



COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022

The Columbia City Council conducted a meeting on Tuesday, May 17, 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. McDowell and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda subject to deferring **Item 1** and **Item 20** and amending **Item 19** to change the council district from one to two.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

No comments were received at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Council is asked to approve the May 3, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes. – *Deferred*

PRESENTATIONS

2. National Police Week Proclamation - The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor

Mayor Rickenmann led a moment of silence for all police officers who have lost their lives and for everyone who have lost their lives to violence, especially gun violence.

Mayor Rickenmann and the members of City Council proclaimed the week of May 11 – 17, 2022 as National Police Week in the City of Columbia.



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3. Public Works Week Presentation – Mr. Robert Anderson, Public Works Director and National Public Works Week Proclamation - The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor

Mr. Robert Anderson, Public Works Director said the theme for the department this year is “Ready and Resilient”. The city has always been a great supporter of the American Public Works Association (APWA). Samantha Yager will be the president starting June 2022. APWA has assisted with networking, training, information, and collaborations. We are still working on our accreditation program. The Public Works Department has been ready and resilient through the pandemic. We worked on the Exxon parking lot in collaboration with many departments. We are working on the Leap and Lead Grants. We have struggled with staffing. We have high vacancy rates in forestry, solid waste, streets, animal, and traffic. At one time we had over 35 vacancies in solid waste. We decided to do something different and host open interviews. By using open interviews we fixed the vacancy problem in solid waste in about 30 days. The express onboarding has been working great. We are happy to see our vacancy rates come down. The people here today are part of our staff that work hard every day. We are holding our Touch-A-Truck event on Saturday May 21, 2022 only for the City of Columbia family. We want the whole family to come and have a good time.

Mayor Rickenmann thanked everybody that works at public works. I don't think people fully understand everything that goes on. This year marks 62 years of Public Works Week, which is incredible. This is our opportunity to shine the light on you all and thank you for all you do.

Mayor Rickenmann and the members of City Council proclaimed the week of May 15 – 21, 2022 as Public Works Week in the City of Columbia.

4. 2022 Columbia Black Expo Update - Mr. Darrin Thomas, South Carolina Black Pages President

Mr. Darrin Thomas, President of South Carolina Black Pages said I am excited to share with you the return of the 2022 Columbia Black Expo. The purpose is to give exposure and visibility to small minority own companies in hopes that those businesses will grow, have a profound impact on our tax base, and grow economically in the city. The event is twofold, not only does it impact the businesses and our citizens but it also attracts a substantial amount of visitors. All of our events historically have been housed within the City of Columbia. We made certain that we helped our out of town visitors understand how we are going to keep them safe coming out of the heels of the pandemic. We hired a firm to collect data because it is always helpful to share that data so that we know where we can make the biggest investment to get more people visiting the



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event. We are very proud of our partnership with the Office of Business Opportunities. I welcome you and ask you to please come experience this incredible event. We are very proud of what we have been able to accomplish with the help of the city. We look forward to serving the citizens of Columbia.

Councilor McDowell said Darrin, you have been a mighty force in our community. Even during COVID when we went virtual, there was a tremendous response from the Black Expo. I think it has been almost 30 years of the Black Pages. You don't get any better than that. Thank you so much for your leadership.

Mayor Rickenmann said Darrin, if you will do me a favor and for all those visitors from out of town, please give them a packet about moving here. We have plenty of great housing, great jobs, and great opportunities. We would love for them to be part of our community on a permanent basis. I look forward to seeing you over the weekend and seeing this year's celebration.

5. Rania Jamison Proclamation - The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor

Mayor Rickenmann and the members of City Council proclaimed the historic achievement of Rania Jamison in becoming the first African-American president of the Junior League of Columbia in the City of Columbia.

