



Columbia City Council Regular Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at 4:00 PM

City Hall • Council Chambers

1737 Main Street, 3rd Floor, Columbia, SC 29201

City Clerk's Office: (803)545-3045 or cityclerk@columbiasc.gov

The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor

The Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr. • The Honorable William Brennan

The Honorable Tina N. Herbert, Mayor Pro-Tempore • The Honorable Peter M. Brown

The Honorable Tyler D. Bailey • The Honorable Sam P. Johnson

Call to Order

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Adoption of the Agenda

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.

Approval of Minutes

1. Council is asked to approve the April 21, 2026 Budget Workshop and Regular Meeting Minutes.

Presentations

2. Recognition of Mr. David Sharpe's Retirement - Mr. Clint E. Shealy, P.E., Assistant City Manager / Columbia Water
3. Alpha Psi Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. 91st Charter Day Proclamation — The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor
4. National Small Business Week Proclamation - The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor
5. National Bike Month and Bicycle Safety Month Proclamation - The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor
6. National Historic Preservation Month Proclamation — The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor

2025 Mabel Payne Historic Preservation Award — Ms. Amy Moore, Principal Planner / Planning and Development Services Department

Consent Agenda Items 6 through 20



7. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Axon Camera Kits for the Columbia Police Department, as requested by the Fleet Services Division on March 24, 2026. Award to Axon Enterprises, Inc., using the South Carolina State Contract in the amount of \$61,036.71. This vendor is located in Scottsdale, AZ.
Funding Source: Capital Replacement - Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment-Capital (6308972-658500). The original budget amount is \$61,036.71.
8. Council is asked to approve funding for the Pavement of the Firing Range Parking Lot, as requested by the Columbia Police Department on December 2, 2025. Award to L-J, Inc., in the amount of \$62,550.00. This vendor is located in Cayce, SC.
Funding Source: Police Administrative Services - Paving and Asphalt Supplies (1012402-623500). The original budget amount is \$62,550.00.
9. Council is asked to approve an Annual Contract Renewal for Target Solutions Software, as requested by the Columbia Fire Department on March 19, 2026. Award to Municipal Emergency Services, Inc., in the amount of \$84,500.28. This vendor is located in Sandy Hook, CT.
Funding Source: City of Columbia Fire Suppression - Software License (1012303-627510) \$42,250.14 and Richland County Fire Administration - Software License (2082301-627510) \$42,250.14. The original budget amount is \$84,500.28.
10. Council is asked to approve a new Professional Services Contract for Design Services of a Warehouse and Offices for the Support Services Division at 1213 Flora Street, as requested by General Services on November 4, 2025. Award to GMK Associates, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$293,200.00. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed with an end date two (2) years from commencement and the option to renew for two (2) additional one-year periods. This firm is located in Columbia, SC.
Funding Source: General Capital Projects - 1213 Flora Street - Capital Project Costs (4039999-CP106004-658650). The original budget amount is \$293,200.00.
GMK Associates, Inc., is the prime and will provide design services at 45.53% (\$133,500.00) of the total contract amount.
The following subcontractor(s) will provide additional services and/or materials:
Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., located in Columbia, SC will provide civil, structural, environmental engineering, and landscape architectural services at 46.04% (\$135,000.00) of the total contract amount.
SAM, LLC, located in Columbia, SC will provide surveying services at 5.87% (\$17,200.00) of the total contract amount.
Geo-Systems Design and Testing, located in Columbia, SC will provide geotechnical services at 2.56% (\$7,500.00) of the total contract amount.
11. Council is asked to approve a new Construction Contract for the new Saluda River Comfort and Public Restroom Facility, as requested by the Parks and Recreation Department on February 5, 2026. Award to First Class Construction, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$463,210.67, which includes contingency. The initial term of



the contract will take effect upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed with an end date two hundred seventy (270) days from commencement. This contractor is located in Columbia, SC.

Funding Source: South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Fund; General Capital Projects - Saluda River Access - Capital Project Costs (4039999-PK121003-658650). The original budget amount is \$500,000.00.

First Class Construction, LLC, is the prime and will provide construction services at 59.37% (\$218,609.67) of the total contract amount.

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

Electric Services, Inc., located in Columbia, SC will provide electrical services at 6.33% (\$23,300.00) of the total contract amount.

Derrick Plumbing, located in Lexington, SC will provide plumbing services at 12.29% (\$45,240.00) of the total contract amount.

Thacker & Wall Service Co., located in Mount Airy, NC will provide HVAC installation services at 6.87% (\$25,300.00) of the total contract amount.

Brabham Fence Co., located in Columbia, SC will provide fencing installation services at 3.50% (\$12,875.00) of the total contract amount.

Forte Construction Group, located in Elgin, SC will provide general contracting services at 11.65% (\$42,886.00) of the total contract amount.

12. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Vehicles for the Solid Waste Division, as requested by the Fleet Services Division on March 24, 2026. Award to multiple vendors using the Sourcewell Cooperative Contract in the amount of \$793,728.00.

