



Columbia City Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, March 17, 2026

Call to Order

The Columbia City Council conducted a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at City Hall (Council Chambers), 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201. The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. and the following members were present: The Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr., The Honorable Will Brennan, The Honorable Peter M. Brown, and The Honorable Tyler D. Bailey. The Honorable Tina N. Herbert, Mayor Pro-Tempore and The Honorable Sam P. Johnson participated remotely. Also present were Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Moore Hammond, City Clerk. This meeting was advertised in accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

Invocation

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Adoption of the Agenda

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

Public Input

Individuals are allotted up to three minutes to address City Council about items on the agenda. Items requiring a public hearing cannot be addressed at this time.

No one appeared at this time.

Approval of Minutes

1. Council is asked to approve the March 3, 2026 Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. Brown, Council voted unanimously to approve the March 3, 2026 Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes.

Presentations

Ms. Susan Vaughan McPherson, Vice President of Small Business and Military Affairs / Columbia Chamber of Commerce thanked the City Council for its support of business and military communities.

Ms. Jennifer Harding, State Chair of Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) shared that the organization recognizes employers who support service members and promote compliance with federal law. She presented the Columbia Fire Department with the Pro Patria Award, ESGR’s highest honor. After a nomination by Specialist Daniel Carter of the South Carolina Army National Guard, the department was recognized for strong leadership at all levels, including Supervisor Kirk Tilton, Fire Division Chief Robert Hughes, Chief of Staffing Leah Gardner, and Fire Chief Aubrey Jenkins.

2. Social Work Month Proclamation — The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor
 Mayor Rickenmann recognized social workers as front-line professionals who serve daily in shelters, hospitals, schools, courts, community agencies, and neighborhoods, working to address homelessness, mental health needs, substance abuse, housing instability, and systemic inequities. He encouraged the public to reach out and thank these individuals for all their contributions.

Mayor Rickenmann and members of the City Council proclaimed March 2026 as Social Work Month in the City of Columbia.

Ms. Kameisha Heppard, Director of Homeless Services expressed appreciation for the acknowledgment of the critical role social workers play in the community and that this year’s recognition highlights library social workers.

Consent Agenda Items 3 through 10

Upon a single motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Johnson, Council voted unanimously to approve **Consent Agenda Items 3** through **10**.

3. Council is asked to approve the Annual Renewal of Polaris (formerly AvailWeb) Software for In-car Internet Access, GPS Tracking and Real-time Data Connectivity, as requested by the Columbia Police Department on January 27, 2026. Award to Utility Associates, Inc., using the South Carolina State Contract in the amount of \$93,204.00. This vendor is located in Decatur, GA.

Funding Source: Police Administrative Services - Maintenance and Service Contract (1012402-638200). The original budget amount is \$93,204.00.

4. Council is asked to approve the Annual Renewal of Trend Micro Security Software for Cybersecurity Protection and Defense, as requested by the Information Technology Department on February 3, 2026. Award to SHI International Corporation, using the OMNIA Cooperative Contract in the amount of \$103,314.28. This vendor is located in Piscataway, NJ.

Funding Source: Information Technology - Maintenance and Service Contract (1011120-638200). The original budget amount is \$103,314.28.

5. Council is asked to approve new Sole Source Contracts for several City Departments. Award to multiple vendors, in the total amount of \$108,850.72. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed with an end date on June 30, 2026 and the option to renew for one additional one-year period.

Item	Vendor	Description	Funding Source	Amount
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a.	Nearmap US, Inc. Lehi, UT	Nearmap Subscription Renewal 2026 for the Information Technology Department, as requested on February 4, 2026.	Geographic Information System — Maintenance and Service Contract (5511121-638200). The original budget amount is \$53,892.22.	\$53,892.22
b.	Charles R. Underwood, Inc. Sanford, NC	Harden Street Pump Station Repair for the Canal Water Treatment Plant, as requested on February 9, 2026.	Utilities Columbia Canal Water Treatment Plant — Machinery and Equipment-Capital (5516206-658300). The original budget amount is \$54,958.50.	\$54,958.50
Total				\$108,850.72

6. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Vehicles/Heavy Equipment for several City Departments, as requested by the Fleet Services Division. Award to multiple vendors using the South Carolina State Contract and Sourcewell Contract in the amount of \$2,629,775.65.

