



COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2019

WORK SESSION - 2:00 P.M.

The Columbia City Council conducted a Work Session on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201. The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m. and the following members of Council were present: The Honorable Sam Davis, The Honorable Mayor Pro-Tempore Tameika Isaac Devine, The Honorable Moe Baddourah, The Honorable Howard E. Duvall, Jr., The Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr., and The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann. Also present were Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Moore, City Clerk. This meeting was advertised in accordance to the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

INVOCATION

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

FISCAL YEAR 2019/2020 BUDGET WORKSHOP

1. Columbia Water Update

- *Columbia Water Successes and Priorities - Mr. Clint Shealy, Assistant City Manager for Columbia Water; Mr. Joey Jaco, Utility Operations Director; and Ms. Dana Higgins, Engineering Director*

Mr. Clint Shealy, Assistant City Manager for Columbia Water said Ms. Wilson had the vision for Columbia Water and we implemented that in July 2017. We reorganized with an emphasis on customer service, transparency, and accountability. We split out Engineering and Utility Operations. We put an emphasis on customer care. We developed a communications group. A year ago, we brought public works into the fold and that synergy is working well, particularly with making repairs after we do a street cut. We've invested in a new facility for our customer care team. We've developed a customer advocate team to provide personalized attention. We are tracking key performance indicators. We are working hard to reduce the number of meters skipped. We are using technology to be efficient and effective. We are rolling out mobile Cityworks and updating our mapping. Through AMI, we will use technology to empower our staff and customers. We've invested in leadership development for our employees. Our focus is to fill key vacancies and to be efficient with our processes. Nobody is going to lose their job due to AMI efficiencies. We will assign them to a vacancy that already exists. He introduced Andrea Bolling as the Deputy Director of Engineering and Frank Eskridge as the Deputy Director of Utility Operations. Moving forward, we will be training our Customer Care staff on AMI. We



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are looking for another company to provide our telephone payment system. We will be promoting the new MyColumbiaSC app; providing easy access to the status of work orders for staff; and developing a new contract process. We will be providing a monthly update to City Council.

Mr. Joey Jaco, Utility Operations Director explained that there are some large projects in our CIP that are in the planning and design phase and it's going to be difficult to get them across the finish line this year. We'd like to hold back on the construction aspect of those projects. Let's not put it in this year's request.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said we are always conscious of single-digit increases versus double-digit increases. I am also conscious of projects getting done. We want to make sure that when you're asking for rate increases, that your constituents and customers are seeing what we are getting done each year and that there's a good balance.

Mr. Clint Shealy, Assistant City Manager for Columbia Water said when we looked at the CIP, there were some projects that we knew we were not ready to move forward with the construction. They are still going to be in design and bidding so why would we borrow the money in this year. We are asking for \$80 million this year. Every other year is still \$120 million for a five-year projection. Year six is \$120 million.

Mr. Joey Jaco, Utility Operations Director said we've implemented mobile Cityworks on the wastewater side and we're doing a lot of asset management. We are about to release an RFP for mapping the water system. We have over \$27 million worth of water quality projects either in design or construction today. The big four projects total over \$15 million for Booker Washington Heights, which was recently started; Earlewood is under construction; Covenant Road and Harrison Road is almost complete; and Lake Katherine was just bid.

Councilor Baddourah said there are still concerns with brown water in the Hollywood Rosehill Neighborhood. Are there future plans to line the pipes?

Mr. Joey Jaco, Utility Operations Director said we are doing some projects in-house for that area. The Rosewood and Shandon areas are in the planning stages. We've done some work already, but we're not finished in that area. There's a lot of construction going on at our Canal Plant. We are replacing vintage pumps and controls and improving the efficiency of our operation. The AMI contractor is in place and they've been doing the field recognition. Badger is the prime and the sub will do all of the installation. We have maps planned out. We will start dropping meters in June. Our goal is to have 25,000 meters installed by the end of this year. It is a three-