Item	Vendor and Location	Description	Procurement Method	Funding Source	Amount
a.	Carolina Environmental Systems, Inc. Kernersville, NC,	Heil Python 28 Yard Automated Side Loader Garbage Truck	Sourcewell Contract #110223-THC	Capital Replacement — Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment-Capital (6308972-658500). The original budget amount is \$403,980.00.	\$403,980.00
b.	Peterbilt of Knoxville Knoxville, TN	2027 Peterbilt 520 RH Truck	Sourcewell Contract #032824-PMC	Capital Replacement — Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment-Capital (6308972-658500). The original budget amount is \$389,748.00.	\$389,748.00
Total					\$793,728.00



13. Council is asked to approve Contract Amendment #6 for Project SS7568; a Construction Manager At-Risk Project for Saluda River Force Main Extension, as requested by Columbia Water on March 13, 2026. Award to McClam & Associates, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$135,000.00. The current term of the contract ends on June 30, 2026 and this amendment extends the contract to June 30, 2027. This firm is located in Little Mountain, SC.

Funding Source: Water and Sewer Capital Projects - Saluda River Force Main Extension - Capital Projects Cost (5529999-SS756801-658650). The current budget amount is \$11,996,486.01. The budget amount for this amendment is \$135,000.00. The total revised budget amount is \$12,131,486.01.

14. Council is asked to approve Contract Amendment #6 for Project SS7568; Professional Services for Saluda River Force Main Extension, as requested by Columbia Water on April 2, 2026. Award to Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$254,008.00. The current term of the contract ends on June 30, 2026 and this amendment extends the contract to June 30, 2028. This firm is located in Columbia, SC.

Funding Source: Water and Sewer Capital Projects - Saluda River Force Main Extension - Capital Projects Costs (5529999-SS756801-658650). The current budget amount is \$1,909,449.00. The budget amount for this amendment is \$254,008.00. The revised budget amount is \$2,163,457.00.

This is a Mentor Protégé Program project. Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. is the Mentor and will provide design, survey, permitting, and project coordination services at 94.14% (\$239,113.00) of the amendment amount.

Chao and Associates Inc., a Minority Business Enterprise, located in Columbia, SC is the protégé and will provide assistance with surveying at 5.86% (\$14,895.00) of the amendment amount. The protégé participation for the overall project will be 22.33%.

15. Council is asked to approve Change Order #6 for Project SS7517, SS7518, and SS7519; Combined Sewer Repair Projects at Vine Street, Ansel Street, and Woodlake Drive, as requested by Columbia Water on March 19, 2026. Award to McClam & Associates, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$577,641.45. The current term of the contract ends on June 30, 2026 and this change order extends the contract to June 30, 2027. This firm is located in Little Mountain, SC.

Funding Source: Water and Sewer Capital Projects - Combined Sewer Repair Projects - Capital Project Costs (5529999-SS7517, SS7518, SS7519-658650). The current budget amount is \$746,936.85. The budget amount for this change order is \$577,641.45. The revised budget amount is \$1,324,578.30.

This is a Columbia Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (CDBE) program project with a 21% CDBE goal. CDBE participation on this change order is 6.84% and the CDBE participation for the overall project will be 23.55%.

McClam & Associates, is the prime and will provide general construction and pipe installation services at 78.83% (\$455,341.45) of the change order amount.

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



Chao & Associates, Inc., a Minority Business Enterprise and a Columbia Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (CDBE), located in Columbia, SC, will provide surveying services at 0.78% (\$4,500.00) of the change order amount.

LA Barrier & Sons, Inc., a Minority Business Enterprise and a Columbia Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (CDBE), located in Lexington, SC, will provide hauling services at 6.06% (\$35,000.00) of the change order amount.

Horizontal Unlimited, Inc., located in Westminster, SC, will provide jack and bore installation services at 14.33% (\$82,800.00) of the change order amount.

16. Council is asked to approve the purchase of additional Magnesium Hydroxide for the Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant, as requested by Columbia Water on March 31, 2026. Award to Premier Magnesia, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$594,000.00. The current term of the contract ends on June 30, 2026. This firm is located in Waynesville, NC.

Funding Source: Utilities Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant - Chemicals (5516208-624800). The current budget amount is \$2,176,200.00. The budget amount for this amendment is \$594,000.00. The revised budget amount is \$2,770,200.00.

17. Council is asked to approve Contract Amendment #4 for Work Order #2 Project WM4453 and SS7460; Carolina Crossroads Phases 3, 4, and 5 Engineering Services, as requested by Columbia Water on April 15, 2026. Award to CDM Smith, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$1,985,278.00. The current term of the contract ends on June 30, 2026 and this amendment extends the contract to December 31, 2028. This firm is located in Columbia, SC.

Funding Source: Water and Sewer Capital Projects – Carolina Crossroads Water Main Relocation - Capital Project Costs (5529999-WM445301-658650) \$1,324,180.00 and Water and Sewer Capital Projects – Carolina Crossroads Sanitary Sewer Relocation - Capital Project Costs (5529999-SS746001-658650) \$661,098.00. The current budget amount is \$2,756,881.00. The budget amount for this amendment is \$1,985,278.00. The total revised budget amount is \$4,742,159.00.