Item	Vendor and Location	Description	Procurement Method	Funding Source	Amount
a.	Carolina International Trucks, Inc. Columbia, SC	Three (3) 2027 International MV607 Set-Back Axle 4x2 Dump Trucks for the Solid Waste Division, as requested on January 26, 2026.	SC State Contract #4400037441	Capital Replacement — Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment-Capital (6308972-658500). The original budget amount is \$395,253.09.	\$395,253.09
b.	Blanchard Machinery Company West Columbia, SC	One (1) Caterpillar 914-14A Wheel Loader with Tink Claw Bucket for the Solid Waste Division, as requested on January 26, 2026.	SC State Contract #4400031291	Capital Replacement — Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment-Capital (6308972-658500). The original budget amount is \$198,724.00.	\$198,724.00
c.	Jet Vac Equipment Company, LLC Sumter, SC	One (1) 900 ECO Combination Sewer Vac Truck for the Wastewater Maintenance Division, as requested on	Sourcewell Contract #101221-SCA	Utilities Wastewater Maintenance — Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment - Capital (5516205-	\$624,256.99

		January 30, 2026.		658500). The original budget amount is \$624,256.99.	
d.	Alan Jay Automotive Management dba Alan Jay Fleet Sales Sebring, FL	One (1) 2026 Nissan Frontier King Cab Truck and Three (3) 2026 Dodge Ram 1500 Trucks for the Columbia Fire Department, as requested on January 28, 2026.	SC State Contract #4400035155	Capital Replacement — Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment-Capital (6308972-658500). The original budget amount is \$198,112.96.	\$198,112.96
e.	Alan Jay Automotive Management dba Alan Jay Fleet Sales Sebring, FL	Two (2) 2026 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD Trucks for the Columbia Police Department Crime Scene Unit, as requested on February 11, 2026.	SC State Contract #4400035155	Capital Replacement — Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment-Capital (6308972-658500). The original budget amount is \$109,219.56.	\$109,219.56
f.	Alan Jay Automotive Management dba Alan Jay Fleet Sales Sebring, FL	One (1) 2026 Chevrolet Silverado 3500hd Truck for the Columbia Empowerment Zone, as requested on February 9, 2026.	SC State Contract #4400035155	Capital Replacement — Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment-Capital (6308972-658500). The original budget amount is \$57,543.16.	\$57,543.16
g.	COS Chevrolet, LLC dba Hendrick Chevrolet Charlotte, NC	Seven (7) 2026 Chevrolet Trailblazers for the Columbia Police Department, One (1) for the Traffic Engineering Department, One (1) for the Forestry Division as requested on February 9, 2026.	SC State Contract #4400037566	Capital Replacement — Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment-Capital (6308972-658500). The original budget amount is \$229,275.00.	\$229,275.00
h.	COS Chevrolet, LLC dba Hendrick Chevrolet Charlotte, NC	Ten (10) 2025 Chevrolet Tahoe Police Pursuit Vehicles and One (1) 2026 Chevrolet Suburban Z71 4x4 for the Columbia Police Department, as requested on February 13, 2026.	SC State Contract #4400037566	Capital Replacement — Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment-Capital (6308972-658500). The original budget amount is \$752,278.89.	\$752,278.89

i.	COS Chevrolet, LLC dba Hendrick Chevrolet Charlotte, NC	One (1) 2026 Chevrolet Tahoe 4x4 Truck for the Columbia Fire Department, as requested on February 11, 2026.	SC State Contract #4400037566	Capital Replacement — Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment-Capital (6308972-658500). The original budget amount is \$65,112.00.	\$65,112.00
Total					\$2,629,775.65

7. Council is asked to approve a new Construction Contract for the Lady Street, Sumter Street, Taylor Street, and Arsenal Hill Parking Decks Capital Improvement Project, as requested by the General Services Department on January 10, 2026. Award to Carolina Restoration and Waterproofing, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$1,741,208.70, which includes contingency. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed with an end date three hundred sixty-five (365) days from commencement. This contractor is located in Creedmoor, NC.