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year installation process. We're looking at areas that are difficult to access and areas that may be difficult to install. We're not focusing on one area. The meter change-out is quick and there will be a short disruption of service at the meter. Every lid has to be changed on our meters. Regulatory compliance and water quality are our top priorities. As we do these projects, we are also improving fire protection. We also have to look at system expansion. We've been working hard with our consultants to evaluate the damage at the Columbia Canal and to explore all options for funding. We laid out a two-stage plan to FERC. We are looking at a temporary alternate supply to the river that reduces the risk we experienced in 2015. We will look at making that permanent in the second phase. Our CIP ask for water is \$25.5 million this year. We are focusing on water quality, distribution improvements, and hydraulic efficiency. Additional areas for water quality projects are Rosewood, Shandon, and Earlewood. We have a big project in the northeast, which is pushing more Lake Murray water into our system and resulting in better use of both plants. We are doing a lot of work to assess and rehabilitate our system. We are doing a lot of capacity enhancement work. We have 15 projects under design or construction to build capacity and reduce sanitary sewer overflows. We have twenty-six sewer pump stations that are under evaluation, design, or rehabilitation now. The Lake Katherine construction project has begun. This project will solve the sanitary sewer overflows and open the area back up for development. We hope to have all of the digesters back in use at the Wastewater Treatment Plant by the end of this year. Our Mill Creek Pump Station project provided additional capacity. The Innovista District infrastructure project allows for continued development.

Councilor Devine asked if the improvements that were done in the Innovista District are the ones that were contemplated when we discussed the TIF and is that everything that needs to be done.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said I would think yes, but we probably need to look into that.

Mr. Joey Jaco, Utility Operations Director said we have other large sewer projects that cross some of those properties as well. By June 4, 2019, we intend to have the sewer use ordinance revisions in front of Council for approval. We've been working with DHEC and EPA for several years now. Our pretreatment ordinance is dated and the regulations have changed. We are updating our ordinance to accommodate those pretreatment regulation changes and to implement enforcement abilities when an industry may not be doing what they are supposed to be doing. The real change is for potential industries that may join our system. We have a pretreatment system and we have the ability to add an industry. The next four Consent Decree deliverables deal with the capacity of our system. The Infrastructure Rehabilitation Report is due to the EPA in November. We are five years in and we estimate that it will be a twelve to fifteen-year program. It has benefited us to have a program manager. To date, we've encumbered about \$300 million in funds that are directly associated with our Consent Decree. We are in good standing



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with the EPA. In 2015, we had a huge volume associated with SSOs. We have a downward trend associated with the volume. In the system we fared very well. At the treatment plant, we had an unintended bypass of partially treated sewage. Our priorities for wastewater include regulatory requirements, the Consent Decree, system rehabilitation, wastewater treatment plant improvements, and expansion. Our CIP ask this year is \$54.5 million.

Ms. Dana Higgins, Engineering Director said the 7th floor of Washington Square is the clearinghouse for plans that are submitted for water and sewer outside of City limits. We receive tap sells and new customers for meters. We've been coming out of our management positions and going into leadership meetings within our department to review our processes to see where we can improve. We are creating standard operating procedures. We've been meeting with the Building Industry Association (BIA). We've had success in updating our checklist to make sure the engineer submits complete plans when they come in. We've defined timelines and we're implementing quality control reviews. We are also moving to electronic permitting. We are having issues with the amount of workload for the Real Estate Division. We brought in more real estate agents and next fiscal year, we are looking for help with doing research for easements. We've brought in additional inspectors and project managers to help with all of our storm water projects. We are very proud of the Storm Water Green Bonds that were issued in 2018. We've been working on the Queen Street project in Old Shandon; the Marion Street bump outs; Penn Branch; \$3 million is consultant projects; and another million in pending with Yorkshire as well as the Whaley at Main to Gregg and Gervais that effects Constan Carwash. We finished MLK Park. We were able to maximize the usable space for park users and we created water quality and water quantity impact. It has been shaving the peak to Five Points. We completed the Wallace Street project in Cottontown. We spent \$3 million in storm water funds and \$3 million in water quality. We started the storm water inventory and condition assessment pilot project and we are gathering easement information. We are excited about our P3 low impact development project with Benedict College. We are working with the Office of Business Opportunities to create a program similar to the one done at the ballpark where we created sustainable jobs for people in the community.

