



COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023

The Columbia City Council held a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor called the meeting to order at 4:17 p.m. The following members were present: The Honorable Howard E. Duvall Jr., The Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr., The Honorable William Brennan, The Honorable Tina N. Herbert, and The Honorable Peter M. Brown. The Honorable Aditi Bussells was absent. 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

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

PUBLIC INPUT RELATED TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Mr. John Black, President of the Columbia Council of Neighborhoods announced that CCN is awarding nine Columbia Clean Up grants to the following neighborhoods:

District One - Bellevue Historic District, Cottontown, Northwoods Hills, and Windermere Springs

District Two - Burton Heights/Standish Acres and Belvedere

District Three - Heritage Woods

District Four – Galaxy Homes and Sherwood Forest

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda subject to deferring **Item 13** (*Ordinance No.: 2023-041 - Consenting to the Inclusion of Property in a Multi-County Industrial/Business Park (2019 Bull Street Owner, LLC, formerly referred to as Project Astral, Richland County TMS # R09016-07-17, R09016-07-18, R09016-07-02, R09016-07-03, R09016-07-04, and R09016-07-06)*).



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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Council is asked to approve the April 4, 2023 Meeting Minutes.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve the April 4, 2023 Meeting Minutes.

PRESENTATIONS

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager presented a proclamation in recognition of Professional Municipal Clerks Week (April 30 through May 6, 2023) to Ms. Erika Hammond and Ms. Levanie Summerville.

Councilor Duvall said congratulations to Erika on the proclamation. The only municipal position South Carolina state law requires is a municipal clerk. A lot of cities have a municipal clerk who does everything. I have always said it is the most important position in municipal government.

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

Ms. Lucinda Statler, Planning Administrator/Planning and Development Services Department presented the May 2023 Bike Month event calendar. She highlighted upcoming ventures such as the Calhoun Street Bike Lane Project and the Central Midlands Bike Share Expansion Study.

Mayor Rickenmann and the members of City Council proclaimed May 2023 as Bike Month and Bicycle Safety Month in the City of Columbia.

3. National Historic Preservation Month Proclamation - The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor and the 2023 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 2023 as Historic Preservation Month in the City of Columbia.



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Ms. Amy Moore, Principal Planner / Planning and Development Services Department presented the May 2023 Historic Preservation Month event calendar and the Mabel Payne Historic Preservation Award to Ms. Kandie Wright. She said her attention to detail and desire to save unique properties provided an exceptional example of how one person can make a difference.

4. Small Business Week 2023 Proclamation - The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor

Mayor Rickenmann and the members of City Council proclaimed April 30 – May 6, 2023 as Small Business Week in the City of Columbia.

Ms. Ayesha Driggers, Director of the Office of Business Opportunities presented an update in relation to Small Business Week. She advertised opportunities that the office had provides within the small business community, to include Food Truck Fridays. She highlighted the multiple grand openings that have occurred around the city.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 5 THROUGH 15

Upon a single motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve the **Consent Agenda Items 5 through 12, 14 and 15.**

5. City Council is asked to approve a new Professional Services Agreement for the Columbia Race and Equity Assessment Project, as requested by City Administration on February 1, 2023. Award to The Greater Columbia Community Relations Council in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00. The term of the Agreement is April 2023 - December 31, 2023. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Resilient Columbia Fund

Administrative Policy Committee Recommendation: 04/25/2023; Approval (3-0)

6. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Life Fitness Equipment for the Charles R. Drew Wellness Center, as requested by the Parks and Recreation Department on March 31, 2023. Award to Carolina Specialty Fitness using the Sourcwell Cooperative Contract, in the amount of \$71,638.10. The vendor is located in Columbia SC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Drew Wellness Equipment - Recreation Physical Fitness Equipment Capital (2165110-658900). The original budget amount is \$71,638.10.



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7. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Security Cameras for Greenview Park, as requested by the Parks and Recreation Department on March 31, 2023. Award to Schneider Electric Buildings using the Omnia Partners Cooperative Contract in the amount of \$73,677.60. The vendor is located in Hopkins, SC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: General Capital Project - Capital Project Cost (4039999-658650). The original budget amount is \$73,677.60.

8. Council is asked to approve a new Professional Services Agreement for Project WM4607-SS7597; Lorick Road Bridge Replacement Over North Branch, as requested by Columbia Water on March 15, 2023. Award to Mead and Hunt, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$437,381.00. The term of this agreement is for twenty six months with two optional one-year renewal periods. This firm is located in Lexington, SC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Water and Sewer Capital Projects - Lorick Road Bridge Replacement - Capital Project Costs (5529999-WM460701-658650) and Water and Sewer Capital Projects - Lorick Road Bridge Replacement - Capital Project Costs (5529999-SS759701-658650). The original budget amount is \$437,381.00.

This is a Mentor Protégé Program project. Mead and Hunt, Inc. is the mentor and will provide utility coordination, evaluation of replacement alternatives, engineering design, bidding phase support, and construction administration services at 67.67% (\$295,951.00) of the total contract amount.