Funding Source: Parking Improvement Project Control - Sumter Street Garage Capital Improvement Project - Capital Improvement Costs (5329999 - PG001134 - 668650) \$786,333.00; Parking Improvement Project Control - Arsenal Hill Garage Capital Improvement Project - Capital Improvement Costs (5329999 - PG001135 - 658650) \$218,930.00; Parking Improvement Project Control - Lady Street Garage Capital Improvement Project - Capital Improvement Costs (5329999 - PG001133 - 658650) \$450,069.70; Parking Improvement Project Control - Taylor Street Garage Capital Improvement Project - Capital Improvement Costs (5329999 - PG001132 - 658650) \$285,876.00. The original budget amount is \$1,741,208.70.

Carolina Restoration and Waterproofing, Inc., is the prime and will provide construction services at 90.00% (\$1,424,625.30) of the total contract amount.

The following subcontractor will provide additional services and/or materials:

MWM Supply, LLC, located in Wake Forest, NC will provide construction material and supply services at 10.00% (\$158,291.70) of the total contract amount.

8. Council is asked to approve Contract Amendment #2 for Flygt Pumps, Parts, Repairs, and Maintenance, as requested by Columbia Water on February 11, 2026. Award to Xylem Water Solutions USA, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00. The current term of the contract ends on June 30, 2026. This firm is located in Charlotte, NC.

Funding Source: Utilities Metro Wastewater Plant - Machinery and Equipment - Capital (5516208-658300). The current budget amount is \$320,000.00. The budget amount for this amendment is \$80,000.00. The revised budget amount is \$400,000.00.

9. Ordinance No.: 2026-015 - Consenting to the Inclusion of Property in a Multi-County Industrial/Business Park (Olympus Development Company, formerly referred to as Project Olympus, Richland County TMS#s 04908-01-01, 05009-01-01, & 05009-01-02)

Endorsed by the Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee on February

10, 2026.

First reading approval was given on March 3, 2026.

10. Ordinance No.: 2026-016 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 15, Parks and Recreation, Sec. 15-5 User Fees
First reading approval was given on March 3, 2026.

Public Hearing & First Reading for Zoning/Planning Matters

Council opened the public hearing at 4:16 p.m.

11. Comprehensive Plan – Future Land Use Map Amendment Confirmation for 1227 and 1235 Bakersfield Road, 106, 112, 118, 119, 130, 131 and 140 Diamond Lane, and 1049, 1057, and 1065 Statler Road, TMS# 07402-04-16, 07402-04-10, 07401-06-01, and 07401-06-02; annexed by Ordinance No.: 2025-106 enacted January 6, 2026

Ordinance No.: 2026-018 - Amending the Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 Map to confirm the future land use classification for 1227 and 1235 Bakersfield Road, 106, 112, 118, 119, 130, 131 and 140 Diamond Lane, and 1049, 1057, and 1065 Statler Road, TMS# 07402-04-16, 07402-04-10, 07401-06-01, and 07401-06-02; annexed by Ordinance No 2025-106 enacted January 6, 2026

Council District: 2

Proposal: Request to confirm the future land use classifications of Urban Core Community Activity Center (UCAC-2) and Urban Edge Residential Large Lot (UER-2). The properties are currently assigned interim future land use classifications of Urban Core Community Activity Center (UCAC-2) and Urban Edge Residential Large Lot (UER-2).