Ms. Rania Jamison, President of the Junior League of Columbia said I am honored to represent a powerhouse group of women. We believe in collaboration and we are so excited about the opportunity to continue to collaborate with the City of Columbia. I give because I believe that our community is worth it. The Junior League has been around for 98 years. We have done some amazing things here in Columbia like the partnership with Roy Lynch Park that exists today. I have some exciting things for us to do to continue to uplift our women, our children, and our families. Thank you for this honor. I would be remiss if I did not celebrate one of the people that paved the way for me to be in this position, our City Manager Teresa Wilson. She is an amazing member of the league and we are proud of her.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 6 THROUGH 11

Upon a single motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to approve **Consent Agenda Items 6 through 11**.

Mayor Rickenmann said I want to note that on Item 8, we are investing close to \$19 million in a rehab study and work on sanitary and sewer rehabilitation in the Broad River area.



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6. Council is asked to approve a Contract to Purchase a 2022 Freightliner Rear Loader Garbage Truck for the Solid Waste Division, as requested by the Fleet Services Division on December 29, 2021. Award to Amick Equipment Company, using the North Carolina Sheriff's Association Cooperative Contract, in the amount of \$247,711.85. The vendor is located in Lexington, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Capital Replacement - Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment - Capital (6308972-658500). The original budget amount is \$247,711.85.

7. Council is asked to approve a Contract to Purchase Two 2023 Heil Python Automated Side Loaders for the Solid Waste Division, as requested by the Fleet Services Division on March 22, 2022. Award to Carolina Environmental Systems, using the Sourcewell Cooperative Contract in the amount of \$642,140.00. The vendor is located in Kernersville, NC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Capital Replacement - Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment - Capital (6308972-658500). The original budget amount is \$642,140.00.

8. Council is asked to approve a Contract for Project SS7424; Broad River 02 Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Study and Rehabilitation, as requested by Columbia Water on October 15, 2021. Award to AM-Liner East, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$18,792,153.71, which includes contingency. The contractor is located in Berryville, VA. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Engineering - Water & Sewer Improvements (5529999-SS742401-658650). The original budget amount is \$18,792,153.71.

This is a Columbia Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (CDBE) program project with a 17% CDBE goal. The CDBE goal for this project was exceeded at 71.12%. AM-Liner East, Inc. is the prime contractor and will provide rehabilitation services at 28.88% (\$4,935,268.10) of the total contract amount. The following subcontractors will provide additional services:

North American Pipeline Management, Inc., a Minority Business Enterprise (W) and CDBE of Columbia SC, will provide CCTV/Cleaning, excavation, asphalt paving, manholes and piping services at 69.70% (\$11,905,517.84) of the total contract amount.

L.A. Barrier & Son, Inc., a Minority Business Enterprise (W) and CDBE of Lexington, SC, will provide hauling services at 1.42% (\$242,990.16) of the total contract amount.



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9. Ordinance No.: 2022-013 - Granting an encroachment to Mungo Homes Properties, LLC and Eastfair Development, LLC for the use of the right of way areas of the 500 Block of Eastfair Drive, 600 Block of Legacy Park Court and 1400 Block of Sandra Drive, adjacent to 635, 636, and 652 Legacy Park Court, and 1445 Sandra Drive for the installation and maintenance of guest parking spaces, Richland County TMS#19104-11-47, 19201-13-01, and 19201-13-23 - *First reading approval was given on May 3, 2022 – Approved on second reading.*
10. Ordinance No.: 2022-034 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Reinstatement and Seventeenth Amendment to the Purchase Agreement between the City of Columbia and Bright-Meyers 2001, LLC for the sale of 5.97 +/- acres (Capital City Stadium), Richland County TMS #11204-02-02 - *First reading approval was given on May 3, 2022 – Approved on second reading.*
11. Ordinance No.: 2022-036 - Granting an encroachment to Lee and Maple, LLC, for the use of the right of way area of the 2700 block of Lee Street for the installation and maintenance of four on-street parking spaces, two brick columns and sidewalks adjacent to 803 Maple Street, Richland County TMS#11316-03-04 - *First reading approval was given on May 3, 2022 – Approved on second reading.*

PUBLIC HEARING & FIRST READING FOR ZONING / PLANNING MATTERS

Council opened the public hearing at 4:46 p.m.

