that charge.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said the partners can do more. The direction has to be very specific to these partners.

Mr. Ryan Coleman, Economic Development Director said regionally and as a state, we're seen as being manufacturing based. We have more than that. Through hiring 310 Ltd. we were able target three companies to occupy office space here with well-paying jobs. We told that narrative on our own terms. People were unaware of what Columbia does from a business standpoint.

Councilor Davis said that it is how it should work. There are some things we should be doing locally, especially when you look at development and attraction. The office parks in the northern part of town aren't being promoted. Those are the areas where we can get a big hit in terms of the number of jobs it would bring. We should look at how we can put together the bait rather than paying somebody else to do it.

Mr. Ryan Coleman, Economic Development Director said some of the things we'll do later this year, will lend themselves to the Interstate-20 area and the Enterprise Campus. There are good opportunities for life science type businesses.



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Councilor Devine said I recognize the importance of us being a part of a regional opportunity and promotion. The deliverables for Central SC seem very vague. I'm not sure that we get good data back on the marketing materials. You need to tighten that up. I know they are doing things, but we have very specific needs. I would like to see their deliverables revised to be very specific so that we can measure them. What is the plan for the incubator moving forward?

Mr. Ryan Coleman, Economic Development Director said we are open to adding to the scope and I can work with you all if you'd like to provide input. The Columbia World Affairs Council has done a good job of assisting with overseas trips, bringing in folks internationally, and raising cultural awareness. They've accomplished most of the things they committed to do this year. IT-ology's funding has diminished over the years. They've transitioned into K-12 education and job skills training. We continue to support them, but they fringe on what we are doing internally.

Councilor Devine said if you can get kids, specifically girls, interested in IT related fields at an early age, they will be the ones to fill the financial technology (fintech) and insurance technology jobs. We need to think in a broader sense and not lose sight of cultivating our young people into the jobs that we know will be here. Howard and I went over there and we were very impressed with what they are doing.

Councilor Baddourah suggested getting entrepreneurs involved with IT-ology and the Office of Business Opportunities. They could have a role in teaching entrepreneurs how to handle new technology and e-commerce. You may be able to partner with these agencies to generate ideas on how to recruit businesses to fill in empty retail spaces.

Mr. Ryan Coleman, Economic Development Director said we are discussing that with Melissa now and I will bring that up with IT-ology. He continued to report that there is funding in the budget related to MAST General, but it should roll out by the end of the year. There is still some funding for what used to be Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC), but now it's used for military support and friendliness initiatives through the Chamber. We continue to manage that, but it's not directly in our office budget.

Councilor Rickenmann said if we are to consider keeping any of these partners in our budget, there has to be hard core deliverables with the understanding that if you don't meet 100% of your deliverables, you are out.



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Mr. Ryan Coleman, Economic Development Director explained that we introduced two incentive programs last year that focused on recruitment projects and growth of smaller, but high impact local businesses. The current annual funding amount is \$200,000. The funds are tied to hard expenses for businesses. We will add to that fund once MAST General comes off and if other adjustments are made to partner funding. We are working on a concept for retail and restaurant recruitment. He recommended that the City allocate a portion of the fee streams from new economic development projects in the Multi-County Industrial Park to fund a Capital Allocation Account. Richland County has a similar program and they take the fees before any other disbursements are made. They use it for land acquisition, infrastructure, and product development for the industrial parks.

Councilor Rickenmann said the incentive program will only work if we are working with the Planning and Development Services Department to get people through the process. Do we have enough people to complete reviews? This needs to be a part of this budget session.

Ms. Krista Hampton, Planning and Development Services Director explained that Council eliminated commercial plan review fees a number of years ago. We do not collect these fees unless someone comes back for a third review. Our building permit reviews are quicker than an express review in most communities. We have a three-week turnaround for first comments. We implemented the Development Center in 2005, which is a one-point entry. We're hoping to have online permitting within the next several months. We conduct pre-application meetings with developers and businesses who want to discuss what may be needed when they come to apply.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager added that we are considering using the human-centered design approach to capture the customer experience during plan review and other areas of the City. I didn't want you all to forget some revenue generating things that we had been doing and are no longer doing. We need to hear specifically from you if there are things we need to do.

Councilor Devine said I used to hear a lot more than I do know. Are we getting feedback?

Ms. Krista Hampton, Planning and Development Services Director said from the Development Center, absolutely. I'm hopeful that the Zoning Ordinance changes will bring about a host of other improvements and streamline the zoning review process.