Applicant: Justin Steinmann, Planning & Development Services Director

Staff Recommendation: Approval

Annexation with Interim Future Land Use

PC Recommendation: 11/13/2025; Approval (8-0)

First Reading: 12/16/2025; Approved

Second Reading: 01/06/2026; Approved

Future Land Use Confirmation

PC Recommendation: 02/12/2026; Approval (5-0)

Mr. Andrew Livengood, Zoning Administrator / Planning and Development Services explained that Items 11 and 12 are related confirmations of a future land use map amendment and a zoning map amendment for properties located at 1227 and 1235 Bakersfield Road, as well as parcels on Diamond Lane and Statler Road. He explained that the properties were annexed on January 6, 2025, and were initially assigned interim zoning classifications. Following review, the Planning Commission recommended classifications

consistent with the existing county designations. The commercial parcel was designated as an Urban Core Activity Center with Community Activity Center zoning, while the residential parcels were designated as Urban Edge Residential Large Lot with Residential Single Family - Large Lot District zoning, aligning with prior county zoning.

Ms. Ann Dawson, 1136 Statler Road expressed concerns regarding the proposed rezoning. She noted that some residents received notification letters while others did not. She emphasized that the area has historically been a single-family, large-lot residential community since the 1950s and questioned whether her property was included in the annexation and rezoning.

Mayor Rickenmann clarified that the annexation and rezoning do not include Ms. Dawson's home, but only the properties owned by the Word of God Church. He explained that the proposal assigns a Community Activity Center zoning designation to the larger commercial parcel and a single-family residential designation to the rear parcels.

Mr. Andrew Livengood, Zoning Administrator / Planning and Development Services explained that the three residential lots shown on the map are designated as a single-family, large-lot residential classification equivalent to Richland County's R2 zoning. He noted that while there are slight differences, the classifications are functionally the same. He also shared that the parcels are currently undeveloped, though an existing driveway was in place prior to annexation.

Councilor Brennan asked whether proper notice was provided to residents regarding the rezoning.

Mr. Andrew Livengood, Zoning Administrator / Planning and Development Services explained that annexations are not posted, as this is not required by state law or City ordinance since they do not change land use. However, amendments to zoning and land use maps are required to be noticed, which is why postings were completed in this case. There was no change in zoning for the residential properties; the properties are now simply incorporated into the city rather than the county.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Bailey, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Comprehensive Plan – Future Land Use Map Amendment Confirmation for 1227 and 1235 Bakersfield Road, 106, 112, 118, 119, 130, 131 and 140 Diamond Lane, and 1049, 1057, and 1065 Statler Road, TMS# 07402-04-16, 07402-04-10, 07401-06-01, and 07401-06-02; annexed by Ordinance No 2025-106 enacted January 6, 2026 **and** Ordinance No.: 2026-018 - Amending the Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 Map to confirm the future land use classification for 1227 and 1235 Bakersfield Road, 106,112, 118, 119, 130, 131 and 140 Diamond Lane, and 1049, 1057, and 1065 Statler Road, TMS# 07402-04-16, 07402-04-10, 07401-06-01, and 07401-06-02; annexed by Ordinance No 2025-106 enacted January 6, 2026.

12. Zoning Map Amendment Confirmation for 1227 and 1235 Bakersfield Road, 106, 112, 118, 119, 130, 131 and 140 Diamond Lane, and 1049, 1057, and 1065 Statler Road, Richland County TMS# 07402-04-16, 07402-04-10, 07401-06-01, and 07401-06-02; annexed by Ordinance No.: 2025-106 enacted January 6, 2026

Ordinance No.: 2026-021 - Amending the Official Zoning Map to confirm the zoning for 1227 and 1235 Bakersfield Road, 106, 112, 118, 119, 130, 131 and 140 Diamond Lane, and 1049, 1057, and 1065 Statler Road, Richland County TMS# 07402-04-16, 07402-04-10, 07401-06-01, and 07401-06-02; annexed by

Ordinance No 2025-106 enacted January 6, 2026.