12. Annexation, Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment, and Zoning Map Amendment for 2905 Two Notch Road; TMS# 11613-12-30 and 11613-12-31 – *Approved on first reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2022-038 - Annexing 2905 Two Notch Road, Richland County TMS# 11613-12-30 and TMS# 11613-12-31 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina Columbia, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map – Approved on first reading.

Council District: 2

Proposal: Request to annex the property and assign a land use classification of Urban Core Community Activity Center (UCAC-2) and assign zoning of Mixed Use District (MU-2) at the time of annexation. The property is currently classified as Mixed Residential (High Density) and zoned GC by Richland County.

Applicant: Elonda Mack

Staff Recommendation: Approval

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



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Ms. Diane Wiley, Belvedere Community President said there was no sign indicating a zoning change and I think you all should wait on this.

Mayor Rickenmann asked about the intent of the property.

Ms. Krista Hampton, Planning and Development Services Director said this is a donut hole. The intent is to annex the property and zone it consistent with the adjacent property. The property is currently vacant. We can get the redevelopment plan if there is one and provide more information to Ms. Wiley.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Annexation, Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment, and Zoning Map Amendment for 2905 Two Notch Road; TMS# 11613-12-30 and 11613-12-31 **and** Ordinance No.: 2022-038 - Annexing 2905 Two Notch Road, Richland County TMS# 11613-12-30 and TMS# 11613-12-31 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina Columbia, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map.

13. Annexation, Future Land Use Map Amendment, and Zoning Map Amendment for 0.21 acres W/S Canal Drive; TMS #07311-08-17 – *Approved on first reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2022-039 - Annexing 0.21 acres W/S Canal Drive, Richland County TMS# 07311-08-17 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina Columbia, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map – Approved on first 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 Mixed Use District (MU-1) at the time of annexation. The property is currently classified as Mixed Residential (High Density) and zoned RS-MD by Richland County.

Applicant: Ina Lee Lightner

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 04/14/2022; Approval (5-0)



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Ms. Kathleen McDaniel, Attorney for applicant said Ms. Lightner and I are here for this item and item 19 in case you all have any questions.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Annexation, Future Land Use Map Amendment, and Zoning Map Amendment for 0.21 acres W/S Canal Drive; TMS #07311-08-17 **and** Ordinance No.: 2022-039 - Annexing 0.21 acres W/S Canal Drive, Richland County TMS# 07311-08-17 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina Columbia, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map.

14. Annexation, Future Land Use Map Amendment, and Zoning Map Amendment for 2311 and 2301 Percival Road; TMS #19711-06-14 and 19711-06-15 – *Approved on first reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2022-040 - Annexing 2311 Percival Road and 2301 Percival Road, Richland County TMS# 19711-06-14 and TMS# 19711-06-15 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina Columbia, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map – Approved on first reading.

Council District: 4

Proposal: Request to annex the property and assign a land use classification of Urban Edge Multi-family (UEMF) and assign zoning of Residential Mixed District (RM-2) at the time of annexation. The property is currently classified as Neighborhood (Medium Density) and zoned RM-HD by Richland County.

Applicant: Samantha Eargle and Caroline Powell

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 04/14/2022; Approval (5-0)

No comments were received at this time.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Taylor, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Annexation, Future Land Use Map Amendment, and Zoning Map Amendment for 2311 and 2301 Percival Road; TMS #19711-06-14 and 19711-06-15 **and** Ordinance No.: 2022-040 - Annexing 2311 Percival Road and 2301 Percival Road, Richland County TMS# 19711-06-14 and TMS# 19711-06-15 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina Columbia, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map.



