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COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2022

The Columbia City Council conducted a meeting on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, SC 29201. The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. and the following members of Council were present: The Honorable Howard E. Duvall, Jr., The Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr., Mayor Pro-Tempore, The Honorable William Brennan, The Honorable Aditi Bussells, The Honorable Tina N. Herbert, and The Honorable Joe E. Taylor, Jr. 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. *The minutes are numbered to coincide with the order of the meeting.*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

The Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr., Mayor Pro-Tempore offered the invocation.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Ms. Herbert, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda subject to deferring **1** (*Approval of the Minutes*), **2** (*National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week Proclamation*), and **3** (*National Community Development Week, Columbia Fair Housing Month, and National Financial Literacy Month Proclamations*) and amending **31** to change the event date from October 8, 2022 to October 1, 2022.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Diane Wiley, Belvedere Community resident said I want to thank you for considering our neighborhood in item 12. I would like Council to come to one of our neighborhood meetings.

Voicemail from Tracy, Chairwoman of the North Columbia Civic Club said I am calling in regards to the repeal of the gun ordinances. I stand with holding off on removing them until you have something redrafted that can stand any legal challenges. Please help invest in our community so that gun violence is eliminated.



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Voicemail from Bernetha Moultrie, Greenview Community resident said I am calling in regards to repealing Ordinance 2019-046. I am in favor of the ordinance remaining in place until City Council can come up with a better or stronger solution that is in favor of our schoolchildren and citizens of our community. Please allow Ordinance 2019-046 to remain in place as you all are working on a better ordinance for the protection of our children.

Voicemail from Jimmy Wright, Greenview Community resident said I support Ordinance 2019-046. This ordinance protects the health and safety of our community, especially the Greenview Community and our schoolchildren. I request that Ordinance 2019-046 remain on the books until replaced by a favorable workable solution to the gun problem.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Council is asked to approve the March 8, 2022 Work Session and March 15, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes. – *Deferred*

PRESENTATIONS

2. National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week Proclamation - The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor – *Deferred*
3. National Community Development Week, Columbia Fair Housing Month, and National Financial Literacy Month Proclamations - The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor – *Deferred*

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION / ACTION

4. HOME Investment Partnership American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Allocation Plan Final Draft - Ms. Gloria Saeed, Community Development Director

Ms. Gloria Saeed, Community Development Director said there is a specific process that the City is required to follow in regards to preparing and submitting the Home ARP Allocation Plan. To date, we have consulted with agencies and service providers whose clientele include Home ARP qualifying populations, held stakeholder meetings, held a Home ARP virtual public hearing on March 23, 2022 and provided notice of the public comment period that began on March 13, 2022 and ended on March 28, 2022. Our next steps are to finalize the draft ARP allocation plan and to receive Council approval today to submit the final draft to HUD for review and approval no later than April 8, 2022. We are directing funds in the amount of \$625,041.00 for supportive services



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and \$1,500,656.00 for non-congregate shelters. We have also allocated 5% towards nonprofit capacity building and 10% towards administration and planning. Based on those percentages, the total ARP allocation to the City is \$2,500,820.00. Once this allocation plan is approved, we will require feedback from Council on what direction you all are asking us to move in order to come up with a program and guidelines.

Councilor Bussells said it is great to hear that our community members and providers are on the same page and recognize that both non-congregate housing and supportive services, particularly mental health and substance abuse are important. For those that may not be familiar, non-congregate housing is an evidence-based practice. It is something that has become vitally important in a time where the pandemic has shown that folks experiencing homelessness particularly families that are sharing a room with other people, puts them at high risk. Being able to invest in non-congregate housing is huge in order to address some of the challenges we are seeing. Could you describe the capacity building activities that you all will be doing to ensure that these dollars are spent well while addressing homelessness in the City?

Ms. Gloria Saeed, Community Development Director said with most of our grants, we provide technical assistance. In this particular instance where it relates to supportive services, depending on who our sub-recipient is, we will be available to provide them with technical assistance as it relates specifically to the federal guidelines. We make sure that they understand what those reporting requirements are and we work hand in hand with them to make sure they are also meeting the timelines that are established in the policies and procedures.