Council District: 2

Proposal: Request to confirm zoning of Community Activity Center/Corridor District (CAC) and Residential Single Family Large Lot District (RSF-1). The properties are currently assigned interim zoning of Community Activity Center/Corridor District (CAC) and Residential Single Family Large Lot District (RSF-1).

Applicant: Andrew Livengood, Zoning Administrator

Staff Recommendation: Approval

Annexation with Interim Zoning

PC Recommendation: 11/13/2025; Approval (8-0)

First Reading: 12/16/2025; Approved

Second Reading: 01/06/2026; Approved

Zoning Map Amendment Confirmation

PC Recommendation: 02/12/2026; Approval (5-0)

No one appeared at this time.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Bailey, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Zoning Map Amendment Confirmation for 1227 and 1235 Bakersfield Road, 106, 112, 118, 119, 130, 131 and 140 Diamond Lane, and 1049, 1057, and 1065 Statler Road, Richland County TMS# 07402-04-16, 07402-04-10, 07401-06-01, and 07401-06-02; annexed by Ordinance No 2025-106 enacted January 6, 2026 **and** Ordinance No.: 2026-021 - Amending the Official Zoning Map to confirm the zoning for 1227 and 1235 Bakersfield Road, 106, 112, 118, 119, 130, 131 and 140 Diamond Lane, and 1049, 1057, and 1065 Statler Road, Richland County TMS#07402-04-16, 07402-04-10, 07401-06-01, and 07401-06-02; annexed by Ordinance No 2025-106 enacted January 6, 2026.

13. Zoning Map Amendment for 150 Dutchman Boulevard, 5.71 acres N/S Lake Murray Boulevard, 3.56 acres and 0.52 acres S/S Broad River Road TMS#s 05000-04-40, 05000-04-45, 05000-04-47, and 05003-01-18

Ordinance No.: 2026-020 - Amending the Official Zoning Map to modify the zoning for 150 Dutchman Boulevard, 5.71 acres N/S Lake Murray Boulevard, 3.56 acres and 0.52 acres S/S Broad River Road, Richland County TMS # 05000-04-40, 05000-04-45, 05000-04-47, and 05003-01-18

Council District: 1

Proposal: Request to rezone the properties from Light Industrial (LI) and Planned Development (PD) to Mixed Use District (MU-2).

Applicant: Talfourd Wharton, Stoa Group

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 02/12/2026; Approval (5-0)

Mr. Andrew Livengood, Zoning Administrator / Planning and Development Services stated that the properties are currently classified by Richland County as Neighborhood Medium Density with Homestead and Residential Transition zoning. He noted that the request involves two properties for the same applicant, with one requiring annexation and rezoning and the other only requiring rezoning. He added that the portion being annexed is approximately 3.14 acres, though the overall development area is larger.

Councilor Brennan asked about the types of postings that were made available to the public.

Mr. Andrew Livengood, Zoning Administrator / Planning and Development Services said that notice was provided for both aspects of the request due to the dual process involved. He noted that the zoning map amendment, which changes the designation from light industrial and planned development to MU-2, required posting. Additionally, the annexation involved a change from the county's rural designations, which also required public notice.

Councilor Brennan asked if the map amendment is pushing the boundaries of the municipality.

Mr. Andrew Livengood, Zoning Administrator / Planning and Development Services explained that the city's boundary extends further to the northwest, including areas along Dutchman Boulevard, Centrum Drive, and portions of Kinley Road. He noted that the Town of Irmo is located on the opposite side of parts of Kinley Road.

Councilor Brennan asked if the area already receives public services.

Mr. Andrew Livengood, Zoning Administrator / Planning and Development Services said yes.