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15. Annexation, Future Land Use Map Amendment, and Zoning Map Amendment for 17, 25, and 33 Montreat Court; TMS #19211-01-31, 19211-01-30, and 19211-01-29 – *Approved on first reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2022-041 - Annexing 17, 25 and 33 Montreat Court, Richland County TMS# 19211-01-31, TMS# 19211-01-30 and TMS# 19211-01-29 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina Columbia, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map – Approved on first 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), portions within the Floodplain Overlay District (OV-FP) at the time of annexation. The property is currently classified as Neighborhood (Medium Density) and zoned RS-LD by Richland County.

Applicant: Fidelis Financial, a Georgia limited liability company

Staff Recommendation: Denial

PC Recommendation: 04/14/2022; Approval (5-0)

Ms. Krista Hampton, Planning and Development Services Director said this is a rare instance where the staff has recommended denial of the annexation. It is still your decision, but I wanted to let you know the reasons for that. A preponderance of the properties are actually in the floodway, not just in the flood plain. In addition, while to the left is adjacent to the city limits, it is actually a mile away on the road for city services to get to those parcels.

Ms. Betty Templeton, said you have to go through two overgrown lots to get to this property. There is only one lane of traffic and so many holes where you have to zig zag on the road. The trees are being cut down. I called the number on the sign and they told me they did not know what the purpose of the property will be. I live right next to one of the vacant lots. I have called code enforcement to come check the lots and no one has come. Councilor Taylor said this will probably be the best way to get everything cleaned up. We can move it forward and get more information in between readings.



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Mayor Rickenmann said let's have staff look at what could be built and how that would improve the area. At that point we can make a decision if we want to move forward. Mr. Taylor brings up a good point. You get more protection if we are involved in that situation than it just being with no control at this point. We don't have to give it second reading until we have the opportunity to reach out to the applicant and get more information and understand what is going on before we move it. I would support the motion with the understanding that we are not going to give second reading until we have the opportunity to look into it.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mayor Rickenmann, Council voted five (5) to two (2) to give first reading approval to the Annexation, Future Land Use Map Amendment, and Zoning Map Amendment for 17, 25, and 33 Montreat Court; TMS #19211-01-31, 19211-01-30, and 19211-01-29 **and** Ordinance No.: 2022-041 - Annexing 17, 25 and 33 Montreat Court, Richland County TMS# 19211-01-31, TMS# 19211-01-30 and TMS# 19211-01-29 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina Columbia, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map. Mr. Taylor, Ms. Herbert, Dr. Bussells, Mr. Brennan, and Mayor Rickenmann voted aye. Mr. McDowell and Mr. Duvall voted nay.

16. Annexation, Future Land Use Map Amendment, and Zoning Map Amendment for 3740 Pearl Street; TMS # 09103-06-01 – *Approved on first reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2022-042 -Annexing 3740 Pearl Street, Richland County TMS# 09103-06-01 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina Columbia, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map – Approved on first reading.

Council District: 1

Proposal: Request to annex the property and assign a land use classification of Urban Core Mixed Residential-2 (UCMR-2) and assign zoning of Employment Campus District (EC) at the time of annexation. The property is currently classified as Mixed Use Corridor and zoned GC by Richland County.

Applicant: Abbie L. Cochran and Charles Cochran

Staff Recommendation: Approval - see detail

PC Recommendation: 04/14/2022; Approval (5-0)

No comments were received at this time.

Councilor Herbert said we need to make sure that this will be used in the proper manner.



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Upon a motion made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Annexation, Future Land Use Map Amendment, and Zoning Map Amendment for 3740 Pearl Street; TMS # 09103-06-01 **and** Ordinance No.: 2022-042 -Annexing 3740 Pearl Street, Richland County TMS# 09103-06-01 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina Columbia, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map.

17. Annexation, Future Land Use Map Amendment, and Zoning Map Amendment for 1482 Caroline Road; TMS # 16414-08-04 – *Approved on first reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2022-043 - Annexing 1482 Caroline Road, Richland County TMS# 16414-08-04 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina Columbia, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map – Approved on first 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 (OI) at the time of annexation. The property is currently classified as Neighborhood (Medium Density) and zoned RU by Richland County.