Highfill Infrastructure Engineering, P.C., located in Columbia, SC, is the protégé and will provide preliminary design and permitting services at 22.88% (\$100,087.00) of the total contract amount.

The following subconsultants will provide additional services:

Johnson, Mirmiran, and Thompson, Inc., located in Columbia, SC, will provide Subsurface Utility Engineering (SUE) Level A Test Hole services at 6.27% (\$27,443.00) of the total contract amount.

Terracon Consultants, Inc., located in Columbia, SC, will provide geotechnical engineering services at 3.18% (\$13,900.00) of the total contract amount.

9. Council is asked to approve a new Contract for Project WM471401; AMI Water Meter Installation, as requested by Columbia Water on December 28, 2022. Award to Lake Murray Utility Company, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$642,300.00, which includes contingency. This contractor is located in Chapin, SC. - *Approved*



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Funding Source: Engineering - AMI Water Meter Installation (5529999-WM4714-01-658650). The original budget amount is \$812,400.00.

Lake Murray Utility Company, Inc. is the prime contractor and will provide water meter installation at 84.12% (\$450,250.00) of the total contract amount.

The following subcontractors/suppliers will provide additional services/supplies:

Fortiline Waterworks, located in Lexington, SC, will provide materials at 15.88% (\$85,000.00) of the total contract amount.

10. ANNEXATION, FUTURE LAND USE MP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 56 Riverview Court; TMS# 09106-21-11 - *Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2023-045 - Annexing 56 Riverview Court, Richland County TMS #09106-21-11 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map - Approved on second reading.

Council District: 1

Proposal: Request to annex the property, assign land use classification of Urban Core Residential Small lot (UCR-1), and assign zoning of Residential Single Family Small Lot (RSF-3) at the time of annexation. The property is currently classified as Mixed Residential (High Density) and zoned RM-HD by Richland County.

Applicant: Sheila Ann McKay

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 03/09/2023; Approval (6-0)

First reading approval was given on April 18, 2023.



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11. AMENDMENTS TO THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE

Ordinance No.: 2023-048 - Amending The Unified Ordinance of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Article 2: Administration, Sec. 17-2.5(e)(4)(12); Sec. 17-2.5(r)(2)(b); and, Article 3: Zoning Districts, Sec. 17-3.2(h)(3); Sec. 17-3.3(d)(3); and, Article 4: Use Regulations, Sec. 17-4.2(b) Table 17-4.2(b)(4) Table (4); Sec. 17-4.2(c)(3)(f)(3)(i) and (vi); Sec. 17-4.2(c)(3)(g); Sec. 17-4.2(c)(5); Sec. 17-4.2(c)(3)(c)(2)(iii); Sec. 17-4.2(c)(3)(c)(3)(ii); Sec. 17-4.2(c)(3)(f)(2)(iii, iv, and v); Sec. 17-4.3(b)(4); Table 17-4.3(b)(5); Sec. 17-4.3(d)(8); and, Article 5: Development Standards, Sec. 17-5.2(c)(2)(b); Sec. 17-5.2(d)(5); Sec. 17-5.8(d); Table 17-5.8(d)(3); Sec. 17-5.10(c)(7)(b)(2) and, Article 9: Definitions and Rules of Measurement, Sec. 17-9.2(b)(2); Sec. 17-9.3(a)(5)(f); Sec. 17-9.3(a)(5)(i)(5); and Sec. 17-9.4 – Approved on second reading.

Proposal: Amendments to the text of Chapter 17 of the Columbia Code of Ordinances entitled “Unified Development Ordinance of the City of Columbia, South Carolina”

Applicant: Hope Hasty, Zoning Administrator

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: Approved (6-0)

First reading approval was given on April 18, 2023.

12. Ordinance No.: 2023-049 - Granting an encroachment to the University of South Carolina for the use of the alley right of way area of the 1300 block of Flora Street for the installation and maintenance of a drive aisle adjacent to 205 S. Sumter Street, Richland County TMS# 11301-11-01 and 11301-11-02 - *First reading approval was given on April 18, 2023. – Approved on second reading.*

13. Ordinance No.: 2023-041 - Consenting to the Inclusion of Property in a Multi-County Industrial/Business Park (2019 Bull Street Owner, LLC, formerly referred to as Project Astral, Richland County TMS # R09016-07-17, R09016-07-18, R09016-07-02, R09016-07-03, R09016-07-04, and R09016-07-06) - *First reading approval was given on April 18, 2023. - Deferred*

Economic Development & Infrastructure Committee Recommendation: 12/13/22; Approval (3-0)

14. Resolution No.: R-2023-030 - 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, November 4, 2023 - *Approved*



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15. Resolution No.: R-2023-034 - Authorizing consumption of beer, wine and liquor within Boyd Plaza adjacent to the Columbia Museum of Art for Power of the Purse on Thursday, May 18, 2023 - *Approved*

ZONING / PLANNING MATTERS - SECOND READING

16. ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 0.47acres S/S Sunset Drive, TMS#09107-07-04 and 09107-07-05 - *First reading approval was given on April 18, 2023. – Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2023-046 - Amending the Official Zoning Map to modify the zoning for S/S Sunset Drive, Richland County TMS# 09107-07-04 and TMS# 09107-07-05 – Approved on second reading

Council District: 1

Proposal: Request to rezone the property from Residential Single Family-Medium Lot District (RSF-2) in the Earlewood Protection Area B Overlay District (OV-HP) to Mixed Use District (MU-1) in the Earlewood Protection Area B Overlay District (OV-HP).

