



COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2018

WORK SESSION - 2:00 P.M.

The Columbia City Council conducted a Work Session on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. and the following members of Council were present: the Honorable Sam Davis, the Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine, the Honorable Howard E. Duvall, Jr., the Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr., and the Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann. The Honorable Moe Baddourah was absent. Also present were Mr. Jeff Palen, Acting City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Moore, City Clerk. This meeting was advertised in accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

Mayor Benjamin acknowledged that City Manager Teresa Wilson was out on medical leave and asked for prayers as she recovers.

INVOCATION

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

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION

1. Fiscal Year 2018 / 2019 General Fund Department Revenue Proposals - Ms. Missy Caughman, Budget and Program Management Director

Ms. Missy Caughman, Budget and Program Management Director explained that we are continuing our conversations about revenue proposals for the general fund. There are different types of revenue activities for the general fund. Property taxes generate 38% of the revenue stream to support the general fund budget, which is approximately \$140 million. We will present revenue options that help to cover the cost of services we offer and to equitably distribute the tax burden.

Mr. Robert Anderson, Public Works Director explained that the department continues to add street lights throughout the City with the approval of City Council. We lease 9,400 lights from SCE&G and we own 2,330 lights. The City pays \$9.91 per 150 watt cobra head light and \$17.71 per 400 watt cobra head light. We add 68 lights per year and our annual average light bill is over \$2 million. We propose a \$5.00 per month per parcel fee for an estimated 45,506 parcels. This includes tax-exempt parcels, because everyone benefits from street lights. The estimated annual income is \$2.7 million.

Councilor Rickenmann said you would need to install lights everywhere if we do this.



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Mayor Benjamin inquired about the installation of smart lights that dim when there is inactivity and light up when there is activity.

Councilor Davis concurred.

Mr. Robert Anderson, Public Works Director said there is ROAM[®] lighting on Bull Street. You would need a direct line of sight back to a control center for the ROAM[®] system to work. The system can be installed on regular street lights, but you need Wi-Fi signals.

Mayor Benjamin said there are different types of systems. An initial investment may reduce the amount that needs to be spread across every parcel. I would like to see the cost and possibly dedicating the first year of the \$5.00 per month to upgrading lighting across the City with smart technology. We could still spread the burden but people would get a greater benefit.

Mr. Robert Anderson, Public Works Director said we've done well in the Vista with switching over to LED lighting and lowering the wattage. He noted that 95% of traffic lights are LEDs.

Councilor Duvall asked how the \$5.00 will be billed.

Ms. Missy Caughman, Budget and Program Management Director said we have to consider the method of collection.

Councilor McDowell said we must adequately assess areas where there is a void in lighting.

Mr. Robert Anderson, Public Works Director added that City forces maintain the city-owned lights and most of them are on main thoroughfares.

Mayor Benjamin mentioned an article where Los Angeles saved \$9 million per year with LED lighting and upgrades to smart poles. He asked how many parcels are non-taxable.

Councilor Devine said we must fully understand where our lighting issues are and we must address the equity of dispersed lighting.

Mr. Randy Davis, Parks and Recreation Director explained that they are adding swimming fees to the ordinance that hasn't been codified. The Art Center fees for classes are increasing by \$10 and we are adding fees for the cultural arts camp and the cultural arts specialty camp. The fees for swim team practice are not for the Drew Wellness Center.



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Councilor Davis suggested that Council discuss a policy for allowing kids to swim who may not be able to afford the fee.

Councilor Devine agreed that a policy should be in place. We need some form of verification of why the children can't pay to include a policy requiring adult supervision for liability purposes.

Mr. Randy Davis, Parks and Recreation Director said if it's the direction of Council, we will draft a policy. He presented the proposed event vendor user fees.

Councilor McDowell asked about past event vendor fees.

Mr. Randy Davis, Parks and Recreation Director said we have charged fees in the past, but this will allow for it to be codified.

Councilor Rickenmann suggested doing a cost analysis for operating events before voting and then putting a fee structure in place.

Mayor Benjamin inquired about recouping fees for accidents.

Ms. Missy Caughman, Budget and Program Management Director said we will discuss hazmat fees during the budget process. She presented the next steps for street light fees, which includes drafting an ordinance, conducting a public hearing, and determining an effective date.

Mayor Benjamin asked about using smart street lights. There are several technologies that can help us reach this goal and we can save tax payers' money.