Mr. Taulford Wharton, applicant stated that the proposal seeks to rezone the property to allow for a mixed-use development that includes approximately 300 workforce housing units and up to 35,000 square feet of commercial space along Lake Murray Boulevard. He explained that the project is intended to support nearby employment centers, including Prisma Health Parkridge Hospital. He noted that the development would align with surrounding land uses and represents a downzoning from the current industrial classification.

Councilor Brown asked about the number of units and building height.

Mr. Taulford Wharton, applicant confirmed that the project will include approximately 300 units with balconies and it will be three stories in height.

Mayor Rickenmann asked about the breakdown of units.

Mr. Taulford Wharton, applicant explained that the unit mix for the development is approximately 40% one-bedroom units, 50% two-bedroom units, and 10% three-bedroom units.

Councilor Brennan asked whether there was a specific rent requirement to qualify as workforce housing.

Mr. Taulford Wharton, applicant said that the units would be market-rate, and the workforce designation is based on proximity to employment centers rather than a set income or rent threshold.

Mr. Tushar Chikhliker, Economic Development Practice Group Leader / Maynard Nexsen shared that this is located in District One and clarified that "workforce housing" is defined through a program the City is working on with the County. He noted that the intent is for the proposed rents to align with that program's definition and that more details will be presented to Council at a future meeting.

Councilor Brennan asked if the proposal aligns with and supports the City's workforce development strategy.

Mr. Tushar Chikhliker, Economic Development Practice Group Leader / Maynard Nexsen said yes.

Councilor McDowell asked if there would be a basic Area Median Income (AMI).

Mr. Tushar Chikhliker, Economic Development Practice Group Leader / Maynard Nexsen stated that workforce housing is defined using AMI standards established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. He noted that the county, with input from the city, has recently adopted updated criteria for workforce housing as part of its incentive program. He added that the intent is for most, if not all, of the proposed units to meet those AMI-based standards.

Councilor Brown asked for confirmation on whether the County had agreed to a 10-year, 40% tax abatement.

Mr. Tushar Chikhliker, Economic Development Practice Group Leader / Maynard Nexsen stated that no agreement has been reached at this time, but it is part of the applicant's request.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Bailey, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Zoning Map Amendment for 150 Dutchman Boulevard, 5.71 acres N/S Lake Murray Boulevard, 3.56 acres and 0.52 acres S/S Broad River Road TMS#s 05000-04-40, 05000-04-45, 05000-04-47, and 05003-01-18 **and** Ordinance No.: 2026-020 - Amending the Official Zoning Map to modify the zoning for 150 Dutchman Boulevard, 5.71 acres N/S Lake Murray Boulevard, 3.56 acres and 0.52 acres S/S Broad River Road, Richland County TMS # 05000-04-40, 05000-04-45, 05000-04-47, and 05003-01-18.

14. Annexation, Future Land Use Map Amendment, and Zoning Map Amendment for 450 and 460 Lake Murray Boulevard; TMS# 05000-04-19 and 05000-04-20
Ordinance No.: 2026-019 - Annexing 450 and 460 Lake Murray Boulevard, Richland County TMS 05000-04-19 and 05000-04-20 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map

Council District: 1

Proposal: Request to assign the land use classification of Urban Edge Regional Activity Center (UEAC-2) and assign zoning of Mixed-Use District (MU-2) for a

pending annexation. The property is currently classified as Neighborhood (Medium Density) and zoned Homestead (HM) and Residential Transition (RT) by Richland County.

Applicant: Carroll Wayne and Francis W. Haltiwanger / Francis W. Haltiwanger and Anita W. Cable/ Talfourd Wharton, Stoa Group

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 02/12/2026; Approval (5-0)

No one appeared at this time.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Brennan, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Annexation, Future Land Use Map Amendment, and Zoning Map Amendment for 450 and 460 Lake Murray Boulevard; TMS# 05000-04-19 and 05000-04-20 **and** Ordinance No.: 2026-019 - Annexing 450 and 460 Lake Murray Boulevard, Richland County TMS 05000-04-19 and 05000-04-20 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map.