Mayor Benjamin suggested a side-by-side comparison of review timeframes with other cities.

Councilor Rickenmann asked when have we engaged real estate agents and developers to find out what we are missing.



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Councilor Davis said complaints about the process have lessened. The small businesses seem to have the most challenges.

Councilor Baddourah recalled not having any problems with the City when he built his business. He suggested that the City waive the parking variance application in Hospitality Districts so they don't have to wait up to sixty days to go before a committee. Complete the review at the staff level.

Ms. Krista Hampton, Planning and Development Services Director said zoning parking minimums have been reduced in the new code. We are proposing eliminating parking requirements altogether in the larger central business district. We can look at the others as well.

Mayor Benjamin said the former business retention program was very effective. You were able to get the pulse of the business community. We might want to breathe new life into that again with your office working closely with the Office of Business Opportunities.

Mr. Ryan Coleman, Economic Development Director said in the past three months we've sat in meetings with the Homebuilders Association and the City's Engineering Department to look at challenges with easements and real estate transfers. He agreed to conduct a 360° review. He reviewed the 2019 priorities for the Office of Economic Development. We just completed the spring recruiting trip in the northeast. It was focused on insurance technology services. He reviewed the upcoming recruitment trips.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager asked if Council wanted to bring the economic development discussion back or make recommendations regarding the partners.

Councilor Devine said you can present to us the deliverables that align with EnVision Columbia and the direction of the departments.

Mayor Benjamin said come back with recommendations consistent with our plan and we'll take it from there.

Council adjourned the Budget Workshop at 1:41 p.m.



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WORK SESSION - 2:00 P.M.

The Columbia City Council met for a Work Session on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at the Busby Street Community Center, 1735 Busby Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29203. The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. The following members of City Council were present: The Honorable Sam Davis, the Honorable Moe Baddourah, the Honorable Howard E. Duvall, Jr., and the Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr. The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann returned at 2:30 p.m. The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin returned during Executive Session. Also present were Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Moore, City Clerk. This meeting was advertised in accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

Councilman McDowell provided an update on the Columbia Housing Authority. I've had conversations with the United Way and as a result, the Allen Benedict Court assistance fund is up and running. The United Way under the Allen Benedict Court assistance fund will provide services for unmet needs. This is done in relationship with the Columbia Housing Authority. The United Way will provide a case manager. Richland County Council graciously gave \$150,000. Blue Cross Blue Shield gave \$20,000 and an additional \$5,000 is coming for the assistance of residents with needs in accordance with CHA guidelines. It's a collaborative effort. The Harvest Hope Food Bank has been gracious with food items. Harvest Hope Food Bank will do what the Backpack Program is doing in the Carver Lyon Elementary School community to ensure that children and families are fed. Needs are being met and lives are being changed. If there are persons that you think the program will help, call Lee Patterson at (803)391-5704. This phone line is manned 24/7.

INVOCATION

Mayor Pro-Tempore Devine offered the invocation.

The Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr. left the meeting at 2:10 p.m.



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CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION

3. Columbia City of Women Update - Mrs. Rachel Hodges, Columbia City of Women Committee

Mrs. Rachel Hodges, Former First Lady of South Carolina / Columbia City of Women Committee said last year you were very generous in supporting Columbia City of Women. We want to say thank you and provide you with an update.

Ms. Sally McKay, Director of Advancement & Alumni for the University of South Carolina College of Arts & Sciences / Columbia City of Women Committee said Tracy Young Cooper and USC Provost Joan Gabel are also members of the committee. Thank you for your gift. We see this initiative of Historic Columbia and the Women's Rights and Empowerment Network as being possible because of community partnerships. We thank the Central Carolina Community Foundation for their assistance in helping us secure a \$70,000 grant from the Knight Foundation. The Columbia City of Women initiative is the means through which each of us and our young friends can move through the City of Columbia and see themselves in the City that they live in each and every day; a city that celebrates and honors the accomplishments of women in Columbia, both past and present.

Mrs. Rachel Hodges, Former First Lady of South Carolina / Columbia City of Women Committee said inspiration for this project came from a map of Manhattan women who had done great things. We wanted to create our own map for the City of Columbia to give women a voice and a place in our landscape. We move across streets and in and out of buildings named after men. It's time for women's names to become a part of our landscape. This is not an effort to rename existing landmarks or change street names.