Applicant: Toma T. Patterson, A. Forbes Patterson, Trustee, and Alexander Forbes Patterson / Big & Tall, LLC

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 04/14/2022; Approval (5-0)

No comments were received at this time.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Annexation, Future Land Use Map Amendment, and Zoning Map Amendment for 1482 Caroline Road; TMS # 16414-08-04 **and** Ordinance No.: 2022-043 - Annexing 1482 Caroline Road, Richland County TMS# 16414-08-04 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina Columbia, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map.



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18. Zoning Map Amendment for 5901 Fairfield Road TMS #11708-07-01 – *Approved on first reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2022-044 - Amending the Official Zoning Map to modify the zoning for 5901 Fairfield Road, Richland County TMS #11708-07-01 – Approved on first reading.

Council District: 1

Proposal: Request to rezone the property from General Commercial District (GC) to Light Industrial District (LI).

Applicant: Ransom Creech, Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc.

Staff Recommendation: Approval

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

No comments were received at this time.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Herbert and seconded by Mr. Taylor, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2022-044 - Amending the Official Zoning Map to modify the zoning for 5901 Fairfield Road, Richland County TMS #11708-07-01.

19. Zoning Map Amendment for 1101, 1105, 1107 Balsam Road and 1405 Canal Drive, TMS # 07311-08-05, 07311-08-06, 07311-08-07, and 07311-08-08 – *Approved on first reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2022-046 - Amending the Official Zoning Map to modify the zoning for 1101, 1105 and 1107 Balsam Road and 1405 Canal Drive, Richland County TMS# 07311-08-05, TMS# 07311-08-06, TMS# 07311-08-07 and TMS# 07311-08-08 – Approved on first reading.

Council District: 1

Proposal: Request to rezone the property from Residential Single Family-Medium Lot (RSF-2) and Residential Single Family-Small Lot (RSF-3) to Mixed Use District (MU-1).

Applicant: Kathleen McDaniel, Burnette, Shutt, & McDaniel, PA

Staff Recommendation: Approval

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



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No comments were received at this time.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Taylor, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2022-046 - Amending the Official Zoning Map to modify the zoning for 1101, 1105 and 1107 Balsam Road and 1405 Canal Drive, Richland County TMS# 07311-08-05, TMS# 07311-08-06, TMS# 07311-08-07 and TMS# 07311-08-08.

20. Zoning Map Amendment for 446 Clemson Road and 446 Clemson Road Ext., TMS #25700-02-01 and 25700-04-02 – *Approved on first reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2022-045 - Amending the Official Zoning Map to modify the zoning for 446 Clemson Road and 446 Clemson Road Extension, Richland County TMS #25700-02-01 and TMS #25700-04-02 – Approved on first reading.

Council District: 4

Proposal: Request to rezone the property from Mixed-Use District (MU-2) to General Commercial District (GC).

Applicant: Craig Waites, Jr., Colliers International of South Carolina, Inc.

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 04/14/2022; Approval (5-0)

Mr. Tom Harmon, said my wife and I have lived at this address for 10 years moving here from Texas. We have enjoyed it. Not to be too critical, but why in the world would you ever want to change the zoning on this piece of property? It is absolutely beautiful. Simpson road goes far so there is so much property that is still available for commercial use. I don't see why you need these three little parcels. We would like to maintain this community the way it is. We have about a hundred units there and we get along great. We want to continue that.

Ms. Lois Harmon, said we have a hundred happy people living there between Clemson and facing Earth Road. Tom and I particularly enjoy the tall trees in the smallest segment. We sit on our patio and enjoy the trees. Those trees provide clean air, cut down sound and provide many other benefits. We don't want a gas station behind us.



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Ms. Karson Kocher, said I'm with my grandmother who is 98. This community is just wonderful. We can walk and enjoy nature. My grandmother loves the trees. We do not want it to get over populated and have horrible traffic.