This is a Mentor Protégé Program project. CDM Smith, Inc. is the mentor and will provide administrative project management services at 46.14% (\$916,070.00) of the amendment amount.

CHA Consulting, Inc., located in Columbia, SC, is the protégé and will provide inspection of utility relocation construction, subsurface utility exploration (SUE), and technical support services at 53.86% (\$1,069,208.00) of the amendment amount.

18. Ordinance No.: 2026-023 - Establishing the Vista Business Improvement District

The Public Hearing was held on April 14, 2026 and first reading approval was given on April 21, 2026.

19. Ordinance No.: 2026-025 - Authorizing the Exchange of Properties at 742 Wilkes Road, Richland County TMS# R11813-05-18 and 5111 Spalding Avenue, Richland County TMS# R11701-04-01



First reading approval was given on April 21, 2026.

20. ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 84, 92, 94, 100 and 108 Bluff Road, Richland County TMS# 11204-02-40, 11204-02-39 and 11204-02-38

Ordinance No.: 2026-029 - Amending the Official Zoning Map to modify the zoning for 84, 92, 94, 100 and 108 Bluff Road, Richland County TMS# 11204-02-40, 11204-02-39 and 11204-02-38

Council District: 3

Proposal: Request to rezone the properties from Residential Two-Family - Mill Village District (RD-MV) to Residential Mixed District (RM-1), portions of the property are within the Floodplain Overlay District (OV-FP) and Floodway Overlay District (OV-FW).

Applicant: Jason Holliday, Sandlapper Management Company, LLC

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 3/12/2026; Recommend Approval (6-0)

First reading approval was given on April 21, 2026.

21. AMENDMENT TO THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE for Urban Design Review Commission Membership

Ordinance No.: 2026-030- Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Article 2: Administration, Sec. 17-2.3 Advisory and Decision-Making Bodies and Persons, (e) Design Development Review Commission

Proposal: Request to amend the Unified Development Ordinance, Chapter 17- Article 2: Administration, Sec. 17-2.3 Advisory and Decision-Making Bodies and Persons (e) Design Development Review Commission; (2) Membership and Terms, to amend the number of appointed members.

Applicant: Andrew Livengood, Zoning Administrator

Staff Recommendation: Staff Sponsored

PC Recommendation: 04/09/2026; Approval with Amendment (7-0)

First reading approval was given on April 21, 2026.

Ordinances - Second Reading

22. Ordinance No.: 2026-031 — Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Deed and any closing documents necessary for the sale of 1601 Assembly Street, Richland County TMS# 09014-01-02, pursuant to the United States Postal Service exercise of its purchase option under the current lease



First reading approval was given on April 21, 2026.

Ordinances - First Reading

23. Ordinance No.: 2026-014 - Granting an encroachment to the University of South Carolina for the use of the right of way area of the 300 block of Main Street for the installation and maintenance of a raised pedestrian crosswalk adjacent to 300 and 315 Main Street, Richland County TMS# 11302-03-02 and 11302-04-02
24. Ordinance No.: 2026-032 - Consenting to the Inclusion of Property in a Multi-County Industrial/Business Park (DeBartolo Development 1214 through 1236 Gregg Street, 1912 through 1924 Lady Street, 1221 Gregg Street, and 1306 Barnwell Street, TMS# 11406-14-01, 11406-14-05, 11406-14008, 11406-14-09, 11406-14-10, 11406-14-11, 11406-14-28, 11406-14-29, 11406-14-30, 11406-16-16, 11406-16-17, and 11406-16-26)
Endorsed by the Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee on April 14, 2026.
25. Ordinance No.: 2026-033 - Consenting to the Inclusion of Property in a Multi-County Industrial/Business Park (Congaree Riverfront District Business Park)
Endorsed by the Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee on April 14, 2026.
26. Ordinance No.: 2026-038 - Consenting to the Inclusion of Property in a Multi-County Industrial/Business Park (Convention Center District Business Park)
Endorsed by the Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee on April 14, 2026.

Resolutions

27. Resolution No.: R-2026-011 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Columbia and We Love Five Points, LLC
Endorsed by the Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee on April 14, 2026.
28. Resolution No.: R-2026-037 - Certifying a Building Site as Abandoned Buildings Pursuant to the South Carolina Abandoned Buildings Revitalization Act, Title 12, Chapter 67, Section 12-67-100 et seq., of the South Carolina Code of Laws (1976), as amended, regarding the property located at 1637 Enoree Avenue, Richland County TMS# 11306-04-09

Event Resolution Items

29. Resolution No.: R-2026-031 - Authorizing consumption of beer, wine, and liquor at the South Carolina Pride: OUTFest at the 1100 block of Park Street between Gervais Street and Senate Street on Saturday, June 6, 2026 with a rain date contingency of Saturday, June 13, 2026



Appointment of City Council Members to External Boards

30. Central Midlands Council of Governments

City Council Committee Reports, Referrals and New Business

Public Input

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Adjournment