Ms. Missy Caughman, Budget and Program Management Director sought clarity regarding the next steps for a Parks and Recreation public hearing. We propose having a public hearing in April.

Mayor Benjamin said before moving forward, we need to be clear on what we spend for vendor fees and we need to come up with criteria for families who can't afford the swimming fees.



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2. Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2017 - Mr. Bud Addison, Audit Senior Manager for Webster Rogers, LLP

Mr. Bud Addison, Audit Senior Manager for Webster Rogers, LLP outlined several financial highlights for fiscal year ended June 30, 2017. The water and sewer facilities fund revenues and expenses net profit decreased by approximately \$4 million and the parking facilities fund net position increased by \$246,145. The governmental activities for net pension liability finished at \$345,966,417, which included a net pension liability of \$151 million for state retirement. The general fund finished at a deficit of approximately \$285,000 due to a one-time fee for the sale of the parking garage.

Councilor Rickenmann sought clarity about using surplus funding and the general fund balance.

Mr. Jeff Palen, Assistant City Manager said spending surplus funds outside of what was originally budgeted could have a potential impact on the general fund.

Mr. Bud Addison, Audit Senior Manager for Webster Rogers, LLP reported that the water and sewer fund net cash flow decreased by \$39,890,119. Some of the cash is set aside for capital expenditures and debt payments.

Councilor Rickenmann sought clarity on the cash flow.

Mr. Jeff Palen, Assistant City Manager said the water and sewer rate study showed that we needed to target spending more cash for projects.

Mr. Bud Addison, Audit Senior Manager for Webster Rogers, LLP explained the new accounting and financial reporting requirements for governments whose employees are provided with Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) and the requirements for GASB Statement No. 87 for reporting leases by governments. This will recognize a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset to include recognizing a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources. The requirements of this statement are effective after December 15, 2019. The City will implement the new guidelines with the 2021 financial statements. He reported that the Parks and Recreation camp fund net position has a deficit of \$32,537.

Mayor Benjamin recalled that the City allowed several children to participate without paying for the program.

This report was received as information.



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3. Boil Water Notification Process - Mr. Joey Jaco, P.E., Utility Operations Director

Mr. Joey Jaco, P.E., Utility Operations Director explained the difference between a boil water advisory and boil water notice. A boil water advisory is issued when there is a potential for contamination in the water system caused by a water main break, complication at the treatment plants, or a loss of pressure in a significant portion of the distribution system. A boil water notice is issued when there is a confirmed contamination. Once the necessary testing and repairs are complete a repeal is issued within twenty-four hours.

Councilor Rickenmann asked about a third party completing the tests.

Mr. Joey Jaco, P.E., Utility Operations Director said the City completes all testing. All active boil water advisories & repeals are available online through Nixel, which pushes alerts to Columbia Water social media via Facebook and Twitter. Everbridge automatically includes all available landline numbers. Customers can choose to receive alerts via cell phones, text, and email.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 4:01 p.m. for the discussion of **Items 4 through 8** as amended to include the discussion of hospitality taxes under **Item 8**. Mr. Rickenmann and Mr. Davis were not present for the vote.

4. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2)
 - *Bull Street Development*
 - *Lower Richland Sewer Agreement*
 - *Bond Counsel*
5. Discussion of negotiations incident to the proposed purchase of property pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2)
 - *North Columbia*
 - *Rosewood Community*
6. Receipt of legal advice relating to a pending, threatened or potential claim – S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2)
 - *Evalena Catoe as Personal Representative for the Estate of Richard Catoe, Jr., deceased, v. City of Columbia*



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- *Frank J. Cumberland, Jr., Individually and as Class Representatives v. City of Columbia*
 - 7. Receipt of legal advice which relates to matter covered by attorney-client privilege pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2)
 - *Boards and Commissions*
 - 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)
 - *Affordable Housing Initiative*

Council adjourned the Executive Session at 6:05 p.m.

COUNCIL MEETING - 6:00 P.M.

The Columbia City Council conducted a Council Meeting on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. and the following members of Council were present: the Honorable Sam Davis, the Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine, the Honorable Howard E. Duvall, Jr., the Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr., and the Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann. 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 South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Miss Jaelyn Ellis, Master Justin Ellis, and Master Levi Pfeifer led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda as amended to add the consideration of a directive for staff to pursue options for match funding for the Park Street improvements.