Mr. Craig Waites, Jr., Applicant said I am here representing the entities that own each one of those properties. Our request is simply to gain back what we had in previous zoning. Those parcels are actually rather large. They mentioned the small parcel there. That is about six acres on the corner is Spears Creek and Earth. The one across the street, is about 50 acres and if you go down Clemson Road further, that is the industrial part there. We are asking for what we had from the beginning before the map amendments all took place when the new zoning ordinance was enacted.

Mr. Kelly Overmyer, asked for an explanation of the zoning.

Ms. Krista Hampton, Planning and Development Services Director said the zoning was GC (general commercial) or C3 depending on whether you're in the city or the county. That is a general commercial zoning district. They are requesting to zone the existing district, which is a mixed use district, into that general commercial zoning district. It was general commercial when it was in the county and when we annexed it. We have some new zoning maps and that is where this mixed use district came in. They are looking to go back to the general commercial, meaning your normal run of the mill commercial district.

Mr. Kelly Overmyer, said you are going to have houses backed up right into these commercial properties. People live in these neighborhoods; this isn't downtown. We didn't move to downtown to live next to these things. We moved here to be more secluded in a suburban type area.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Brennan, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2022-045 - Amending the Official Zoning Map to modify the zoning for 446 Clemson Road and 446 Clemson Road Extension, Richland County TMS #25700-02-01 and TMS #25700-04-02.

Council closed the public hearing at 5:38 p.m.



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ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

21. Ordinance No.: 2022-047 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute the Second Amendment of License Agreement and Memorandum of Lease between Core Campus I, LLC and the City of Columbia – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2022-047 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute the Second Amendment of License Agreement and Memorandum of Lease between Core Campus I, LLC and the City of Columbia

RESOLUTION

22. Resolution No.: 2022-042 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Warranty Agreement between Mungo Homes Properties, LLC and the City of Columbia – *Approved*

Councilor Taylor asked for background information.

Ms. Teresa Knox, City Attorney said the warranty is for all the sections of the development that are not finished and need to bond out. We did not want to do it because the construction work may destroy something. Mungo is warranting to us that they will fix what they break.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Taylor, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: 2022-042 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Warranty Agreement between Mungo Homes Properties, LLC and the City of Columbia.

EVENT RESOLUTIONS

23. Resolution No.: R-2022-039 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only within Boyd Plaza adjacent to the Columbia Museum of Art for CDL Presents Dinner by Design on Sunday May 22, 2022 – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Dr. Bussells and seconded by Mr. Brennan, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2022-039 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only within Boyd Plaza adjacent to the Columbia Museum of Art for CDL Presents Dinner by Design on Sunday May 22, 2022.



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24. Resolution No.: R-2022-044 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only within Boyd Plaza adjacent to the Columbia Museum of Art for More Than Rhythm: A Black Music Series Featuring Benny Starr on Friday, June 3, 2022 – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2022-044 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only within Boyd Plaza adjacent to the Columbia Museum of Art for More Than Rhythm: A Black Music Series Featuring Benny Starr on Friday, June 3, 2022.

APPOINTMENTS

25. Bull Street Commission – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Matt Varner, Ashley Elsey, and Kristen Jerome to the Bull Street Commission.

26. Design Development Review Commission – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Brennan, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Phillip Macguire as the community representative and Bruce Greenberg as an attorney to the Design Development Review Commission for a term of three years.

27. Food Policy Committee – *Deferred*

28. Hospitality Tax Advisory Committee – *Approved*

Councilor McDowell said we need to be sensitive to the email sent out by the chair of the committee. We need to be thoughtful to diversity.

Councilor Bussells said I know Ms. Patel personally and she requested to move her application from the Bull Street Commission because she got confused with the application process. She is a person of color and would do a wonderful job. She is a strategic engagement manager for MUSC and has great relationships across the city. I urge you all to consider allowing her to be our at-large representative.



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Councilor McDowell said I'm not questioning her credentials at all. There needs to be a genuine conversation about diversity on boards and commission.