Councilor Bussells said one of the things we have talked about is potentially using these dollars to continue to expand some of our Pathways work because mental illness and substance use is an eligible service. This is an example of something we could fund.

Councilor Brennan asked if there is a third party auditing consultant lined up for the federal reporting that comes from expending these dollars.

Ms. Gloria Saeed, Community Development Director said we do not. We are still early in the process. I would think for this program and the amount of money that there is, our on-staff compliance division would be able to provide the oversight and compliance.

Mayor Rickenmann asked how long it will take them to give us approval once the plan has been submitted to HUD.



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Ms. Gloria Saeed, Community Development Director said I believe it is 30 days. They want to approve it before our regular annual action plan is submitted.

Mayor Rickenmann asked what would be the process if we determined that we needed to move money from shelters into supportive services or vice-versa. Is there flexibility to make any amendments once we vote on this?

Ms. Gloria Saeed, Community Development Director said yes, that process would involve either a non-substantial amendment or a substantial amendment. We are able to make changes in the event that you want to put more money in another area.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve the submission of the HOME Investment Partnership American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Allocation Plan Final Draft to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Councilor Taylor took a moment of personal privilege to introduce Rutherford Fawcett. He is a new Mayor's Fellow and an outstanding student at the University of South Carolina.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 5 THROUGH 21

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve Consent Agenda **Items 5** through **21**.

5. Council is asked to approve a Contract to Purchase Trend Micro Service and Renew Support, as requested by the Information Technology Department on February 28, 2022. Award to SHI International Corporation, using the Omnia Partners - IT Solutions Cooperative Contract in the amount of \$64,000.02. The vendor is located in Somerset, NJ. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Information Technology - Maintenance & Service Contract (1011120-638200). The original budget amount is \$64,000.02.



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6. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of the AVaiLWeb and Hardware Warranty for Vehicle Locator Services, as requested by the Columbia Police Department on March 16, 2022. Award to Utility Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$82,645.88. The vendor is located in Decatur, GA. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Police Administrative Services - Maintenance & Service Contract (1012402-638200). The original budget amount is \$82,645.88

7. Council is asked to approve a Contract Renewal for the Gunshot Detection System, as requested by the Columbia Police Department on January 27, 2022. Award to ShotSpotter, Inc., as a Sole Source in the amount of \$574,735.00. The vendor is located in Newark, CA. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Police Administrative Services - Maintenance & Service Contracts (1012402-638200). The original budget amount is \$574,735.00.

8. Council is asked to approve a Contract to Purchase a 2022 Wheel Loader with Coupler and Tink Claw Bucket for the Solid Waste Division, as requested by the Fleet Services Division on December 29, 2021. Award to Blanchard Machinery Company, using the SC State Contract in the amount of \$157,158.00. The vendor is located in West Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Capital Replacement - Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment - Capital (6308972-658500). The original budget amount is \$157,158.00.

9. Council is asked to approve Contract Amendment #5 for Project SS7462; Investigation of the Crockett Road, Atlas Road, and Versch Lock Lift Stations, as requested by Columbia Water on January 26, 2022. Award to Constantine Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$79,320.00. The firm is located in Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Water & Sewer Capital Projects, Crockett, Atlas, Versch Lift Stations (5529999-SS746201-658650). The original budget amount is \$62,500.00. The budget amount for amendments 1-4 is \$289,454.00. The budget amount for this amendment is \$79,320.00. The total revised budget amount is \$431,274.00.

This is a Mentor Protégé Program Project. Constantine Engineering, Inc. is the mentor and will provide final design and construction services at 8.64% (\$6,856.00) of the amendment amount. Rohadfox Construction Control Services, a Minority Business Enterprise of Columbia, SC, is the protégé and will assist with the permitting portion of this amendment at 20.00% (\$15,864.00) of the amendment amount.



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The following subcontractors will provide additional services:

Steadman and Associates of Columbia, SC will provide surveying and preparation of easement plats at 7.38% (\$5,850.00) of the amendment amount.

Terracon Consultants of Greenville, SC will provide wetland delineation and permitting for the new location of gravity sewer at 11.03% (\$8,750.00) of the amendment amount.

