



## Columbia City Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, May 5, 2026

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### Call to Order

The Columbia City Council conducted a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 5, 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 4:06 p.m. and the following members were present: The Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr., The Honorable Will Brennan, The Honorable Tina N. Herbert, Mayor Pro-Tempore, The Honorable Peter M. Brown, The Honorable Tyler D. Bailey, and The Honorable Sam P. Johnson. 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. Johnson, Council voted unanimously to approve the adoption of the agenda subject to deferring **Item 18** (Ordinance No.: 2026-023 - Establishing the Vista Business Improvement District).

Mayor Rickenmann said we look forward to having that ready for our next meeting.

### 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 April 21, 2026 Budget Workshop and Regular Meeting Minutes.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Brown, Council voted unanimously 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

Mr. Clint Shealy, P.E., Assistant City Manager of Columbia Water recognized Mr. David Sharpe for more than 52 years of service with the City of Columbia, noting that he joined the workforce in March 1974. He praised Mr. Sharpe's dedication, attention to detail, problem-solving skills, and willingness to mentor maintenance staff. He also reflected on Mr. Sharpe's leadership during the 2015 flood and other emergency situations. He concluded by congratulating Mr. Sharpe on his retirement and thanking him for his years of service and commitment.

3. Alpha Psi Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. 91<sup>st</sup> Charter Day Proclamation — The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor

Mayor Rickenmann thanked the brothers of the Alpha Psi Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity for their ongoing commitment to the community and for consistently carrying forward the legacy of fellow brother, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Mayor Rickenmann and members of the City Council proclaimed May 7, 2026 as Alpha Psi Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. 91<sup>st</sup> Charter Day in the City of Columbia.

Brother K. Allen Campbell, President of the Alpha Psi Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., accepted the honor on behalf of its members and founders, noting the chapter's longstanding partnership with the City of Columbia. He expressed gratitude for the recognition and reaffirmed the fraternity's commitment to service and its principles of manly deeds, scholarship, and love for all mankind.

Councilor McDowell thanked the brothers of the Alpha Psi Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity for being part of the Divine Nine. He expressed appreciation for their service and unity, stating that while they may pledge differently, they are all brothers together.

4. National Small Business Week Proclamation - The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor

Mayor Rickenmann and members of City Council proclaimed May 3 – May 9, 2026 as Small Business Week in the City of Columbia.

Ms. Ayesha Driggers, Office of Business Opportunities Director provided an update on National Small Business Week activities and thanked City Council for their continued support. She highlighted a successful kickoff event held at Gather Cola, where the venue opened to host community members and local vendors. The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Small Business Week Conference is taking place this week. Registration is closing early due to strong interest generated through expanded outreach and collaboration.

Ms. Melissa L. Lindler, South Carolina District Director / U.S. Small Business Administration recognized National Small Business Week and highlighted the critical role small businesses play in economic growth and community development. She thanked the Mayor and City Council for their support and reaffirmed the SBA's commitment to providing resources to entrepreneurs, while expressing appreciation for local small business owners.

5. National Bike Month and Bicycle Safety Month Proclamation - The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor

Mayor Rickenmann and the members of City Council proclaimed May 2026 as National Bike Month and Bicycle Safety Month in the City of Columbia.

Ms. Nicole Broner, LEED GA, Multimodal Transportation Coordinator / Planning and Development Services highlighted the City of Columbia's ongoing efforts to expand safe, connected transportation networks. She noted key progress, including funding through the Richland County Transportation Penny, advancements under the Safe Streets for All program, and the use of a high-injury network map to guide safety improvements. She also shared updates on expanded bicycle way finding infrastructure and encouraged public engagement in upcoming projects and Bike Month activities.

Councilor Johnson acknowledged Mr. Reagan Freeman for his advocacy in promoting bicycle and pedestrian connectivity and for his efforts to support a more connected Columbia at the State House.

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

Mayor Rickenmann and the members of City Council proclaimed May 2026 as National Historic Preservation Month in the City of Columbia.

Mayor Rickenmann shared that during his recent international travels, he had the opportunity to stand beside a building dating back to 1726. He noted the impressive preservation of historic structures alongside modern development and how seamlessly they contribute to quality of life. He thanked Planning and Development staff for their contributions to the city.

Ms. Rachel Walling, Senior Planner / Planning and Development Services noted that the City of Columbia, along with communities across the country, celebrate National Historic Preservation Month each May. She explained that the month highlights the impact of historic preservation in strengthening neighborhoods, conserving resources, supporting economic development and tourism, and preserving a sense of place and history.

Ms. Betsy Kleinfelder, Planner / Planning and Development Services highlighted a busy schedule of National Historic Preservation Month events, including a social media scavenger hunt featuring historic buildings, educational workshops on researching historic homes, a State House grounds tour, and hands-on sessions on brick repointing and window repair. She encouraged the public to participate.