Applicant: Kenneth McWilliams, River Drive Creative

Staff Recommendation: Approval for TMS# 09107-07-04 and Denial for TMS# 09107-07-05

PC Recommendation: 03/09/2023; Approval (5-1)

Councilor Herbert confirmed that there was neighborhood input.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Herbert and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to give second reading approval to the Zoning Map Amendment for 0.47acres S/S Sunset Drive, TMS#09107-07-04 and 09107-07-05.

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

17. ANNEXATION, INTERIM FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT, AND INTERIM ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 800 Dutch Square Boulevard; TMS#07401-07-21 - *Approved on first reading.*

*Ordinance No.: 2023-050 - Annexing 800 Dutch Square Boulevard, Richland County TMS #07401-07-21
Approved on first reading*



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Council District: 2

Proposal: Request to assign interim land use classification of Urban Core Community Activity Center (UCAC-2) and assign interim zoning of Community Activity Center/Corridor (CAC) with a pending annexation. The property is currently classified as Mixed Use Corridor I a priority Investment Area and a designated Community Activity Center, and zoned General commercial (GC) by Richland County.

Applicant: The Midlands Housing Alliance, Inc.

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 04/13/2023; Approval (5-0)

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Annexation, Interim Future Land Use Map Amendment, and Interim Zoning Map Amendment for 800 Dutch Square Boulevard; TMS#07401-07-21.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS, REFERRALS AND NEW BUSINESS

Councilor Brennan provided an overview of the report that the Arts, Historic Preservation, and Philanthropy Committee received from One Columbia. He said we will be working together come up with ideas on how we can get more community based programs through their network. How can we team up to chase national, state, and federal philanthropy grants out there for the betterment of the arts in our community? I look forward to continuing the conversation with One Columbia and we'll pick up with more topics next month.

Councilor Herbert reported that the Community Development Committee met today. Jacqueline Williams, master gardener for the Parks and Recreation Department provided an overview of our community gardens program. Everyone was surprised to see all of the things we have going on in each of the zip codes. More Justice was our guest at the meeting and I think they were impressed with a lot of the things that we were already doing. We didn't start community gardens to address food insecurity. More Justice had interesting questions about data and we looked at the ways in which we collect data.

Councilor Duvall said Dr. Bussells chaired a very good Health, Social, and Environmental Affairs Committee meeting. We will have to defer her report until she gets back.



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Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said the meeting involved discussion of the unification with the Lourie Center and Senior Resources. The committee endorsed the concept and asked us to refer it to Council with the contingency that Richland County is also going to participate with the funding proposal. We do have a draft letter that we're going to send to the county with that endorsement as long as that's okay with Council.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Javar Juarez said that Linda Kershaw recruited me to come here from Hollywood and despite my family having sold \$2.5 million in records since 1973, I only had \$50 to my name. Since then I have performed over 400 concerts and 60 recitals. I have professionally trained more than a dozen independent artists. I became a serious working professional here. A municipal auditorium is necessary to expand our city's international appeal. I am here to commit myself to helping raise awareness and money towards these efforts.

Ms. Audra Hawisher said that she is a citizen of Irmo and she is here to speak on a matter of safety in the Harbison area. Thank you City Manager Teresa Wilson and Chief Skip Holbrook for meeting with myself, my neighbors, Cindy Kellet (Executive Director of the Harbison Community Association) and State Representative Nathan Ballentine last Monday to talk about these matters. Mayor Rickenmann, thank you for speaking to Irmo Town Councilman Eric Sickinger periodically. We have been dealing with rising criminal activity for years. When three armed individuals broke into my home on January 31, my surveillance camera footage got the attention of over 20,000 people. I have been working with Irmo Town Council to research the Flock [license plate reader] and facial recognition cameras that were recently approved at the council meeting. We are here to support the city in helping police the area.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Ms. Herbert, Council voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 5:08 p.m. for the discussion of **Items 18** through **20**.

18. Receipt of legal advice relating to matters covered by attorney-client privilege pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2)

Meal Sharing Ordinance



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19. Discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(5)

Project Royale

20. Discussion of the employment of an employee pursuant to §30-4-70(a)(1)

City Manager and City Attorney Evaluation Process

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Erika D. Moore Hammond, CMC
City Clerk