KCI Engineering of Cayce, SC will provide assistance with no-rise certification at 52.95% (\$42,000.00) of the amendment amount.

10. Council is asked to approve a Professional Services Agreement for Project SD8434; Rocky Branch Restoration at Maxcy Gregg Park, as requested by Columbia Water on February 16, 2022. Award to Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$265,948.00. The firm is located in West Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Stormwater Improvement Capital Project Control - Rocky Branch Stream Restoration - Capital Project (5549999-SD843401-658650). The original budget amount is \$265,948.00.

This is a Mentor Protégé Program Project. Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc. is the mentor and will provide technical consulting support for a stream restoration project of Rocky Branch at Maxcy Gregg Park at 54.15% (\$144,018.00) of the total contract amount. CES Group Engineers, LLP, a Minority Business Enterprise (W) of Columbia, SC, is the protégé and will provide survey and utility mapping and encroachment permitting services at 20.10% (\$53,450.00) of the total contract amount.

The following subconsultants will provide additional services:

Pond & Company, Inc., of Columbia, SC, will provide stream support design, landscape architecture design, and construction oversight services at 18.79% (\$49,980.00) of the total contract amount.

ESP Associates, Inc., of Fort Mill, SC, will provide hydraulic analysis and Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLORM) preparation services at 6.96% (\$18,500.00) of the total contract amount.

11. Council is asked to approve Contract Amendment #1 for Additional Parts and Labor for Bearing Assemblies, Clarification Equipment, and Pumping Equipment, as requested by Columbia Water on February 28, 2022. Award to Evoqua Water Technologies, in the amount of \$200,000.00. The vendor is located in Waukesha, WI. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Utilities Metro Wastewater Plant - Machine Equipment - Capital (5516208-658300). The original budget amount is \$100,000.00. The budget amount for this amendment is \$200,000.00. The total revised budget amount is \$300,000.00.



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12. Council is asked to approve a Professional Services Agreement for Project SD8473; Belvedere Neighborhood Stream Restoration, as requested by Columbia Water on February 1, 2022. Award to AECOM Technical Services, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$450,378.00. The firm is located in Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Stormwater Improvement Capital Project Control - Belvedere Stream Stabilization - Capital Project Cost (5549999-SD847301-658650). The original budget amount is \$450,378.00.

This is a Mentor Protégé Program Project. AECOM Technical Services, Inc. is the mentor and will provide technical consulting support for the evaluation of the Smith Branch sub-watershed A and B at 80.00% (\$360,320.00) of the total contract amount. Atlantic South, LLC, a Minority Business Enterprise of Columbia, SC, is the protégé and will provide plat/deed research prior to beginning survey, field survey, and preparation of an AutoCAD file reflection at 20.00% (\$90,058.00) of the total contract amount.

13. Council is asked to approve additional funding for Indefinite Delivery Contracts for Waterline/Hydrant Leaks Restoration Services, as requested by Columbia Water on March 1, 2022. Award to Carolina Tap and Bore, Inc. of West Columbia, SC, Lake Murray Utility Company, Inc. of Chapin, SC, and G.H. Smith Construction, Inc. of Columbia, SC in a cumulative amount of \$600,000.00. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Utilities Water Distribution and Maintenance - Maintenance and Service Contract (5516203-638200). The budget amount for this additional funding is \$600,000.00.

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.

14. Council is asked to approve a Professional Services Agreement for Project SD8013; Eightmile Branch and Windsor Hill Evaluation, as requested by Columbia Water on February 21, 2022. Award to Thomas and Hutton in an amount not to exceed \$797,465.00. The firm is located in Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Stormwater Improvement Capital Project Control - Eight-Mile Branch-Danfield to Chin - Capital Project Cost (5549999-SD801301-658650). The original budget amount is \$797,465.00.

This is a Mentor Protégé Program Project. Thomas and Hutton is the mentor and will perform a flood study and evaluate the Eightmile Branch for the City of Columbia at 39.68% (\$316,465.00) of the total contract amount. Highfill Infrastructure Engineering, PC of Columbia, SC, is the protégé and will provide evaluation and design phase administration, preliminary planning, investigation, engineering, and alternatives analysis, survey and utility mapping, components of final design, and construction administration services at 24.03% (\$191,600.00) of the total contract amount.