Mr. Clint Shealy, Assistant City Manager for Columbia Water said we've won a few state and capital district awards. We've been recognized in the industry for safety initiatives. Yesterday, we celebrated removing the last piece of pipe out of the Lower Saluda River at Friarsgate. We thank you for encouraging us to think out of the box. These investments are paying off; they are helping the local community and our customers; and they are helping to protect the environment.



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▪ *Water and Sewer Rate Study - Mr. Robert Chambers, Black & Veatch*

Mr. Robert Chambers, Principal Consultant / Black & Veatch said the goal is a three-legged stool. The financial planning component provides an integrated financial plan and road map. You've been connected and you've taken action. Another part of that road map is business excellence. How do you continue to be operationally resilient? How can you react to an unintended consequence? A third leg of the stool is how you continue to be engaged with your stakeholders. How does growth effect the demand for your services? How do you implement your capital and operational programs in a sustainable manner? How do you maintain revenue stability and meet your financial metrics? We will show what the financial impact looks like going forward. You try to prevent implementing increases in lumps. I acknowledge that you have taken action to support the process and the system. The starting point for fiscal year 2019 revenues is \$140.4 million and that is our initial year. Our forecast period will start in fiscal year 2020 through 2024. We are assuming a 1% growth in customers and starting in fiscal year 2020, we estimate \$15.4 million in other revenue sources. We've estimated \$141.8 million for fiscal year 2020 with a 7.06% increase, which totals \$151.7 million for total revenues in fiscal year 2020 of \$167.2 million. It is a 9% aggregate increase. For the first budget year 2020, we are looking at an O&M requirement of \$92.3 million, which assumes a 4% annual growth. Debt service will start at \$37.5 million. We are taking a balanced approach to meeting the capital and operating requirements. In fiscal year 2020, we are looking at a \$80 million CIP and from 2021 to 2024, we are looking at \$120 million. Over the life of the forecast period, we are looking at 34% in cash financing; 64.5% in revenue bonds; and we have the West Columbia contribution. We are hitting our financial matrix. We have considered a few other revenue sources and we plan to issue bonds over the forecast period. In fiscal year 2020, we plan to issue \$149 million. Bond funding will not be utilized in fiscal year 2019. That requirement will be moved to fund those projects through a bond that will be tendered in fiscal year 2020. A reimbursement resolution will be put in place to reimburse the fund for the 2019 bonds. By 2024, revenues will be \$231 million. Costs will grow to \$107.9 by 2024. Debt service will incrementally increase to \$23.4 million.

Councilor Rickenmann asked if we need to maintain the 2.0 coverage.

Mr. Robert Chambers, Principal Consultant / Black & Veatch said the more you drive cash funding, the more risk and burden comes to the customer because there's a direct impact on your rates.



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Councilor Baddourah asked if we've considered the reduction in capital expenses.

Mr. Robert Chambers, Principal Consultant / Black & Veatch said operating expenses are going up about 4%. You have two components of revenues and they are not increasing at the same rate. In various utilities across the country, you have an agreed upon cost index that is utilized to increase rates and to increase costs in some cases. You're in an environment where your local economy is fluid. You're not going to have one rate that applies to your rates and your costs. You have different movements that we have to account for while developing a rate with the lowest potential impact and meeting your financial requirements.

Councilor Duvall asked if we were given credit for an increase in metered water that will occur from the new meters.

Mr. Jeff Palen, Assistant City Manager and Chief Financial Officer said these are projections and that's why we update the rate study each year. We take the actuals and move forward.

Councilor Baddourah said since we are taking a break to catch up on some of the CIP projects, maybe we should take a break on the rate increases.

Councilor Devine said the 9.7% increase we did this year could've been lower if we kept up with the increases.

Councilor Rickenmann said the costs don't change. The system did not take the twenty years of increases on an annual basis that it should have. We did not fund the system, because no one wanted to do an increase. When we get to the end of the Consent Decree, you will see it level out.

Mr. Robert Chambers, Principal Consultant / Black & Veatch said you may put it off today, but you will have to pay for it somehow. Looking at the bill impacts, your average use is about 6,000 gallons per month. It's a \$4.26 increase for the typical customer. On the water side, you are at the lower end of the middle in comparison to other utilities. On the wastewater side, you are in the middle of the pack.



