



COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2023

The Columbia City Council conducted a meeting on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. and the following members were present: The Honorable Howard E. Duvall, Jr., The Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr., The Honorable William Brennan, The Honorable Aditi Bussells, and The Honorable Tina N. Herbert. Also present were Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Moore Hammond, City Clerk. The meeting was advertised in accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

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

PUBLIC INPUT RELATED TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

No one appeared at this time.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOGNITIONS

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager reported that Rapid Shelter Columbia is full. The 50 units are occupied, five individuals have been permanently housed and a sixth individual will receive housing tomorrow through MIRCI. We have 11 clients who are employed and all clients are receiving various wraparound services. We are thankful for our provider partnerships. We also have people in the community who have chosen to support the good works of Rapid Shelter Columbia. We are working with the CPD Foundation to act as temporary fiscal agent for donations. The Capital City Club recently chose Rapid Shelter Columbia to receive the proceeds from their Black History Month Program. Manager David Colucci and Ms. Arne Hardy are here today to present a \$2,000 check to the City of Columbia for Rapid Shelter Columbia.

Councilor Bussells thanked the Capital City Club and their members. This is a wonderful example of what we are trying to do. It is easy to get discouraged because the work is hard. To see our community rally behind us is meaningful and it speaks to how people want to play a role in making sure our neighbors are taken care of. These dollars will be well spent towards making sure this chronically unsheltered population will have the resources they need.



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Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager recognized Fire Captain William Cunningham, Senior Firefighter Patrick Hayes, Senior Firefighter William Harrellson, and Firefighter Robert Ford, Jr., who is away on military leave. These firefighters are being recognized for the actions they took to save the life of a man on January 12, 2023 at the Blue Marlin Restaurant. For their heroic actions, they were recently recognized with the Columbia Fire Department's Phoenix Award. Today, they are the first recipients of the City of Columbia's Safety Medallion of Honor.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Project Unity USA Update - Mr. Bruce A. Trezevant, Founder and CEO of Project Unity USA

Mr. Bruce A. Trezevant, Founder and CEO of Project Unity USA said we teamed up with the Marshall's Service, the FBI and 12 other law enforcement agencies throughout the state of South Carolina to host a statewide gun buyback program. We contacted every corvette group in this state. We will all go to the State House on July 15, 2023 to launch our statewide gun buyback initiative. We estimate that this will cost \$250,000 and we are going to raise money through corporate funding. We are asking the cities and counties for strong letters of recommendation.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 2 THROUGH 16

Upon a single motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to approve the **Consent Agenda Items 2** through **16**.

2. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Two (2) 2023 Dodge Ram 1500 Quad Cab Trucks for Columbia Water, as requested by the Fleet Services Division on February 13, 2023. Award to Performance Automotive Group, dba as Performance Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram using the SC State Contract in the amount of \$80,559.54. This vendor is located in Clinton, NC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Utilities Water Distribution & Maintenance - Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment-Capital (5516203-658500). The original budget amount is \$80,559.54.

3. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of a 2024 Peterbilt Truck with a 29 Cubic Yard Collecstar for the Public Works Department, as requested by the Fleet Services Division on February 16, 2023. Award to Peterbilt of Knoxville, dba The Peterbilt Store-Columbia using the Sourcewell Contract in the amount of \$366,287.00. This vendor is located in Knoxville, TN. – *Approved*



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Funding Source: Capital Replacement - Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment-Capital (6308972-658500). The original budget amount is \$366,287.00.

4. Council is asked to approve a new Contract to Modernize and Replace Equipment for Two Elevators at the Lady Street Parking Garage and One Elevator at the Sumter Street Parking Garage, as requested by the Support Services Division on February 3, 2023. Award to Otis Elevator using the OMNIA Partners Cooperative Agreement in the amount of \$740,685.60. This vendor is located in West Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Parking Improvement Project Control - Capital Project Costs - Elevator Modern/Lady & Sumter (5329999-658650-PG210002). The original budget amount is \$740,685.60.

5. Council is asked to approve Contract Amendment #2 for Project SS7497; Mill Creek Pump Station Miscellaneous Improvements, as requested by Columbia Water on January 26, 2023. Award to Weston and Sampson Engineers, Inc., in the amount of \$52,000.00. This amendment extends the agreement from July 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Water and Sewer Capital Projects - Mill Creek Pump Station Miscellaneous Improvements - Capital Project Costs (5529999-SS749701-658650). The original budget amount is \$294,115.00. The budget amount for this amendment is \$52,000.00. The total revised budget amount is \$346,115.00.