PUBLIC INPUT RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS

No one appeared at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

9. Council is asked to approve the February 20, 2018 City Council Meeting Minutes.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Devine and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to approve the February 20, 2018 City Council Meeting Minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 10 THROUGH 23

Upon a single motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to approve the **Consent Agenda Items 10 through 23**.

10. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of two (2) International Durastar 4000 Trash Trucks, as requested by the Fleet Services Division. Award to Carolina International Trucks, Inc. a certified Local Business Enterprise, using the SC State Contract in the amount of \$146,556.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Utilities, Capital Replacement - Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment Capital: 6308972-658500. The original budgeted amount is \$150,380.00. - Approved*
11. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of two (2) Side Loader Refuse Trucks, as requested by the Fleet Services Division. Award to Carolina Environmental Systems, Inc. using the National Joint Powers Alliance Contract in the amount of \$528,800.00. This vendor is located in Kernersville, NC. *Funding Source: Capital Replacement - Auto, Trucks, Heavy-Equipment Capital; 6308972-658500. The original budgeted amount is \$528,800.00. - Approved*



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12. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of two (2) Air Sweeper Trucks, as requested by the Fleet Services Division. Award to TYMCO, Inc. using the Helping Governments Across the Country Cooperative Purchasing Agreement in the amount of \$560,540.00. This firm is located in Waco, TX. *Funding Source: Solid Waste Street Sweeping – Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment Capital; 5534408-658500. The original budgeted amount is \$599,999.40. - Approved*
 13. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of a Custom Cab Pumper Fire Truck, as requested by the Fleet Services Division. Award to Safe Industries using the Helping Governments across the Country Cooperative Purchasing Agreement in the amount of \$582,830.00. This vendor is located in Easley, SC. *Funding Source: Capital Replacement–Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment Capital; 6308972-658500. The original budgeted amount is \$596,000.00. - Approved*
 14. Council is asked to ratify an Emergency Procurement for the Repair of Asphalt Roadway and the Installation of a New Fire Hydrant at the intersection of Farrow Road and Pine Wedge Drive, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to G.H Smith Construction Co. a certified Local Business Enterprise, in the amount of \$50,100.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Engineering –SPC Contracts (W/S,SW); 5511706-638305. The original budgeted amount is \$50,100.00. - Approved*
 15. Council is asked to ratify Emergency Project WM4432 for the Construction of a 6" Water Main at Windsong Point Lane and Windsong Island Lane, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to G.H Smith Construction Co. a certified Local Business Enterprise, in the amount of \$206,850.00 This firm is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Water & Sewer Capital Projects – Capital Projects Cost; 5529999-658650 WM4432. The original budgeted amount is \$206,850.00. - Approved*
 16. Council is asked to approve an Agreement for Project SS7335-A; Services to Designate, Mark, and Record Easement Boundary over Sanitary Sewer Force Mains, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to American Engineering Consultants, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00. This firm is located in Cayce, SC. *Funding Source: Water Maintenance Budget; 5516205-638305. The original budgeted amount is \$250,000.00. - Approved*
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17. Council is asked to ratify an Emergency Procurement for eight (8) Waterline Breaks throughout the City, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Carolina Tap and Bore, a certified Local Business Enterprise, in the amount of \$253,576.00. This firm is located in West Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Engineering – SPC Contracts, (W/S, SW); 5511706-638305. The original budgeted amount is \$253,576.00. - Approved*
 18. Council is asked to approve a Maintenance Services Agreement for the Devil's Ditch Waterway Project, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Richland County in the amount of \$406,073.80. *Funding Source: CIP FY14/15 Stormwater; 5549999-SD838901-658650. The original budgeted amount is \$406,073.80. - Approved*
 19. Council is asked to approve a Contract for Project SS7284; Train 1 Aeration Improvements at the Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to M.B. Kahn Construction Co. Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$28,488,500.00. This firm located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: 5529999-658650; Water & Sewer Capital Project Cost. The original budgeted amount is \$18,000,000. The remaining balance of \$3,995,700 will be transferred from Unforeseen and Miscellaneous Project SS728801 and \$6,492,800 will be transferred from East Rocky Branch Improvements Phase II Project SS733702. This is a Clean Water 2020 Program Project and a Subcontracting Outreach Program Project. - Approved*

The following sub-consultants will provide additional services:

The DESA Group of Columbia, SC will provide pipe and air diffusers at 10% (\$2,845,023.00) of the contract value.

Corley Construction of Columbia, SC will provide hauling and material disposal services at 0.05% (\$14,400.00) of the contract value.