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- *Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Water, Sewer, and Stormwater Budget Overview - Ms. Missy Caughman, Budget & Program Management Director*

Ms. Missy Caughman, Budget & Program Management Director said the fiscal year 2019/2020 water and sewer operating budget is proposed at \$167 million, which is an increase of 3.2%. This includes the rate adjustments that Robert [Chambers] talked to you about. The revenues go toward operations, capital obligations, and the debt service. The operational departments make up 58% of the budget; debt service is 23%; transfers to the Capital Improvement Program is 11%; and other transfers out, reserves, and other non-departmental make up 9% of the budget. Utility Operations makes up 69% and Engineering makes up 13% of the water and sewer operating fund. The operating budgets total \$93.3 million, which is an increase of less than 1%. Staffing challenges pertain to hiring and maintaining employees with CDLs. The biggest focus is on the AMI project; it touches multiple departments across the City. The budget reflects a proposed cost of living adjustment. Departments' budgets also reflect a 1% increase on State retirement rates. Healthcare is proposed at the current rates. The CIP is \$80 million: water is \$25.5 million and wastewater is \$54.4 million. The budget includes \$17.5 million in cash. The remainder comes from bonds and fund balance. Debt service is budgeted at \$37.5 million, which is a 6.5% increase. We budget a cash reserve at \$8.7 million. Transfers out total \$24.3 million including the \$17.5 cash transfer to the CIP. It's an overall decrease in transfers at \$3.5 million. It includes the indirect cost allocation to the general fund, which is maintained at \$4.1 million for the third year. The storm water operating budget includes a small portion of revenues from other fees. The total budget is \$14.3 million, which is an increase of 6.7% over the current year. It reflects the continuation of the rate adjustments that were adopted by City Council in 2017. The storm water fee will increase by seventy-eight cents per month. The CIP for 2019/2020 is \$30.5 million. It includes using \$1.7 million in budgeted cash from the storm water budget. The total CIP is \$96 million over five years. These budgets also reflect a cost of living adjustment for employees.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said we do need to discuss adding revenue options as we continue with budget discussions. There have been discussions for multiple budget years regarding the strain on the general fund. This seated Council has been gracious and helpful with no tax increases, but also allowing the staff and myself to be as creative as possible with what we've been able to do particularly with public safety and public works and always maintaining this beautiful capital city in the posture that it should be and what our citizens deserve. During the NCAA tournament and the recent Go Red Day for Teachers, I heard such positive reflection on our City from visitors. We have come to a point in time where there has to be some discussion



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of revenue generating options in order to sustain the phenomenal growth we're seeing and the ability for City services to be maintained. We want to do a presentation openly to begin that discussion so that the public also knows this is certainly of some concern. Council may potentially support some options and maybe not others. There would be some legal background and additional discussion of each option that the City Attorney will discuss with you all in Executive Session. This part of the discussion is open and we'll go through these alternatives. We will lay the foundation for some of the general fund items, like Public Safety and others that are necessary for us to consider increased funding.

Ms. Missy Caughman, Budget & Program Management Director said the non-taxing entities in Columbia disproportionately shift their share of the property tax burden to taxable entities, residents, and commercial tax payers. Yet, all entities including non-tax entities receive the same share of services and benefits of being located in the City limits. Our current millage is 98.1% and that represents less than 20% of a property tax bill. Property taxes generate \$57 million in revenues for the general fund. We receive an additional \$11.8 million from the Fire Rebate millage that is set by the County. Public Safety functions account for almost 50% of our total budget. Personnel costs account for 64% of the total general fund. Even if salaries remained flat, other charges related to fringe benefits increase annually. We are limited by State law in terms of what we can do to generate revenues. What options are there for increasing the City's overall assessed property values in order to increase revenue off of the existing millage rates? How can the City increase property values or add to the overall tax base? How does the City generate revenues that covers the costs of operations and prepares the City for growth? How do we help distribute that burden of the taxes across all entities that benefit from the services that the City generates?

Mayor Benjamin asked if it's fair to say non-profits and governmental entities.