Council closed the public hearing at 4:38 p.m.

Ordinances - First Reading

15. Ordinance No.: 2026-017 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Eleventh Amendment to Lease between the City of Columbia and Old Boy Properties, LLC for property consisting of 100± acres in Richland County, South Carolina being a portion of the property formerly owned by Columbia Venture, LLC and Sunday School, LLC

Upon a motion made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2026-017 — Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Eleventh Amendment to Lease between the City of Columbia and Old Boy Properties, LLC for property consisting of 100± acres in Richland County, South Carolina being a portion of the property formerly owned by Columbia Venture, LLC and Sunday School, LLC.

16. Ordinance No.: 2026-022 - Consenting to the Inclusion of Property in a Multi-County Industrial/Business Park (Project Cardinal TMS #R08913-05-03 and R08913-05-05)
Endorsed by the Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee on February 10, 2026.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. Johnson, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2026-022 - Consenting to the Inclusion of Property in a Multi-County Industrial/Business Park (Project Cardinal TMS #R08913-05-03 and R08913-05-05).

Resolutions

17. Resolution No.: R-2026-024 - Authorizing a Public Hearing on April 14, 2026 for the Proposed Improvement Plan for the Vista Business Improvement District

Upon a motion made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Brennan, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2026-024 — Authorizing a Public Hearing on April 14, 2026 for the Proposed Improvement Plan for the Vista Business Improvement District.

Event Resolution Items

18. Resolution No.: R-2026-014 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at SC Juneteenth Freedom Fest at Finlay Park on Friday, June 19 and Saturday, June 20, 2026

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. Brown, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2026-014 — Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at SC Juneteenth Freedom Fest at Finlay Park on Friday, June 19 and Saturday, June 20, 2026.

19. Resolution No.: R-2026-022 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at the 9/11 Remembrance Foundation of SC 5K Run/Walk within the 1100 block of Lincoln Street on Friday, September 4, 2026

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. Johnson, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2026-022 — Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at the 9/11 Remembrance Foundation of SC 5K Run/Walk within the 1100 block of Lincoln Street on Friday, September 4, 2026.

Appointments

20. Council is asked to approve the appointment of two individuals to the Central Midlands Council of Governments Board of Directors for a term of three years.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. Bailey, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointments of Ms. Robin Harriford and Mr. Mike McCauley to the Central Midlands Council of Governments Board of Directors for a three-year term beginning in May 2026.

21. Council is asked to approve the appointment of two individuals to the City Center Partnership Board of Directors for a term of three years.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Bailey, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointments of Mr. Todd Avant and Ms. Lenza Jolley to the City Center Partnership Board of Directors for a three-year term.

22. Council is asked to approve the reappointment of two individuals and the appointment of three individuals to the Columbia Tree and Appearance Commission for a term of three years.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Brown, Council voted unanimously to approve the reappointments of Mr. Johnston Cox and Mr. Patrick McLean and the appointments of Ms. Merideth Blackwell, Mr. Ralph Hillsman, and Mr. Christopher Neuman to the Columbia Tree and Appearance Commission for a three-year term.

City Council Committee Reports, Referrals and New Business

Public Input

Individuals are allotted up to three minutes to address City Council about matters not on the agenda. Items requiring a public hearing cannot be addressed at this time.

Ms. Kay Moore presented a proposal for "Columbia Care Capsules," aimed at moving homeless residents into stable housing while creating job opportunities. The plan includes a logistics program, hay production, and food reuse initiatives to support local farms and reduce waste. The program would strengthen the local economy and provide pathways to stability. She asked City Council to consider the proposal for a feasibility study, noting it could be implemented without new taxes.

Mayor Rickenmann thanked Ms. Moore for her proposal and stated that the City is actively reviewing the housing capsule concept. He added that the City plans to follow up with her once that review is complete.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Erika D. Moore Hammond, MMC, CPM

City Clerk