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The following subconsultant will provide additional services:

Biohabitats, Inc., of Baltimore, MD, will provide stream restoration services at 30.62% (\$244,200.00) of the total contract amount.

Terracon Consulting Engineers, of North Charleston, SC, will provide geotechnical and environmental services at 5.67% (\$45,200.00) of the total contract amount.

15. Council is asked to approve a Professional Services Agreement for Project SS7555; Lower Crane Creek Relief Sewer Phase 2, as requested by Columbia Water on February 24, 2022. Award to Black and Veatch Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$956,748.00. The firm is located in Greenville, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Water and Sewer Capital Projects - Lower Crane Creek Phase 2 - Capital Project Costs (5529999-SS755501-658650). The original budget amount is \$956,748.00.

This is a Mentor Protégé Program Project. Black and Veatch Corporation is the mentor and will provide condition assessment, rehabilitation alternative analysis, and preliminary engineering services at 21.62% (\$206,802.00) of the total contract amount. Highfill Infrastructure Engineering, PC of Columbia, SC, is the protégé and will provide assistance with project coordination, sanitary sewer evaluation survey services, utility coordination, and permitting agency coordination services at 72.78% (\$696,315.00) of the total contract amount.

The following subconsultants will provide additional services:

Bunnell-Lammons Engineering of Greenville, SC, will provide geotechnical exploration at 2.08% (\$19,915.00) of the total contract amount.

Wantman Group, Inc. of Austin, TX, will provide infrastructure condition assessment at 0.86% (\$8,250.00) of the total contract amount.

Civil Engineering Consulting Services of Columbia, SC, will provide wetland delineation at 1.25% (\$11,966.00) of the total contract amount.

Summit Engineering Group, Inc. of Spartanburg, SC, will provide professional surveying services at 1.41% (\$13,500.00) of the total contract amount.



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16. ANNEXATION, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 819 Skyland Drive; TMS# 07313-01-06 - *First reading approval was given on March 15, 2022 – Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2022-017 - Annexing 819 Skyland Drive, Richland County TMS# 07313-06-01 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina Columbia, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map - First reading approval was given on March 15, 2022 – Approved on second reading.

Council District: 2

Proposal: Request to annex the property and assign a land use classification of Urban Edge Residential Large Lot (UER-2) and assign zoning of Residential Single Family-Large Lot District (RSF-1) at the time of annexation. The property is currently classified as Mixed Residential High Density and zoned RS-LD by Richland County.

Applicant: Emily Frantz

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 01/13/2022; Approval (5-0)

17. ANNEXATION, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 626 Sallie Baxter Road; TMS# 16404-11-01 - *First reading approval was given on March 15, 2022 – Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2022-015 - Annexing 626 Sallie Baxter Road, Richland County TMS# 16404-11-01 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina Columbia, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map - First reading approval was given on March 15, 2022 – Approved on second reading.

Council District: 4

Proposal: Request to annex the property and assign a land use classification of Urban Edge Residential Large Lot (UER-2) and assign zoning of Residential Single Family-Large Lot District (RSF-1) at the time of annexation. The property is currently classified as Mixed Residential High Density and zoned RS-LD by Richland County.

Applicant: Stacy M. Walden and James B. Walden

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 01/13/2022; Approval (5-0)



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18. ANNEXATION, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 1010 Edgefield Street; TMS# 09107-13-19 - *First reading approval was given on March 15, 2022 – Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2022-014 - Annexing 1010 Edgefield Street, Richland County TMS# 09107-13-19 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina Columbia, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map

Council District: 1

Proposal: Request to annex the property and assign a land use classification of Urban Core Residential Small Lot (UCR-1) and assign zoning of Residential Mixed District (RM-2) and Historic Preservation Overlay District (OV-HP) at the time of annexation. The property is currently classified as Mixed Residential (High Density) and zoned RM-HD by Richland County.

Applicant: Emily Kluttz and David Johnson

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 02/10/2022; Approval (8-0)

19. ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 1810 Allen Benedict Court, TMS# 11408-03-01

Ordinance No.: 2022-018 - Amending the Official Zoning Map to modify the zoning for 1810 Allen Benedict Court, Richland County TMS # 11408-03-01- First reading approval was given on March 15, 2022 – Approved on second reading.