Ms. Rachel Walling, Senior Planner / Planning and Development Services noted that the City presents the annual Mabel Payne Award to recognize outstanding leadership and stewardship in historic preservation. She announced the Cottontown/Bellevue Historic District Neighborhood Association as this year's recipient, citing their commitment to preserving neighborhood character. She added that their continued outreach and advocacy reflect a strong dedication to preserving Columbia's historic architecture and community identity.

Ms. Denise Wellman, President of Cottontown Neighborhood Association accepted the honor on behalf of the association. She expressed appreciation for the recognition and pride in

Cottontown's role as one of Columbia's historic districts. She noted the positive impact historic districts have on the city and reflected on a productive year for the neighborhood.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager took a moment of personal privilege to recognize Ms. Chanique Belton, Legislative Liaison to City Council, for her 15 years of service with the City of Columbia and presented her with a pin and certificate of appreciation.

### **Consent Agenda Items 7 through 21**

Upon a single motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Johnson, Council voted unanimously to approve **Consent Agenda Items 7** through **17** and **19** through **21**. **Item 18** was deferred.

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 Sourcwell 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	Sourcwell Contract #110223-THC	Capital Replacement — Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment-Capital (6308972-658500). The original budget	\$403,980.00

				amount is \$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
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$793,728.00</b>

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.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Johnson, Council voted six to one [6 to 1 ] to give second reading approval to 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. Mr. Johnson, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Brown, Ms. Herbert, Mr. Brennan, and Mr. McDowell voted aye. Mayor Rickenmann voted nay.

### **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

Upon a motion made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to 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.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Ms. Herbert, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to 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). Mr. Brennan abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest.

Councilor Brown said this is another great project in an area of Columbia that needs it.

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.

Mr. Jeff Palen, Assistant City Manager of Development & Finance / CFO explained that **Items 25** and **26** involve intergovernmental agreements between the City of Columbia and Richland County to establish multi-county industrial business park districts. He stated that future revenues generated within the districts would support the long-term operation and maintenance of the future riverfront park and the future expansion of the Convention Center and related infrastructure. He emphasized that the agreements reflect ongoing collaboration between the City and County and recognized Ms. Missy Gentry for her continued work on the project following her retirement.

Upon a single motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. Bailey, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2026-033 - Consenting to the Inclusion of Property in a Multi-County Industrial/Business Park (Congaree Riverfront District Business Park) **and** Ordinance No.: 2026-038 - Consenting to the Inclusion of Property in a Multi-County Industrial/Business Park (Convention Center District Business Park).

Councilor Brennan thanked staff for their work on these projects over the past several years, stating that the effort would help change the overall trajectory of the city, county, and Midlands. He noted that creating a long-term maintenance funding source was necessary before developing a major park and praised the collaboration between the City of Columbia and Richland County. He added that the agreements represent a creative approach to using private investment to support public infrastructure, parks, and recreational amenities, while also supporting future developments such as a Convention Center hotel and expansion and riverfront improvements.

## **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.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Johnson, Council voted unanimously to approve 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.

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

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to approve 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

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. Johnson, Council voted unanimously to approve 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

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. Bailey, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of The Honorable Sam P. Johnson to the Central Midlands Council of Governments.

Councilor Brennan expressed appreciation to Councilor Brown for his service on the Central Midlands Council of Governments, noting that significant progress has been made for the Midlands, Richland County, and the City of Columbia.

### **City Council Committee Reports, Referrals and New Business**

Upon a motion made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Johnson, Council voted unanimously to refer a presentation from Gemini Arts to the Arts, Historic Preservation and Philanthropy Committee, as requested by The Honorable Tyler D. Bailey.

Councilor Johnson reported that the Health, Social, and Environmental Affairs Committee discussed several key initiatives to include the proposed expansion of riparian buffer zones in partnership with staff and the Congaree Riverkeeper; updates from the Tree and Appearance Commission on the tree canopy study; and the progress on Transportation Penny projects. He also noted upcoming updates to the Animal Services ordinance;

collaboration with Prisma Health on technology-driven health solutions; and continued efforts with community partners on neighborhood beautification initiatives.

### **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.

Mr. Wade Fulmer addressed concerns regarding conditions at certain community care and assisted living homes in Columbia, while also commending Ms. Charlene Rouse for providing quality and compliant care at her two facilities. He shared examples of alleged neglect and unsafe living conditions at other homes. He urged City Council to take a more active role in addressing nuisance, abuse, and neglect within such facilities.

Mayor Rickenmann asked Mr. Fulmer whether he had addresses for the locations where he observed these issues and whether the facilities were located within the city limits.

Mr. Wade Fulmer responded that the issues he referenced were within the city. He stated that during his years as a public health analyst, he witnessed situations where concerns raised by families to agencies such as DSS, Mental Health, and DHEC were not addressed until law enforcement intervened. He urged continued attention to those conditions within the community.

Ms. Tracy thanked City Council for the new pickleball court and posted rules at Finlay Park. She expressed excitement about the planned addition of pickleball courts at two other parks. She said, "Together, We Are Columbia."

Councilor Brown noted that this was the eighth thank you that the City has received this year.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Erika D. Moore Hammond, MMC, CPM  
City Clerk