Ms. Missy Caughman, Budget & Program Management Director said we are inclusive of all.

Councilor Rickenmann said its \$3.4 billion that is not contributing in some form or another. There's \$68 million in tax-exempt homes. We should hire a private auditor to look into all of the entities. We've had discussions about certain facilities doing a lot of private business, but are under the cloth of a non-tax paying entity. You can't have a space that competes against the private sector and not have to pay your share of the property tax. That's not what the law was set up to do.



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Mayor Benjamin said some governments probably receive more services than some of our tax payers do. It is also fair to reference that the millage rate has stood still for a decade, representing a decreasing portion of the tax bill. The discussion needs to be forward facing to our citizens, making sure they understand the totality of what we are dealing with.

Ms. Missy Caughman, Budget & Program Management Director said historically, the City has not raised taxes regularly. We were at 106 mills at one point.

Councilor Rickenmann said we have to look at multiple options. We have to create a balance so that everybody is equally invested at some level.

Ms. Missy Caughman, Budget & Program Management Director said we also wanted to make sure we restated City Council's original direction to charge a fee to all non-taxed entities. Churches will be exempt with the exception of any business or non-religious type activities.

Councilor Davis asked if we are able to define that.

Ms. Missy Caughman, Budget & Program Management Director said the Business License Division has a way of doing that. This is your current year budget, not your proposed 2019/2020 budget. Property taxes make up 39% and business licenses and permits make up 28% in revenue. On the expenditures side, Public Safety is represented at 47%. This is a list of our final assessment values for the past 20 years. Our real property assessed values total \$565 million. It has fluctuated over the past five years, but we've had a 10% increase. Our millage rate is the same now as it was in 2009. There are 46,101 total parcels including Richland County's portion. There are 4,327 non-taxed parcels representing \$12.8 billion in total market value and with an estimated taxable value of \$8.6 billion. Here's a breakdown of the non-taxed parcels. Government makes up 32%; true non-profit agencies are at 10%; higher education is at 8%; and medical is 2%. There were 10,060 business licenses issued in 2018 of which, 5,992 were for businesses located in City limits and 3,801 businesses are not located in the City but they do business in the City. Of those 267 are non-profit or fee exempt. Approximately 107 are medical services, physician offices, and hospitals.

Councilor Duvall said we need the former business license for the 107 before they doubled up.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said we would be getting \$2 million to \$3 million from businesses that should be paying a fee.



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Ms. Missy Caughman, Budget & Program Management Director said fee options for non-profit entities include letters of agreement for services. It's a voluntary letter by those agencies to pay a fee in exchange for the services they receive as a benefit of being located in the City. The same would be true with a payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) for higher education, hospitals, or medical services. A Business Improvement District was suggested for higher education districts. Staff is recommending charging a fee to business-type activities that currently receive a no-fee business license. It will require ordinance changes. The next one is the enhanced enforcement of existing business license ordinances. By using an outside firm to assist with collections, we could generate an estimated \$2 million. It would not require changes to our ordinances, rates, or fees. This is already included in the proposed 2019/2020 budget. A public safety fee would require an ordinance and a public hearing. It would be required to be used for new or enhanced services. We are tying it to enhanced technology and capital needs of Public Safety. The charge will be included on all water and sewer bills for in-city customers.

Councilor Rickenmann said that doesn't move the needle. It has to be done a different way. That \$5 fee a month doesn't create a balance. The majority of those people are paying already.

Ms. Missy Caughman, Budget & Program Management Director said the last option that was proposed was the water and sewer transfer. The amount would be subject to prior interest earnings and late fees. It would not come from operating revenues. The allocation would be used to fund public safety functions of the general fund. It would be subject to non-operating revenues. If considered, the fiscal year 2019/2020 non-operating revenues rate would be \$2 million to \$3 million.

Councilor Baddourah said another option would be to add a public safety fee at \$1 or \$2 per ticket for sporting events in the City limits. They don't pay us to police the crowd after a game and that could generate \$2 million.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said this was a broad overview of the alternatives. We are laying the foundation for Public Safety. The Chief has information that he can share on competitiveness. As the capital city, it is necessary for us to stay competitive.