L.A. Barrier of Columbia, SC will provide furnishing stones at 0.15% (\$41,558.00) of the contract value.

K & D Masonry of Columbia, SC will provide concrete flat work, curb and gutter services at 0.28% (\$80,442.00) of the contract value.

Industrial HVAC of Boone, NC will provide HVAC services at 0.95% (\$272,000.00) of the contract value.

Harrelson Painting of Swansea, SC will provide painting services at 0.75% (\$215,000.00) of the contract value.

Heyward Services of Charlotte, NC will provide process equipment supplies at 12.4 % (\$3,526,885.00) of the contract value.



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Gregory Electric of Columbia, SC will provide electrical services at 21.7% (\$6,187,335.00) of the contract value.

Mr. Joey Jaco, P.E., Utility Operations Director explained that this project is to ensure that we are meeting our future discharge limits. We are installing a more modern aeration system at the Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant and it will offer many operational improvements. We met the requirements of the Subcontracting Outreach Program and the CDBE goals. We are building in the ability to expand.

20. Resolution No.: R-2018-007 Amending Resolution No.: R-2017-096 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at the See Spot Run 5K Race and Family Festival in Earlewood Park to change the date of the event from Saturday, March 31, 2018 to Saturday, April 28, 2018 - *Approved*
21. Resolution No.: R-2018-014 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at the Indie Grits Closing Day Concert in the 3900 and 4000 blocks of Monticello Road and 900 block of Jackson Avenue on Sunday, April 15, 2018 - *Approved*
22. Resolution No.: R-2018-016 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at the NOCO Music Series in the Earlewood Park Amphitheater area on Tuesdays, March 6, April 3, May 1, June 5, September 4, October 2, November 6, 2018 with rain contingency dates of Tuesdays, March 13, April 10, May 8, June 12, September 11, October 9 and November 13, 2018 - *Approved*
23. Resolution No.: R-2018-017 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at the Vedi, Vini, Bocce Fundraising Tournament for Special Olympics, SC in Earlewood Park on Sunday, March 18 2018 with a rain contingency date of Sunday, March 25, 2018 - *Approved*

RESOLUTION

24. Resolution No.: R-2018-018 - Permitting the Fire Department to collect money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (March 21-23) – *Approved by a vote of five (5) to one (1).*

Councilor Duvall expressed concerns about the safety of firefighters collecting money at busy intersections. He said the amount of money being collected in boots could create a fiscal risk to the Fire Department and the City.



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Upon a motion made by Mr. Rickenmann and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted five (5) to (1) to approve Resolution No.: R-2018-018 - Permitting the Fire Department to collect money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (March 21-23). Voting aye were Mayor Benjamin, Davis, Devine, McDowell, and Rickenmann. Voting nay was Duvall.

PRESENTATIONS

25. Recognition of Dr. Bobby Donaldson as the 2017 Stephen G. Morrison Visionary Award Recipient - The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin - *This presentation was deferred.*
26. Childhood Cancer Awareness Day Proclamation - The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin

Mayor Benjamin and the members of City Council proclaimed March 12, 2018 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Day in the City of Columbia.

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

Mayor Benjamin and the members of City Council proclaimed March 2018 as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month in the City of Columbia.

28. American Red Cross Day Proclamation - The Honorable Stephen K. Benjamin

Mayor Benjamin and the members of City Council proclaimed March 20, 2018 as American Red Cross Day in the City of Columbia.

Ms. Allison Cranford, Chair of Central Carolina American Red Cross thanked the members of Council for the proclamation. She said for the past eight years, we have collected 1,821 units of blood from the City and it has helped save 5,463 lives. She presented an award to Kimberly Roof for her services to the American Red Cross.



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29. Historic Columbia Update - Ms. Kim Jamieson, Historic Columbia Board Liaison for the City of Columbia and Ms. Jaelyn Ellis, Student Volunteer

Ms. Kim Jamieson, Historic Columbia Board Liaison for the City of Columbia gave an update on the Mann-Simons Site. The Mann-Simons Site was a collection of commercial and domestic spaces owned and operated by African-American families from 1843 until 1970. The Columbia Housing Authority acquired the site and saved the main house, which opened as a museum in 1978. The site was renovated and reopened on September 17, 2016. The re-interpretation displays newer permanent exhibits, which tells a richer and more complex story of the African American families who lived and worked at the site. Since its reopening, visitations and social media engagements have increased and over 800 students have visited on guided field trips. She introduced Ms. Jaelyn Ellis, a student volunteer who was inspired by the family's history when she visited the Mann-Simons Cottage.