Ms. Robin Waites, Executive Director of the Historic Columbia Foundation / Columbia City of Women Committee echoed appreciation for the support from the City of Columbia. It's a natural evolution of the work we're doing. We wanted to first identify the need for this. Out of forty-one streets, only one is named for a woman and that's Lady Street. It is a reference to Martha Washington as it sits parallel to Washington Street. Our population today is over 50% women and yet fewer than 4% of our local landmarks and historic markers represent the contribution of women. There's a gap in representation. We are utilizing the current work we are doing through Connecting Communities Through History to focus the web based products on women and their contributions. We are excited about working with WREN to take the inspiration of women's work in the past and move that into action for the future.



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Ms. Ann Warner, Chief Executive Officer of the Women's Rights and Empowerment Network (WREN) / Columbia City of Women Committee said WREN is a statewide, non-profit, non-partisan organization. Our mission is to build a movement to advance the health, economic well-being, and rights of women, girls, and their families in South Carolina. We are based in Columbia and we are excited to be a part of this initiative. In order to create a more equitable future, we need to have that sense of past to inspire people to continue to work towards a future that is even more inclusive of the contributions of diverse women and girls.

Ms. Lauren Elliott, Account Director for Cyberwoven / Columbia City of Women Committee said we have created a strong brand that we are starting to get out to the public. We also have a full website that is helping communicate what we are, what we do, what inspired us, and how to get the community engaged. We'd like to expand our digital platform. We are working on an interactive digital map. Our editorial calendar will feature a woman during each month. This will be supported by communications campaigns, social media campaigns, educational opportunities, and specific programs at WREN and Historic Columbia. Our ultimate goal is to enculturate this idea into the City and making our physical mark with posters, pole banners, and billboards.

Mrs. Rachel Hodges, Former First Lady of South Carolina / Columbia City of Women Committee presented the website at www.columbiacityofwomen.com. Our launch event will be held on March 31, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Columbia Museum of Art. We will celebrate these women, engage together as a community, and inspire our young people to be. If you cannot see it, you cannot be it. This isn't just a women's initiative; good men are involved in this as well. She explained that twelve women have been selected and they will be revealed on March 31, 2019. They are from a cross-section of time in history. A rubric was created based on the pillars of WREN. Those twelve women will be plotted on a map. An app will provide additional information about these women. My dream is to see our logo along with the women's names put into the sidewalk in those specific locations that represent these women.

Councilor Baddourah suggested using the Hollywood Squares concept to include the logo and additional information about the women.

Mrs. Rachel Hodges, Former First Lady of South Carolina / Columbia City of Women Committee thanked Councilwoman Devine for being engaged and excited about this effort. I thank her for voicing the enthusiasm on behalf of our committee and we wanted to say thank you.

Councilor Devine said that Rachel has made this presentation to other areas and there's talk that Greenville may want to do the same.



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4. Community Promotions Funding - Ms. Ginger Fanning, Grants Coordinator / Community Projects Liaison - *See page 16.*

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager explained that this item is on the agenda for any questions Council may have regarding the applicants for Community Promotions funding. We had more requests than we have money. We had to be thoughtful on who could get funding while recognizing some organizations who have traditionally been funded by us and allowing new groups to get in. Based on input from every member of Council, the Mayor brought forward a list that would allocate the budgeted Community Promotions funding. If there are questions, we can entertain those. If not, the intent is to make a motion in tonight's meeting.

Councilor Baddourah stated for the record that he will be donating \$1,500 to the Federation Center of the Blind [from his expense account].

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 2:40 p.m. for the discussion of **Items 5** through **8** as outlined.

5. 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*
 - *Municipal Complex*
 - *Parking Incentive*
6. Receipt of legal advice related to matters covered by attorney-client privilege pursuant to §30-4-70(a)(2)
- *Smoking Ordinance*
 - *Business License Fees*
7. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements pursuant to S. C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2)
- *Murray Pointe*
 - *Disaster Recovery Recipients*



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8. Receipt of legal advice relating to a pending, threatened, or potential claim pursuant to S. C. Code §30-4-70(a)
– *Tameka Price v. City*

COUNCIL MEETING - 6:00 P.M.

The Columbia City Council held a Meeting on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at the Busby Street Community Center, 1735 Busby Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29203. The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. The following members of City Council were present: The Honorable Sam Davis, the Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine, the Honorable Moe Baddourah, the Honorable Howard E. Duvall, Jr., and the Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann. The Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr. 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 South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

Mayor Benjamin offered the invocation.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda as presented.