Council District: 2

Proposal: Request to rezone the property from Residential Mixed District (RM-2) to Mixed-Use District (MU-2).

Applicant: Gerald A. Lee, Chao and Associates, Inc.

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 02/10/2022; Approval (8-0)

20. Ordinance No.: 2022-025 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 5, Buildings and Building Regulations, Sec. 5-326 Rental permit required and Section 5-339 Permit Fee - *First reading approval was given on March 15, 2022 – Approved on second reading.*



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21. Ordinance No.: 2022-026 - Amending Ordinance 2021-022 to Amend the Budget for the City of Columbia, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2022 - *First reading approval was given on March 15, 2022 – Approved on second reading.*

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said I wanted to thank the staff for all the work done on the Belvedere Community item. I want to highlight the Rocky Branch at Maxcy Gregg Park stormwater project. Our staff is using new strategies to address beautification of our streams and restoration of our stormwater ditches. The Eightmile Branch project on your agenda has similar elements. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to get these things done and affect change with drainage in our communities.

Councilor Taylor said this is an outstanding program. Not only is it good for the environment but it improves the appearance of our City. I mentioned to Mr. Shealy that the area down from Fort Jackson Boulevard to Devine Street would be an outstanding place for us to continue. I think this is timely and very well done.

ORDINANCES - SECOND READING

22. Ordinance No.: 2022-020 - Repealing Ordinance No.: 2019-046 that Amended the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 8, Environmental Health and Sanitation, Article II, Nuisances, Sec. 8-31 Nuisance – Definitions (a) and (b), Ordinance No.: 2019-056 that Amended the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 14, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, to add Article XII Extreme Risk Protection Orders and Ordinance No.: 2019-063 that Amended the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 14, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions to add Article XIII, Gun-free School Zones - *First reading approval was given on March 15, 2022 – Approved on second reading.*

Councilor Herbert said I would like to acknowledge the callers. I would like to reiterate what I said at the last meeting. Due to the increased number of gun violence even since the first vote, I believe it is incumbent for Council to immediately look at revisiting these ordinances, investing in the communities to work on preventative measures, and continue investing in our kids so that we don't even have to deal with all the gun activity.



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Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Taylor, Council voted four (4) to three (3) to give second reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2022-020 - Repealing Ordinance No.: 2019-046 that Amended the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 8, Environmental Health and Sanitation, Article II, Nuisances, Sec. 8-31 Nuisance – Definitions (a) and (b), Ordinance No.: 2019-056 that Amended the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 14, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, to add Article XII Extreme Risk Protection Orders and Ordinance No.: 2019-063 that Amended the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 14, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions to add Article XIII, Gun-free School Zones. Mr. Taylor, Dr. Bussells, Mr. Duvall, and Mayor Rickenmann voted aye. Ms. Herbert, Mr. Brennan, and Mr. McDowell voted nay.

ZONING / PLANNING MATTERS - SECOND READING

23. ANNEXATION, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 1458 Carolina Road a/k/a 1458 Trinity Three Road; TMS# 16414-08-03 - *First reading approval was given on March 15, 2022 – Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2022-016 - Annexing 1458 Caroline Road a/k/a 1458 Trinity Three Road, Richland County TMS# 16414-08-03 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina Columbia, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map - First reading approval was given on March 15, 2022 – Approved on second reading.

Council District: 3

Proposal: Request to annex the property and assign a land use classification of Urban Edge Mixed Residential (UEMR) and assign zoning of Office and Institutional District (O-I) at the time of annexation. The property is currently classified as Neighborhood (Medium Density) and zoned RU by Richland County.

Applicant: Patricia R. Edwards / Big & Tall, LLC

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 02/10/2022; Approval (8-0)

Ms. Krista Hampton, Planning and Development Services Director said the community had a meeting on March 24, 2022 and reported a favorable outcome.



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Upon a motion made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to give second reading approval to the Annexation, Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment, and Zoning Map Amendment for 1458 Carolina Road a/k/a 1458 Trinity Three Road; TMS# 16414-08-03 **and** Ordinance No.: 2022-016 - Annexing 1458 Caroline Road a/k/a 1458 Trinity Three Road, Richland County TMS# 16414-08-03 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina Columbia, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map.

24. ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT to Amend Chapter 17, Appendix D for (Historic Sub-District Boundaries, Earlewood Protection Area, Area A) to add TMS# 09107-13-19 (1010 Edgefield Street)

Ordinance No.: 2022-019 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17 (Unified Development Ordinance), Appendix D: Historic Sub-District Boundaries - First reading approval was given on March 15, 2022 – Approved on second reading.

Proposal: Amend Chapter 17, Appendix D: Historic Sub-District Boundaries; request to add TMS# 09107-13-19 (1010 Edgefield Street) to Chapter 17, Appendix D: Historic Sub-District Boundaries (Earlewood Protection Area, Area A) at the time of the property's annexation.

Pertinent Sections: Chapter 17, Appendix D: Historic Sub-District Boundaries, Earlewood Protection Area, Area A

Applicant: Krista Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 02/10/2022; Approval (8-0)

Ms. Krista Hampton, Planning and Development Services Director said a letter from the property owners acknowledging the historic district was in your information and they are under construction.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to give second reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2022-019 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17 (Unified Development Ordinance), Appendix D: Historic Sub-District Boundaries.



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ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

25. Ordinance No.: 2022-021 - Approval for Conveyance of Falling Spring Court, Identified as Richland County TMS#09107-02-02 to Deliverance and Revival Center Church; CF#250-551 – *Approved on first reading*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2022-021 - Approval for Conveyance of Falling Spring Court, Identified as Richland County TMS#09107-02-02 to Deliverance and Revival Center Church; CF#250-551.

ZONING / PLANNING MATTERS - FIRST READING

26. ANNEXATION, INTERIM COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP AMENDMENT, AND INTERIM ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 1.229 acre portion of 181 Newland Road; TMS# 25600-03-15(p) – *Approved on first reading*

Ordinance No.: 2022-027 - Annexing 1.229-acre portion of 181 Newland Road Richland County TMS# 25600-03-15 (portion) – Approved on first reading

Council District: 4

Proposal: Request to assign an interim land use classification of Urban Edge Community Activity Center (UEAC-1) and assign interim zoning of Light Industrial District (LI) at the time of annexation. The property is currently classified as Neighborhood (Medium Density) and zoned M-1 by Richland County.

Applicant: American Container Services, Inc.

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 03/10/2022; Approval (7-0)

Upon a motion made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Annexation, Interim Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment, and Interim Zoning Map Amendment for 1.229 acre portion of 181 Newland Road; TMS# 25600-03-15(p) **and** Ordinance No.: 2022-027 - Annexing 1.229-acre portion of 181 Newland Road Richland County TMS# 25600-03-15 (portion).



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27. ANNEXATION, INTERIM COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP AMENDMENT, AND INTERIM ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 28.24 acres E/S Riding Grove Road and 0.07 acres SE/S Riding Grove Road; TMS# 28908-03-01 and 28904-01-16 – *Approved on first reading*

Ordinance No.: 2022-028 - Annexing 28.24 acres E/S Riding Grove Road, Richland County TMS# 28908-03-01 and 0.07 acre SE/S Riding Grove Road, TMS# 28904-01-16 – Approved on first reading

Council District: 4

Proposal: Request to assign an interim land use classification of Urban Edge Residential Large Lot (UER-2) and assign interim zoning of Planned Development District (PD), a portion within the Floodplain Overlay District (OV-FP) at the time of annexation. The property is currently classified as Neighborhood (Medium Density) and zoned PDD by Richland County.

Applicant: Premium Development, LLC and Woodcreek Development, LLC

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 03/10/2022; Approval (7-0)

Upon a motion made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Annexation, Interim Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment, and Interim Zoning Map Amendment for 28.24 acres E/S Riding Grove Road and 0.07 acres SE/S Riding Grove Road; TMS# 28908-03-01 and 28904-01-16 **and** Ordinance No.: 2022-028 - Annexing 28.24 acres E/S Riding Grove Road, Richland County TMS# 28908-03-01 and 0.07 acre SE/S Riding Grove Road, TMS# 28904-01-16.