Ms. Jaelyn Ellis, Senior at Blythewood High School and student volunteer for the Historic Columbia said after learning about the rich African American history the site had to offer, I was excited. The Mann-Simons Cottage is significant to me, because it has documented its history since the 1800s. This inspired me to choose the site as a topic for my Girl Scouts Gold Award. Through working with Historic Columbia, I have learned how to better communicate with other youth and I have a better understanding of my local history. In the past, my family has searched for our ancestry, but we weren't successful due to limited documentation. The history of the site has expanded my interest and I have been more involved with exploring my genealogy. I appreciated the local history of the Mann-Simons Cottage because now I can share this knowledge and apply it to my everyday activities.

Ms. Kim Jamieson, Historic Columbia Board Liaison for the City of Columbia thanked the members of Council for supporting the Mann-Simons Cottage. She said the Modjeska Simkins House is undergoing renovations and we look forward to providing an update in the upcoming months.

30. Recognition of the Mentor Protégé College Participants - Ms. Melissa Lindler, Director for the Office of Business Opportunities

Ms. Melissa Lindler, Director for the Office of Business Opportunities said the City of Columbia Office of Business Opportunities (OBO) partnered with the Minority Business Development Agency Business Center to host the Mentor Protégé (MP) College. The purpose of the capacity building program was to expand the knowledge of both current Mentor Protégé Program (MPP) participants and others with an interest in participating in the program. Over a five week period,



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college participants met weekly to receive in-depth instructions on bidding, estimating, project management, safety, quality, and project closeout. The college also provided a better understanding on how to increase the effectiveness of MPP teams and offered industry specific training and technical assistance required for project success.

Mayor Benjamin and the members of Council presented the following graduates of the City of Columbia Mentor Protégé College with certificates of completion.

Abie Ladson	Dan Lavender	Janet Deep	Rachel Raad
Alan Hewitt	Dana McCall	Jason Hetrick	Robert Van Horne
Allen Brown	David Chao	Jennifer Powers	Silvino Escareno
Amy Howard	David Lewis	Jeremy Brown	Todd Carwell
Antonio Goodwin	Devaughn Epps	Johnny Mason	Todd Corley
Betty Price	Dionne Fleshman	Kim Robert	Tom Cannarella
Bob Bartholomew	Evans Kohn	Kenneth Isaac	Ulysis Chavaz
Bob McClam	Florence Ogburu	Lesley Joseph	Willie Farmer
Brian Green	Gerald Lee	Marguerite McClam	Willie Hamrick
Calvin Wise	Jacque Riley	Marques Wright	
Charlie Deep	James Futter	Jennifer Powers	

31. Recognition of the Canvas Eruption Award Recipients - The Honorable Edward McDowell, Jr. - *This presentation was deferred.*

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

32. Ordinance No.: 208-004 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Eleventh Amendment to Purchase Agreement between the City of Columbia and Bright-Meyers 2001 LLC for the sale of 5.97 +/- acres (Capital City Stadium), Richland County TMS #11204-02-02 - *Approved on first reading.*

Councilor Rickenmann explained that the amendment allows us to draw down the money that is in escrow. The money will be used to demolish the stadium and for lot clearing. We extended the contract for one year to allow Bright Myers more time to work with folks.



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Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 208-004 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Eleventh Amendment to Purchase Agreement between the City of Columbia and Bright-Meyers 2001 LLC for the sale of 5.97 +/-acres (Capital City Stadium), Richland County TMS #11204-02-02.

RESOLUTIONS

33. Resolution No.: R-2018-002 - First Extension of Bull Street Development Agreement – *Approved by a vote of (5) to one (1).*

Councilor Rickenmann explained that we did our due diligence by having outside counsel look at the extension. Until we negotiate a garage we don't know what the debt will be. There is no reason for us not to extend the contract. I am not voting for it until we can get the deal done to cap the cost of the garages and limit our liability going forward.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted five (5) to one (1) to approve Resolution No.: R-2018-002 - First Extension of Bull Street Development Agreement. Voting aye were Mayor Benjamin, Davis, Ms. Devine, Duvall, and McDowell. Voting nay was Rickenmann.