Mr. William "Skip" Holbrook, Columbia Police Chief said to be competitive we need to aim for a 3% to 5% vacancy rate. We need to align ourselves with agencies that we tend to lose people to. There is a \$3,000 to \$7,000 gap in compensation for entry level positions. To address that, it is a \$2.8 million increase in our proposed budget. That allows us to increase the entry level salary and address compression across the board. When we did the step pay adjustments a couple



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of years ago and incentivized recruiting, we also committed to assigning take home vehicles to people who live in the City limits. We are short of meeting that obligation by 22 vehicles. Here is a menu of some new and other reoccurring costs associated with our technology needs. The big one is for our cameras. ShotSpotter® has been phenomenal. We are constantly replacing our laptops and other electronic equipment in the cars. N.I.C.E. will improve efficiencies in our Criminal Investigations Division. Our commitment to in-car and body worn cameras require storage. We've had to adjust lab equipment to deal with the evolution in marijuana laws.

Councilor Rickenmann said a public safety fee or a PILOT is a fair way to create balance. Going to water and sewer is not the right thing to do.

Councilor Davis said the information is good. We all have been looking at ways to cover the cost of services. I've always thought that we should do something about the non-profit entities. I understand one approach for doing the water and sewer transfer, but I'm not sure that's the way to go. This discussion should take us to where we need to be. Everybody participates; everybody pays. That's the best argument we can use once we come up with an approach that makes sense.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 5:05 p.m. for the discussion of **Items 2** through **6**, subject to adding the discussion of FTA matters to Item 4 and organizational structure to Item 6.

2. Discussion of employment of an employee pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2)
 - *Ban the Box*
 - *911 Communications Center*
3. Discussion of matters relating to proposed location or expansion of services to encourage location or expansion of industries or other businesses pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2)
 - *Finlay Park*
 - *Development Incentives*
4. Receipt of legal advice related to matters covered by attorney-client privilege pursuant to §30-4-70(a)(2)
 - *Revenue Options*
 - *Soda City*
 - *Receptacle Requirements*



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5. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements pursuant to S. C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2)
 - *Capital City Stadium*
6. Discussion of the appointment of an employee pursuant to §30-4-70(a)(1)
 - *Municipal Court Judges*

COUNCIL MEETING - 6:00 P.M.

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda, subject to deferring consideration of Item 40 (*Ordinance No: 2019-027 – Receptacle Requirements*) and Item 46 (*Appointments to the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee*); adding the discussion of Millwood Avenue Traffic Calming Measures to Other Matters; and adding the referral of the City of Columbia Speed Hump Installation Policy to the Public Safety Committee.



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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

7. Council is asked to approve the March 19, 2019 City Council Meeting Minutes.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve the March 19, 2019 City Council Meeting Minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 8 THROUGH 26

Upon a single motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve the **Consent Agenda Items 8 through 26** as presented.

8. Council is asked to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Columbia and the Midlands Junior Golf Foundation for the First Tee of Columbia Chapter at the James E. Clyburn Golf Center, as requested by the Parks and Recreation Department. - *Approved*

9. Council is asked to approve a three-year Contract for Auditing Services ending June 30, 2021, as requested by the Finance Department. Award to Scott and Company, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$141,975.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Accounting - Audit Costs 1011401-635600 \$70,987.50 and Finance Water Admin - Audit Costs 5511409-635600 \$70,987.50. The original budgeted amount for year one is \$141,975.00.

10. Council is asked to approve the purchase of Edge in Car Camera Systems for the Police Department, as requested by Fleet Services. Award to COBAN Technologies, using the HGAC Cooperative Contract in the amount of \$112,133.52. This vendor is located in Houston, TX. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Capital Replacement-Auto/Trucks Heavy Equipment-Capital: 6308972-658500. The original budgeted amount is \$112,133.52.

11. Council is asked to approve the purchase of twenty-two (22) Radios and Accessories to outfit vehicles for the Police Department, as requested by Fleet Services. Award to Motorola Inc., using the SC State Contract in the amount of \$122,510.36. This vendor is located in Blythewood, SC. - *Approved*



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Funding Source: Capital Replacement-Auto Trucks Heavy Equipment/Capital 6308972-658500. The original budgeted amount is \$122,510.36.