Councilor Taylor said many of these commissions have slotted positions. You have to have so many restaurateurs, people from lodging, and at-large individuals. I would charge our city attorney to look at this to see if it's ordinance driven from the state or statute driven from the state. Sometimes we struggle to find a person that can fill the spot. We should have a discussion to review of all these committees and see how many are absolutely relevant today. Out of those that are relevant and important, can we remove a lot of the slotting so we can open it up for more people to serve.

Councilor Herbert said I think that there are a lot of things that we can look at to increase accessibility for the boards and commissions. A lot of folk have discussed the meeting times.

Mayor Rickenmann said I agree with taking a deeper dive into all of our committees and look at how they are built and their requirements. In all fairness, we have probably done more than we have ever done to advertise for positions. We have done a monumental turn in making sure that we get the message out about these committees. We will continue to improve and continue to discuss things. I know that our viewership online has increased tremendously and if things need to be changed because people feel left out then we will change them.

Upon a motion made by Dr. Bussells and seconded by Mayor Rickenmann, Council voted five (5) to two (2) to approve the appointment of James Williams as a restaurateur and Punam Patel as an at-large member to the Hospitality Tax Advisory Committee for a term of two years. Mr. Taylor, Dr. Bussells, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Duvall, and Mayor Rickenmann voted aye. Ms. Herbert and Mr. McDowell voted nay.

29. Richland Lexington Airport Commission – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Ms. Herbert, Council voted unanimously to approve the reappointment of Breon Walker to the Richland-Lexington Airport Commission for a term of four years.



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CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REFERRALS, REPORTS, AND NEW BUSINESS

Upon a motion made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Ms. Herbert, Council voted unanimously to refer the evaluation of all boards and commissions to include but not limited to the structure, elimination of ex-officio and non-appointed members, meeting times, continuation and/or consolidation, and enabling legislation to the Administrative Policy Committee.

Councilor Taylor reported that the Economic and Community Development Committee met today. It was a very robust and positive discussion on the things that Council and staff are working together to eliminate things that make us less competitive with small business growth and new investment across the entire city. We will have recommendations for Council on certain things that have to be passed by ordinances and the elimination of certain fees that have been deal killers. We also heard from the Office of Business Opportunities on their successes. We are going to come back after budget season and really spend some time on how we can develop and build minority women and disadvantaged enterprises in Columbia. The Tax Modernization Committee will meet on Thursday. Dr. Walters is coming back into town. We will hopefully have a final draft of the plan. Instead of trying to finalize everything we will spend the course of the summer meeting with individual groups, entities, and other stakeholders before we reconvene for a final meeting in September. By then, we will come back with the final recommendations for the mayor to convene an implementation committee with business leaders, elected leaders, and community leaders in Richland County.

Councilor Herbert reported that the Affordable Housing Task Force met on May 10, 2022 for the first meeting of the year. The primary purpose of the meeting was to look at what the committee will be doing. We took reports from the various committees and made a few decisions. We will like to add a for-profit developer to the committee. If any of you all have any suggestions, please let me know. I intend to send out a survey to the members with some of the issues that were brought up, including the prior reports that have been done to see what we endorse, what we don't want to endorse, and three to five things that we think we can accomplish or be impactful in.

Councilor Bussells said we have been doing a lot of background homework and meeting with providers and stakeholders in the community regarding homelessness services. We will be holding our first task force on homelessness tomorrow at the Busby Community Center at 4:00 p.m. This is open to the public. We have several presentations from staff to get an idea of homelessness in the community as well as time for discussion led by our business and neighborhood leaders.



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Council Herbert thanked the Public Relations Department for the beautiful Know Your City Guide. We know that crime goes up during the summer time so this will be a great resource. I also want to thank the Fire Department for installing smoke detectors this past Saturday in the Monticello Road corridor. We had volunteers that came all the way from Beaufort.