PUBLIC INPUT RELATED TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

No one appeared at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 9 THROUGH 16

Mr. Joey Jaco, P.E., Director of Utilities explained that the Lake Katherine Sewer Capacity Project (Item 13) involves the replacement of 13,000 feet of 30" and 36" gravity sewer lines with 36" and 42" pipes. This is a Clean Water 2020 Program Project. It eliminates a significant sanitary sewer overflow that we experience routinely when there's significant rainfall. It addresses an existing capacity issue in our system. It allows for future potential growth as well.



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We are meeting the 10% Columbia Disadvantaged Business Enterprise goal and the subcontracting outreach is at 28%.

Councilor Davis highlighted the commitment for the design services at Hyatt Park (Items 10). It will be a significant improvement that's consistent with what we've been doing with the park system and with recreation in the North Columbia area.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Rickenmann and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve the **Consent Agenda Items 9 through 16**.

9. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of two (2) Chevrolet Tahoes for the Police Department, as requested by the Fleet Services Division. Award to Love Chevrolet, using the SC State Contract in the amount of \$66,688.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Federal Equitable Sharing- Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment-Capital 2042412 - 658500. The original budget is \$66,688.00.

10. Council is asked to approve an Engineering Services Agreement for Hyatt Park Design Services (Phase I), as requested by the Parks and Recreation Department. Award to Kenneth B. Simmons, LLC in the amount of \$110,135.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: 4039999-658650 - PK006802- 658650 The original budget amount is \$115,000.00.

Kenneth B. Simmons of Columbia, SC is the prime consultant and will provide landscape architectural and engineering services at 57.1% (\$62,847.00) of the contract value.

The following sub-consultants will provide additional services:

Cox and Dinkins, Inc., of Columbia, SC will provide civil engineering and surveying services at 15% (\$16,520.00) of the contract value.

John Bowman Architect, Inc., a Minority Business Enterprise of Columbia, SC will provide architecture services at 7.5% (\$8,250.00) of the contract value.

Robinson Design Engineers, of Charleston, SC will provide stream restoration/daylighting/404 permitting services at 20.4% (\$22,518.00) of the contract value.



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11. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of a Heavy Duty Backhoe for the Water Division, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Blanchard Machinery, using the SC State Contract in the amount of \$127,333.00. This vendor is located in West Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Utilities Water Distribution & Maintenance - Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment - Capital; 5516203-658500 - The original budget amount is \$127,333.00.

12. Council is asked to approve Contract Amendment #4 for Project WM4167; Columbia Canal Embankment Inspections, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Chao and Associates, Inc., a Minority Business Enterprise in the amount of \$271,140.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

5556101-WM4167-638500. The original budget amount for this renewal is \$300,000.00.

13. Council is asked to approve a Contract for Project SS7261; Lake Katherine Sewer Capacity Enhancement as requested by Columbia Water. Award to McClam & Associates, Inc., a Local Business Enterprise (LBE) in an amount not to exceed \$24,381,336.10, which includes a contingency. This firm is located in Little Mountain, SC. The LBE preference policy was applied to this project. – *Approved*

Funding Source: 5529999-SS726101-658650. The original budget amount is \$24,669,473.70

This is a Columbia Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (CDBE) project and a Subcontracting Outreach Program (SOP) project with a 10% goal assigned to each program.

The CDBE goal for this project has been met at 10.26% of the total contract value. The following services will be provided by the CDBE suppliers/subcontractors:

Taylor Brothers Construction Co., a CDBE of Columbia, SC, will provide stone and hauling services at 7.19% (\$1,593,397.00) of the contract value.

Herndon Inc., a CDBE of Lugoff, SC will provide erosion control and grassing services at 0.32% (\$71,309.20) of the contract value.

Chao & Associates Inc., a CDBE of Columbia, SC, will provide survey services at 0.25% (\$55,120.00) of the contract value.

Smoak Construction, LLC, a CDBE of Little Mountain, SC will provide bypass pumping and piping at 2.50% (\$550,373.21) of the contract value.



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The SOP goal for this project has been met at 28.36%. The following additional supplies/services will be provided by (SOP) suppliers/subcontractors:

Horizontal Unlimited, Inc. of Westminster, SC will provide jack & bore services at 6.50% (\$1,440,000.00) of the contract value.

CJ Geo Contractors of Williamsburg, VA will provide pipe abandonment services at 0.33% (\$73,910.00) of the contract value.