This is a Clean Water 2020 Program project and a Mentor Protégé Program project. Weston and Sampson Engineers, Inc., is the mentor and will provide engineering services to evaluate and perform an alternative analysis to increase the pumping capacity of the pump station at 76.31% (\$39,680.00) of the amendment amount.

Carper Civil Consulting, a Minority Business Enterprise (W) located in Columbia, SC, is the protégé and will provide technical memorandum preparation assistance services at 8.31% (\$4,320.00) of the amendment amount.

The following subconsultant will provide additional services:

Howard Engineering, a Minority Business Enterprise (W) located in Marietta, GA, will provide electrical engineering services at 15.38% (\$8,000.00) of the amendment amount.



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6. Council is asked to approve Contract Amendment #3 for Project SS7424; Broad River 02 Sewer System Evaluation Study and Sewer Rehabilitation Services, as requested by Columbia Water on February 10, 2023. Award to AECOM in the amount of \$212,560.00. This amendment extends the agreement from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Water & Sewer Capital Projects, Capital Project Costs (5529999-SS728801-658650). The original budget amount is \$1,522,423.00. The budget amount for this amendment is \$212,560.00. The total revised budget amount is \$1,734,983.00.

This is a Clean Water 2020 Program project and a Mentor Protégé Program project. AECOM is the mentor and will provide general services during construction that includes construction administration, along with construction observation and inspection services at 79.66% (\$169,315.00) of the amendment amount.

DESA, Inc., a Minority Business Enterprise (W) located in Columbia, SC, is the protégé and will provide construction administration and observation services at 20.34% (\$43,245.00) of the amendment amount.

7. Council is asked to approve a new Professional Services Agreement for Project SS7619; Construction Administration and Observation Services for Annual Pipe Rehabilitation, as requested by Columbia Water on January 17, 2023. Award to Weston and Sampson in an amount not to exceed \$360,438.00. The term of this agreement is one year. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Water and Sewer Capital Projects - Annual Pipe Rehabilitation - Capital Project Costs (5529999-SS761901-658650). The original budget amount is \$360,438.00.

This is a Mentor Protégé Program project. Weston and Sampson is the mentor and will provide project management, scheduling, and technical training at 71.15% (\$256,438.00) of the total contract amount.

CES Group Engineers, LLP, a Minority Business Enterprise (W), located in Columbia, SC, is the protégé and will provide construction observation and inspection services at 28.85% (\$104,000.00) of the total contract amount.

8. Council is asked to approve a new Professional Services Agreement for Project WM3872; Water System Improvements along Rimer Pond Road and Hardscrabble Road, as requested by Columbia Water on January 26, 2023. Award to W. K. Dickson and Company, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$541,189.00. The term of this agreement is for eighteen months with two optional one-year renewal periods. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. – *Approved*
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Funding Source: Water and Sewer Capital Projects - Water Main Rimer Pond Road and Hardscrabble - Professional Services for Capital Project (5529999-WM387201-658660). The original budget amount is \$541,189.00.

This is a Mentor Protégé Program project. W. K. Dickson and Company, Inc. is the mentor and will provide design, easement assistance, permitting assistance and project administration services at 62.63% (\$338,946.00) of the total contract amount.

Palmetto Consulting Engineering Group, Inc., a Minority Business Enterprise (W), located in Chapin, SC, is the protégé and will provide construction observation and survey and permitting services at 36.26% (\$196,243.00) of the total contract amount.

The following subconsultant will provide additional services:

S & ME, Inc., located in Raleigh, NC, will provide geotechnical exploration and construction materials testing services at 1.11% (6,000.00) of the total contract amount.

9. Council is asked to approve additional funding for Indefinite Delivery Contracts (IDC's) for Waterline/Hydrant Leak Restoration Services, as requested by Columbia Water on February 1, 2023. Award to Lake Murray Utility Company, Inc. of Chapin, SC, G.H. Smith Construction, Inc. of Columbia, SC, and Carolina Tap and Bore, Inc. of West Columbia, SC in the total amount of \$900,000.00. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Utilities Water Distribution & Maintenance Special Projects (5516203-638500). The budget amount for these amendments is \$900,000.00.