12. Council is asked to approve an Agreement for Pictometry Aerial Image Capture License Services, as requested by the Information Technology Services Department. Award to Pictometry International Corporation as a Sole Source in the amount of \$105,538.25. This firm is located in Rochester, NY. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Information Technology/Geographic Information System: Maintenance & Service Contract, 5511121-638200. The original budgeted amount is \$105,538.25 for FY18/19.

13. Council is asked to approve the purchase of one (1) Ford F-250 Crew Cab Truck and one (1) Ford F-250 Regular Cab Truck for the Parks & Recreation Department, as requested by Fleet Services. Award to Vic Bailey Ford Inc., using the SC State Contract in the amount of \$58,783.00. The vendor is located in Spartanburg, SC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Capital Replacement-Auto Trucks Hvy Equipment-Capital: 6308972-658500. The original budgeted amount is \$58,783.00.

14. Council is asked to approve the purchase of two (2) F-350 Crew Cab Trucks with an enclosed Canopy for the Street Division, as requested by Fleet Services. Award to Dick Smith Ford, Inc. using the State Contract in the amount of \$94,536.00. The vendor is located in Columbia, SC. - *Approved*

Streets – Water & Sewer Repair; Auto, Trucks, Hvy-Equip-Capital 5513202 – 658500. The original budgeted amount is \$100,000.00.

15. Council is asked to approve the purchase of a Pothole Patcher for the Street Division, as requested by Fleet Services. Award to Carolina International Trucks, Inc. in the amount of \$182,626.38. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Streets - Water & Sewer Repair - Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment Capital 5513202-658500. The original budgeted amount was \$182,626.38.



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16. Council is asked to approve the purchase of three (3) Refuse Trucks for the Solid Waste Division, as requested by Fleet Services. Award to Dick Smith, Inc. using the SC State Contract in the amount of \$273,654.00. Dick Smith, Inc. is located in Columbia, SC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Capital Replacement- Auto Trucks Hvy Equipment-Capital: 6308972-658500. The original budgeted amount is \$273,654.00.

17. Council is asked to approve a Construction Change Order# 9 for Project SS7253; Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant Anaerobic Digester Rehabilitation, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to M.B. Kahn Construction Co., Inc., a Local Business Enterprise in the amount of \$115,466.99. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: 5529999-SS725302-658650 SS7253 Columbia Metro WWTP Anaerobic Digester Rehabilitation Project. The contract price including Construction Change Orders 1 through 8 is \$22,223,679.59. With approval of this Construction Change Order increase for \$115,466.99, the revised awarded contract amount will be \$22,339,146.58. The original contract has sub-contractor services provided at \$5,860,677.00 (32%) of the contract value. The original budget amount for this change order is \$115,466.99.

18. Council is asked to approve Rebuilding of the Rotating Assembly for a Sharples DS706 Decanter Centrifuge, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Alfa Laval, Inc., as a Sole Source in the amount of \$127,712.16. This firm is located in Chesapeake, VA. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Utilities Metro Wastewater Plant - Machinery & Equipment- Capital: 5516208-658300. The original budgeted amount is \$127,712.16.

19. Council is asked to approve Contract Amendment 3 for Project SS7362; Smith Branch 01 Sanitary Sewer Engineering Services, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Weston and Sampson, in the amount of \$201,600.00. This firm is headquartered in Peabody, Massachusetts and has a local office in Columbia, SC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: 5529999-SS736201-658650 - The contract price including amendments 1 and 2 is \$1,548,105.00. With this contract amendment, the revised total is \$1,749,705.00. The original budgeted amount for this amendment is \$201,600.00.



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20. Council is asked to approve project WM4401; Water Line Relocation for US 1 Bridge Replacement along Fontaine Road, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to the South Carolina Department of Transportation in the amount of \$275,474.00. - *Approved*

Funding Source: FY 18/19 CIP WM335519 - The original budget amount is \$275,474.00.