BC Cannon Company, Inc. of Greenville, SC will provide traffic control services at 0.38% (\$83,400.00) of the contract value.

Blythe of West Columbia will provide asphalt paving services at 0.93% (\$206,000.00) of the contract value.

Aero Photo of Jacksonville, FL will provide above ground video services at 0.02% (\$3,580.00) of the contract value.

Xylem of Summerville, SC will provide by pass services at 3.38% (\$750,000.00) of the contract value.

HydroStructures of Cayce, SC will provide CCTV services at 0.22% (\$48,000.00) of the contract value.

Tindall Precast of Spartanburg, SC will provide pre-cast services at 1.92% (\$426,031.00) of the contract value.

Evergreen Enterprises Landscaping Columbia, SC will provide landscaping services at 2.26% (\$500,000.00) of the contract value.

Intech Coating Consultants of Sherwood Park, Alberta will provide interior epoxy coating supplies at 0.11% (\$25,000.00) of the contract value.

Fortiline Inc., Concord, NC will provide waterworks services at 0.80% (\$176,390.00) of the contract value.

American Cast Iron Pipe Co. Birmingham, AL will provide ductile iron pipe supplies at 11.51% (\$2,550,680.00) of the contract value.

14. Resolution No.: R-2019-013 Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only within Boyd Plaza adjacent to the Columbia Museum of Art for the Greater Columbia Record Fair on Sunday, April 28, 2019 - *Approved*
15. Resolution No.: R-2019-016 Authorizing consumption of beer and wine beverages only at Columbia Food and Wine Festival at the Five Points Fountain on Sunday, April 28, 2019 with a rain contingency date of Sunday, May 5, 2019 – *Approved*



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16. Resolution No.: R-2019-017 Authorizing consumption of beer and wine beverages only at the South Carolina Carnival in the 1800 block of Main Street between Laurel Street and Richland Street on Saturday, June 8, 2019 - *Approved*

APPOINTMENTS

17. Columbia Housing Authority

Mayor Benjamin said we were so impressed with the high quality of applicants. We kept putting out the call for more applications and the community responded. We had leaders from both the corporate and community sectors with wonderful records of service. Hopefully, some of you are willing to serve on other boards and commissions throughout the City. We feel great that these new appointees will work with the existing board members of the Columbia Housing Authority to make important decisions that will impact the residents now and in the future. The terms for these new board members will be effective immediately. I want to thank the previous members of the board for their service, and to the people of Columbia.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of the following individuals to the Columbia Housing Authority Board effective immediately for a term of five years: James Chatfield, Georgia Mjartan, Kara Simmons, and Anne Sinclair.

18. Greater Columbia Community Relations Council

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of the following individuals to the Greater Columbia Community Relations Council for a term of three years: Brie Logue, Lesley Gadson, Robert Jeff March, Derek Swindall, Micky Tangri, Tyler Bailey, and Reginald Hair, Esq. Dr. Kari-Claudia Allen was appointed to replace Dr. Jennifer Reed when her term expires.



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CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS DISCUSSED DURING THE WORK SESSION

Community Promotions Funding - Ms. Ginger Fanning, Grants Coordinator / Community Projects Liaison – *Please refer to item 4.*

Councilor Devine said this is always hard, because we have limited Community Promotions funds and we have amazing and worthy organizations. I am happy with the list that we are presenting. We have great organizations that we continue to fund and we have new organizations that have never been funded by the City. This shows our support for diversifying our funds and making sure that organizations have an opportunity.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager clarified for the motion that these funds come from the fiscal year 2017/2018 fund balance.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve the following Community Promotions allocations from 2017/2018 fund balance:

Alston Wilkes Society	\$10,000
Federation Center of the Blind	\$18,500
Greater Cola CRC	\$15,000
Healthy Learners	\$10,000
USC Equity in Education Conference	\$3,000
Broken Homes	\$2,000
Every Black Girl	\$10,000
RAM Foundation	\$10,000
Senior Resources	\$20,000
Serve & Connect	\$14,000
Sistercare, Inc.	\$9,500
Special Olympics	\$9,000
USC Septima Clark Exhibition	\$10,000
WREN	\$9,000



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CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS/REFERRALS

Upon a motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to refer a review of options for louder sirens or different frequencies for police cars to the Public Safety Committee.

APPEARANCE OF THE PUBLIC

No one appeared at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Moore, CMC
City Clerk