Projects awarded under these Indefinite Delivery Contracts from the Columbia Water Preapproved Contractors Listing will utilize the Mentor Protégé Program, requiring a minimum 20% of the project to be completed by the Protégé.

10. Ordinance No.: 2023-015 - Granting an encroachment to Naman Gervais, LLC for the use of the right of way areas of the 400 block of Gervais Street, the 1100 block of Huger Street, the 400 block of Senate Street and the 1100 block of Williams Street for the installation and maintenance of sidewalks, curb cuts, four on-street parking spaces, landscaping and irrigation adjacent to 400 Gervais Street, Richland County TMS# 08912-11-01, 08912-11-02 and 08912-11-04 – *Approved on second reading.*

First reading approval was given on February 21, 2023.



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11. Ordinance No.: 2023-026 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 21, Stormwater Management and Sedimentation Control, Article III, Flood Damage Prevention, Division 3, Flood Hazard Reduction, Section 21-172, Specific Standards – *Approved on second reading.*

The City of Columbia participates in the Community Rating System (CRS) for FEMA. This update in the ordinance is required to comply with FEMA's standards. Furthermore, it will improve our rating and benefit the City of Columbia citizens who will have to pay less on their flood insurance.

First reading approval was given on February 21, 2023.

12. Ordinance No.: 2023-027 - Granting an encroachment to Naromi, LP, for the use of the right of way areas of the 100 block of Earth Road and the 300 block of Spears Creek Church Road for the installation and maintenance of four curb cuts and sidewalks adjacent to 185 Earth Road, Richland County TMS#25700-04-02 – *Approved on second reading.*

First reading approval was given on February 21, 2023.

13. Resolution No.: R-2023-014 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only within Boyd Plaza adjacent to the Columbia Museum of Art for Chaye Alexander presents Live on Boyd Plaza featuring Letron Branley & Friends on Sunday, April 23, 2023 – *Approved*

14. Resolution No.: R-2023-015 - Authorizing consumption of beer, wine and liquor within Boyd Plaza adjacent to the Columbia Museum of Art for Contemporaries Brunch – Sunday Funday with the Contemporaries on Sunday, March 26, 2023 – *Approved*

15. Resolution No.: R-2023-016 - Authorizing consumption of beer, wine and liquor within Boyd Plaza adjacent to the Columbia Museum of Art for the Art Blossom Fundraiser on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 through Sunday, May 14, 2023 – *Approved*

16. Resolution No.: R-2023-021- Authorizing consumption of beer and wine beverages only at First Thursday on Main Street and ratifying the City Manager's authorization of the March 2, 2023 event – *Approved*



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ORDINANCES - SECOND READING

17. Ordinance No.: 2023-025 - Authorizing the Issuance and Sale by the City of Columbia, South Carolina, of its not exceeding \$11,500,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2023 or such other appropriate series designation, 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 to include the Finlay Park Revitalization and Construction Project; 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.*

First reading approval was given on February 21, 2023.

Attorney Estimated Costs of Issuance		
Service	Provider	Cost
Co-Bond Counsel and Tax Counsel	Burr & Foreman LLP (<i>Michael Seezen, Ryan Gentry, Jeff Allen</i>)	\$102,500 - \$122,500
Co-Bond Counsel	Johnson, Toal & Battiste, PA (<i>George Johnson</i>)	\$40,000 - \$50,000

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to give second reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2023-025 - Authorizing the Issuance and Sale by the City of Columbia, South Carolina, of its not exceeding \$11,500,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2023 or such other appropriate series designation, 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 to include the Finlay Park Revitalization and Construction Project; 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.



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ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

18. Ordinance No.: 2023-030 - Consenting to the Inclusion of Property in a Multi-County Industrial/Business Park (Project Subtext, Richland County TMS #08910-03-2B, TMS #08910-03-03, TMS #08910-03-04, TMS #08910-03-01 and TMS #08910-03-02A) – *Approved on first reading.*

Economic and Community Development Committee Recommendation: 12/13/22; Approval (3-0)

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted five to one [5 to 1] to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2023-030 - Consenting to the Inclusion of Property in a Multi-County Industrial/Business Park (Project Subtext, Richland County TMS #08910-03-2B, TMS #08910-03-03, TMS #08910-03-04, TMS #08910-03-01 and TMS #08910-03-02A). Voting aye were Ms. Herbert, Dr. Bussells, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Duvall, and Mayor Rickenmann. Mr. Brennan voted nay.