RESOLUTION

28. Resolution No.: R-2022-026 - Approval for Release and Abandonment of City of Columbia Sewer Easements for CIP Project# SS7261 (Lake Katherine Sewer Line Capacity Enhancement Project); Richland County TMS#13816-01-20, 13915-11-44, 13816-01-21, 13913-05-22, 13913-05-20, 13913-05-19, 13913-05-18, 13913-05-09, 13914-02-04, 13913-02-03, 13914-02-02, 13911-03-17, 13914-01-01; CF#250-378 – *Approved*

Councilor Duvall asked if the Lake Katherine project has been finished all the way across Devine Street into Gill's Creek.



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Mr. Clint E. Shealy, P.E., Assistant City Manager for Columbia Water said the laying of the pipe is finished. There is a little bit of miscellaneous restoration work still occurring but we are essentially done.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2022-026 - Approval for Release and Abandonment of City of Columbia Sewer Easements for CIP Project# SS7261 (Lake Katherine Sewer Line Capacity Enhancement Project); Richland County TMS#13816-01-20, 13915-11-44, 13816-01-21, 13913-05-22, 13913-05-20, 13913-05-19, 13913-05-18, 13913-05-09, 13914-02-04, 13913-02-03, 13914-02-02, 13911-03-17, 13914-01-01; CF#250-378.

EVENT RESOLUTIONS

29. Resolution No.: R-2022-025 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only within Boyd Plaza adjacent to the Columbia Museum of Art for the Art Blossom Fundraiser, on Wednesday, May 4, 2022, Friday, May 6, Saturday, May 7 and Sunday, May 8, 2022 – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2022-025 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only within Boyd Plaza adjacent to the Columbia Museum of Art for the Art Blossom Fundraiser, on Wednesday, May 4, 2022, Friday, May 6, Saturday, May 7 and Sunday, May 8, 2022.

30. Resolution No.: R-2022-027 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only in Founders Park, 431 Williams Street at Pre-Game Block Parties, on Saturday, April 9 and 16, 2022 – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2022-027 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only in Founders Park, 431 Williams Street at Pre-Game Block Parties, on Saturday, April 9 and 16, 2022.

31. Resolution No.: R-2022-029 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only within the 1400 block of Main Street, the eastern half block of the 1100 block of Hampton Street adjacent to Boyd Plaza at the Jam Room Music Festival on Saturday, October 8, 2022 – *Approved*



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Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2022-029 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only within the 1400 block of Main Street, the eastern half block of the 1100 block of Hampton Street adjacent to Boyd Plaza and Boyd Plaza at the Jam Room Music Festival on Saturday, October 8, 2022 as amended to change event date to October 1, 2022.

APPOINTMENTS

32. Council is asked to approve the appointment of Mr. Billy Cantey to the Tax Modernization Committee, as requested by The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor. – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mayor Rickenmann and seconded by Mr. Taylor, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Mr. Billy Cantey to the Tax Modernization Committee, as requested by The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor.

OTHER MATTERS

33. Council is asked to approve the Installation of a Four-Way Stop Control at the Intersection of Red Bay Road and Coopers Nursery Road, as requested by the Woodcreek Farms Homeowner's Association. – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to approve the installation of a Four-Way Stop Control at the Intersection of Red Bay Road and Coopers Nursery Road, as requested by the Woodcreek Farms Homeowner's Association.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said the Columbia Police Department was awarded national accreditation on April 2, 2022 by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. CPD was first accredited in 2017. The department certainly demonstrates compliance across a number of areas. That is what accreditation ensures. There are approximately 460 national standards. The benefit to our community of accreditation includes greater accountability within the agency, increased community advocacy, improved employee morale, staunch support from government officials, controlled liability insurance costs, and stronger defense against lawsuits and citizen complaints. I am very thankful that they went through the process again and that they were reaccredited.