PUBLIC INPUT

Ms. Patricia Simons, Truman Street resident expressed concerns about a vacant lot next to her home with overgrown tree roots that are damaging her driveway and lifting it up where her vehicles will be damaged. The weather has made it worse with the home not being properly kept with overgrown grass and insects. Code Enforcement has notified the owner and he has not done anything. I am asking for assistance in regards to all the issues I am having with both vacant lots beside my home and to find out what is going on with code enforcement.

Mr. Hayden Blakeney, Rosewood Community resident said those of you that follow local journalism may have seen a piece within the *State Newspaper* that was published on March 23, 2022. The piece is in regard to the high rate of diabetic amputations within the 29203 zip code. The article lays out all of the reasons why these diabetic amputations happen at such a high rate. I'd be curious to know what actions the Council is taking or any committee is taking to address this problem. I had a chance to look through some of the agendas of future meetings and past meetings. I cannot find any point addressing this problem in any considerable measure. I would like to know what the city is doing to handle this issue. This is a problem where people are not only rendered handicapped, such that their lives are not given the quality they should, but these are people that can no longer work. These amputations are oftentimes death sentences, 50% to 80% of people who get these lower limb amputations for diabetic reasons die within five years of getting the procedure. If you were told you have cancer, you have a higher survival rate than if you were told you have to get a diabetic amputation. We have to make sure that people can get healthy food and access to medical care. Second, I was brought up with the issue of homelessness. It's an issue that I'm very familiar with. I work with the homeless almost every weekend. While I do look forward to the meeting tomorrow afternoon, I'd like to bring that issue up to everyone because these people are not merely a problem that should go away. They are not merely people to send to another city with a bus ticket. They are members of our community. They are my friends and they are your constituents. I'd like to know what is being done to help them out.



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Councilor Herbert said as a governmental entity we might not move as fast as the public would like but we are working on many initiatives with our food policy committee including: providing incentives for grocers or different businesses that are providing healthy foods, building more sidewalks in 29203 because I think that's a direct correlation with our health and our ability to prevent having diabetes, we are doing biking initiatives, and we are also walking on Wednesdays.

Councilor Bussells said do not think that we don't think about this on a daily basis. I'm an epidemiologist by trade so I'm happy to connect you to many organizations including the Alliance for a Healthier South Carolina. They are looking at how we improve the health and wellbeing of South Carolinians holistically, including some efforts in the Midlands. We recognize that your health and your optimal wellbeing is not just influenced by access to food. It's influenced by economic opportunities, safe roads, safe neighborhoods, less violence, and the potential of youth because they know that there are lots of opportunities out there for them. We are all looking at it with the ultimate goal of how we can reduce disparities so that our kids in 29203 have the same life opportunities as across the city. A lot of us are very passionate and we hope through our systemic approach to make a difference and prevent poor health outcomes from happening.

Ms. Diane Wiley, Belvedere Community President said we have a new service station in the neighborhood and would like to invite you all to do a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Ms. Doreen Skelton, Eureka Street resident expressed concerns regarding the homeless. I am asking the city to see if we can create a facility where individuals with jobs or looking for jobs can go take showers, get a meal, and get contact information on places hiring. Jobs are important to get a home. I have even taken a part-time job at Lowes and it has been very beneficial.

Mr. Joshua Taylor, Transitions Resident said I became homeless about six months ago. I have lived here for about three years. I suffered from a drug addiction since I was about 12 years old. It is a mess out there right now and we need help. Some of us haven't been taught right. Some of us don't know how to do right yet, but we can and with the willingness from the Council we will do better. I know that it comes from change, it starts with us first and we can do that. There are some great people out there. We need help too.



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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 6:29 p.m. for the discussion of **Items 30** through **32**.

30. Receipt of legal advice relating to a pending, threatened or potential claim pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2)

Latesha Brunson and James Heard v. City of Columbia and Columbia Police Department
Beata Dewitt v. City of Columbia

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

Dominion Energy

32. Discussion of the employment of an employee pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(1)

Municipal Court Judges
Organizational Review

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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City Clerk