19. Ordinance No.: 2023-035 - Granting an encroachment to Time to Shine Car Wash, Inc., for the use of the right of way areas of the 2000 block of Gervais Street and the 1000 block of Laurens Street for the installation and maintenance of new pavement, pavement markings, sidewalks, landscaping and irrigation adjacent to 2006 Gervais Street, Richland County TMS# 11406-12-01 – *Approved on first reading.*

Councilor Duvall asked if Laurens Street goes on both sides of the railroad berm and is this going to be on one side or the other.

Ms. Krista Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services said it will be just the side that the development is located on. They are paving the street at the entrance to the carwash. There is curb and gutter on both sides, paving and sidewalk improvements as it enters on Gervais Street.

Upon a motion made by Dr. Bussells and seconded by Mr. Brennan, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2023-035 - Granting an encroachment to Time to Shine Car Wash, Inc., for the use of the right of way areas of the 2000 block of Gervais Street and the 1000 block of Laurens Street for the installation and maintenance of new pavement, pavement markings, sidewalks, landscaping and irrigation adjacent to 2006 Gervais Street, Richland County TMS# 11406-12-01.



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20. Ordinance No.: 2023-036 - Granting an encroachment to the Municipal Association of South Carolina for the use of the right of way area of the 1400 block of Gervais Street for the installation and maintenance of planters, landscaping and irrigation adjacent to 1411 Gervais Street, Richland County TMS#11401-04-05 – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Brennan, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2023-036 - Granting an encroachment to the Municipal Association of South Carolina for the use of the right of way area of the 1400 block of Gervais Street for the installation and maintenance of planters, landscaping and irrigation adjacent to 1411 Gervais Street, Richland County TMS#11401-04-05.

RESOLUTIONS

21. Resolution No.: R-2023-013 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute a First Amendment of Option to Purchase (Partial Assignment of Ground Lease) to consummate the purchase of 1117 Washington Street, Richland County TMS #09013-04-09 between the City of Columbia and MS Joint Venture. - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2023-013 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute a First Amendment of Option to Purchase (Partial Assignment of Ground Lease) to consummate the purchase of 1117 Washington Street, Richland County TMS #09013-04-09 between the City of Columbia and MS Joint Venture.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS, REFERRALS AND NEW BUSINESS

Councilor Bussells reported that the Health, Social and Environmental Affairs Committee met on February 28, 2023. We started with an update on the senior health and wellness programs and community partnerships with the Lourie Center. There is a proposal to move the Lourie Center under the city. It was the committee's directive to move forward with understanding the true cost to the city if we were to move forward with that. We would like more information. We received a presentation on drinking water regulatory limits that may be coming down from the EPA. We received a Rapid Shelter Columbia update. I would like to refer a discussion to the Council Legislative Committee on how to engage our federal delegation to look at ways in which we can address the formula associated with the HUD funding we receive and to request a direct allocation to the City of Columbia. Later this month, Council will receive the proposed meal sharing ordinance that has been vetted by many of our task force members and members of the committee. This will address the duplication of efforts and our need to streamline the meal sharing opportunities happening in public spaces across the city.



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PUBLIC INPUT

Ms. Christine Hait, League of Women Voters of the Columbia Area said we are a non-partisan organization that works to engage citizens in the democratic process and to promote voter participation. I want to recognize Missy Caughman who serves as the League's government liaison. I had a wonderful conversation with Erika Hammond. She was one of my students and I am proud of the work she does here. I have been here for a number of meetings. I am a member of the League's observation core. We write summaries of the discussions and actions that take place at the meetings we attend. I am the volunteer observer for the Columbia City Council. I want to thank you for the attention that you give to issues and concerns of the residents of Columbia. That is the kind of action we look for. I am also here to let you know that the League maintains Vote411.org which serves as an online voter guide. Please encourage voters to use this website.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Brennan, Council voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 4:51 p.m. for the discussion of **Item 22**.

22. Discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body pursuant to §30-4-70(a)(5)

Project Tango
Project Connect

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Erika D. Moore Hammond, CMC
City Clerk