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Mr. William H. Holbrook, Columbia Police Chief said we are very proud to maintain this recognition. We are committed to this every year. Over 400 standards raise the bar for us and hold us accountable. We have continued to embrace the six pillars of 21st century policing and the renewal of our commitment to these national standards will help us show our commitment and accountability to our community.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REFERRALS, REPORTS, AND NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Rickenmann said we are excited that work is beginning with our Taskforce to Prevent and End Homelessness, chaired by Dr. Bussells, as well as the expansion and continuation of our Tax Modernization Committee, chaired by Councilman Taylor. Both of these committees need help with research and assistance by individuals we would like to engage for their expertise in these respective areas. The following professional service agreements are well below the dollar amount for the City Manager's authorization. It is important for us as a Council to give the manager a vote to move forward with that and for the public to understand what we are doing. The first one for the Taskforce to Prevent and End Homelessness is to approve a \$10,000 engagement to produce relevant homeless social service data, recommendations and collaboration models that support efficiencies to reduce the homeless population in Columbia and Richland County. This will be done by Treacy Dobbins of Inspire Real Change, Inc. The second is for the Tax Modernization Committee. Dr. Stephen Walters, our economist is requesting \$2,705 for his economic advising services and to present options and recommend a plan that lowers 6% assessed property taxes without increasing other taxes and fees and details where our community stands competitively, relative to other midlands counties, state, and the southeast. Next, we have Dr. Rebecca Gunnlaugsson at \$6,000 for economic advising work along with Dr. Walters to present options and recommend a plan that lowers 6% assessed property taxes without increasing other taxes/fees and details where our community stands competitively, relative to other midlands counties, state counties and the southeast. The last part is for Charles L.A. Terreni of the Terreni Law Firm, LLC for a legal advising services retainer agreement through the City Attorney's Office in the amount of \$4,500. We originally thought this would be \$20,000 and we are under \$13,000 for the combined contracts.

Councilor Herbert asked if the amount for the attorney is a retainer or the full amount.

Mayor Rickenmann said it is a retainer agreement that covers their costs projected for this project.



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Upon a motion made by Mayor Rickenmann and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to authorize the City Manager to proceed with four contracts for professional services for the Task Force to Prevent and End Homelessness and the Tax Modernization Committee.

34. Central Midlands Council of Governments March 24, 2022 Board Meeting – *Received as information. No action was taken.*

PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Ramy Alawar, University of South Carolina student expressed concerns about Finlay Park. I propose that we get rid of the fence around the shaded area and get some running water in the water fountains. I have talked to students at USC such as myself and they share this concern. Many of them couldn't be here today because these meetings are held at 4:00 p.m. on a workday. That is another concern on its own. We want access to the entire park and access to drinking water and shade.

Mayor Rickenmann said we are in the middle of redesigning Finlay Park for a total overhaul but we will look into this. I don't know about the water fountain but we'll make sure that staff addresses it. The stage is fenced off because part of it is dilapidated and the other was because there as a lot of illegal activities occurring on a constant basis. We can look at what alternatives we can provide for those who would like to use the park and come up with a nice balance.

Ms. Jacklyn Sobotowicz expressed concerns about Finlay Park. I have lived in Columbia my whole life during which time we have been to every park in the city. We would always go and have picnics, family days and activities with the extended family. That all stopped with COVID. Now that we are getting back to normal, we decided to go back to Finlay Park for a picnic. We couldn't sit under the shaded stage and there was no water at the fountains for the kids. I was dismayed to see our public park in such poor repair. My hope is that renovations begin soon so we can start to enjoy the public park that we all pay for.

Mr. John Black, Columbia Council of Neighborhoods President said the Columbia Council of Neighborhoods will be having our annual awards banquet next Wednesday, April 13, 2022. I wanted to announce that two city employees are being inducted into our hall of fame: Ms. Veronica Walker from Public Relations and Ms. Charmaine Clark from Community Development. Tickets sales are going on now. Tables of six are \$225 and individual tickets are \$40. Thank you to Councilwoman Herbert for her contribution to make sure that this is a successful event to celebrate our citizens of Columbia.



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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 5:10 p.m. for the discussion of **Item 35**. Ms. Herbert, Dr. Bussells, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Duvall, Mr. McDowell, and Mayor Rickenmann voted aye. Mr. Taylor voted nay.

35. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2)

- *Executive Management and Leasing, Inc.*
- *Convention Center*
- *Evergreen*

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Erika D. Moore Hammond, CMC
City Clerk