34. Resolution No.: R-2018-008 - Ratifying the execution of a District Office Lease Amendment and Lease Attachment between the City of Columbia and U.S. House Representative James E. Clyburn for approximately 5,199.50 square feet of office space known as Suite 200, 1225 Lady Street - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2018-008 - Ratifying the execution of a District Office Lease Amendment and Lease Attachment between the City of Columbia and U.S. House Representative James E. Clyburn for approximately 5,199.50 square feet of office space known as Suite 200, 1225 Lady Street.

35. Resolution No.: R-2018-019 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement between the City of Columbia and Bewegen Technologies, Inc. for management of a Bike Share System - *Approved*



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Braunyno Belo Ayotte, Director of Business Development and Marketing of Bewegen Technologies Inc. introduced an electric pedelec bicycle-sharing program, which will allow residents and visitors to rent bicycles, ride them, and return them at stations throughout City. The pedelec bikes will have a GPS, a computer, and telecommunication system. It will provide assistance whether the rider is pedaling or not in an effort to help cyclists push up an incline. The initial phase of the program will include 15 stations or hubs and 135 bikes beginning August or September 2018. The second phase of the project would expand the program to 25 stations and 225 bikes.

Councilor Devine asked about the quantity of electric bikes.

Braunyno Belo Ayotte, Director of Business Development and Marketing of Bewegen Technologies, Inc. said the first phase of the project includes 85 regular bicycles and 50 pedelec bikes. about the capital need requirement of the agreement.

Councilor Rickenmann sought clarification about the capital requirements in the agreement.

Ms. Melissa Gentry, Assistant City Manager said the contract does not require any upfront costs from the City of Columbia. Bewegen will be partnering with title sponsors to help fund the program. The Walk Bike Plan that will identify the locations for the initial roll-out and phase II of the project. There will be a cost share after operations and eighty percent will come back to the City to use for infrastructure.

Upon a motion made by Stephen K. Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2018-019 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement between the City of Columbia and Bewegen Technologies, Inc. for management of a Bike Share System.

OTHER MATTERS

36. Council is asked to approve requests for funding from the Hospitality Tax Fund and to amend the Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Hospitality Tax Budget. – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted five (5) to one (1) to approve the following allocations from the 2017/2018 Hospitality Tax Fund surplus. Additional items will be considered at a future meeting within the confines of the City's policy. Voting aye were Mayor Benjamin, Davis, Ms. Devine, Duvall, and McDowell. Voting nay was Rickenmann.



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Black Expo	\$25,000
Language Buzz Foundation (<i>Cinco De Mayo Street Festival Media and Advertising</i>)	\$5,000
Palmetto Opera	\$10,000

37. Council is asked to approve the Installation of four (4) Speed Humps on Waccamaw Avenue, as requested by the Public Works Department. *The Columbia Police Department and Fire Department approved the proposed locations. - Consideration of this item was deferred.*

Councilor Devine said the neighborhood association is meeting on Sunday. She asked David Brewer, Traffic Engineer to contact the neighborhood and that the matter be scheduled for consideration on March 20, 2018.

38. Boyd Island Project Temporary Construction License (Three Rivers Greenway) - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve the Boyd Island Project Temporary Construction License (Three Rivers Greenway).

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS DISCUSSED DURING THE WORK SESSION

Upon a motion made by Mr. Rickenmann and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to authorize staff to move forward with pursuing match funding to address the improvements needed along Park Street to include sidewalks, waste, and realigned parking.

Mayor Benjamin said the charge is to leverage as many different sources as possible and come back to Council with a plan that includes the City's participation.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Rickenmann and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to cancel the City Council Work Session and Meeting scheduled for April 3, 2018.



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CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS / REFERRALS

Councilor Rickenmann reported that the Public Safety Committee held two public hearings on the after 2:00 a.m. extended hours permit. We listened to testimony from all parties (neighborhoods, business owners, and other interested parties) for close to seven hours along with taking in lots of information. We have provided information to Legal to put together an ordinance to address some of the issues that have been brought forward for this Council to consider. Once Legal is able to do that, they will put it on our agenda for us to review. There would be a public hearing and two readings for that to move forward. We took in a lot of considerations and spent a great deal of time communicating as a committee and we hope that you all will be pleased with what we have done.

Councilor Duvall asked that Council be given the draft to study as soon as it becomes available.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to approve the Public Safety Committee Report.

APPEARANCE OF THE PUBLIC

No one appeared at this time.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Moore, CMC
City Clerk