21. Council is asked to approve Contract Amendment #7 for Project SS685401; Engineering Services for Modeling and Evaluating the Sanitary Sewer System Piping and Pump Station to Support the Capacity Assurance Program, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Hazen and Sawyer, in an amount not to exceed \$277,300.40. This firm is located in New York, NY with a local office in Columbia, SC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: for FY18-19 5529999-SS728801-658650. The contract price including Amendments 1 through 6 is \$ 2,749,452.00. With Amendment 7, the revised contract price will be \$ 3,026,752.40. The original budget amount for this Amendment is \$277,300.40.

22. Ordinance No.: 2019-020 Granting an encroachment to Vincent J. Degenhart and Denice Degenhart for the use of the right of way area of the 400 block of Harden Street adjacent to 415 Harden Street, Richland County TMS #11311-03-08 for installation and maintenance of a masonry wall and aluminum gates – *First reading approval was given on April 2, 2019. - Approved on second reading.*

23. Ordinance No.: 2019-023 - Annexing 120 Sparkleberry Crossing Road, Richland County TMS# 25705-07-29 – *First reading approval was given on April 2, 2019. Approved on second reading.*

Council District: 4

Proposal: Annex, assign interim land use classification of Regional Activity Center (AC-3) and assign interim zoning of General Commercial District (C-3). The property is currently classified as Mixed Use Corridor and zoned General Commercial (GC) by Richland County.

Applicant: Sparkleberry Crossing Retail, LLC

Staff Recommendation: Annex, Assign Interim Land Use and Interim Zoning; Approve



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PC Recommendation: 03/04/19: Annex, Assign Interim Land Use & Interim Zoning; Approve (7-0)

24. Resolution No.: R-2019-037 Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at the South Carolina State Firefighters Association Fire-Rescue Street Party in the 800 and 900 blocks of Lincoln Street on Friday, June 28, 2019 - *Approved*
25. Resolution No.: R-2019-039 Authorizing consumption of beer and wine beverages only at the Soda City Friends Dinner on the Gervais Street Bridge on October 20, 2019 with a rain contingency date of October 27, 2019 - *Approved*
26. Resolution No.: R-2019-043 Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only within Boyd Plaza adjacent to the Columbia Museum of Art for CMA Jazz Concerts on Sundays, May 26, 2019, June 23, 2019 and September 22, 2019 - *Approved*

PRESENTATIONS

27. Peace Officers Memorial Day Proclamation - The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin

Mayor Benjamin and the members of City Council proclaimed Wednesday, May 15, 2019 as Peace Officers Memorial Day in the City of Columbia.

28. Drinking Water Week Proclamation - The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin

Mayor Benjamin and the members of City Council proclaimed May 5-11, 2019 as Drinking Water Week in the City of Columbia.

29. National Preservation Month Proclamation -The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin

Mayor Benjamin and the members of City Council proclaimed May 2019 as National Preservation Month in the City of Columbia.

Ms. Amy Moore, Principal Planner for the Planning and Development Services Department presented the 2019 Mabel Payne Historic Preservation Award to Mr. Robert Guild and Joe Weider as leaders of the Granby Mill Village Neighborhood.



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30. National Bike Month and Bicycle Safety Month Proclamation - The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin

Mayor Benjamin and the members of City Council proclaimed May 2019 as National Bike Month and Bicycle Safety Month in the City of Columbia.

31. Cardinal Newman Varsity Women's Basketball Team Day Proclamation - The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin

Mayor Benjamin and the members of City Council proclaimed Tuesday, May 7, 2019 as Cardinal Newman Varsity Women's Basketball Team Day in the City of Columbia.

32. Cardinal Newman Varsity Men's Basketball Team Day Proclamation - The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin

Mayor Benjamin and the members of City Council proclaimed Tuesday, May 7, 2019 as Cardinal Newman Varsity Men's Basketball Team Day in the City of Columbia.

33. Midlands Fatherhood Coalition Update - Ms. Eleanor Boyd, MPA, Regional Development Director of the Midlands Fatherhood Coalition

Mr. Santanna Hayes, Richland County Site Director for the Midlands Fatherhood Coalition said in America today, there are approximately 19.7 million children being raised in a father absent home. Children who are raised without an active and engaged father are four times more likely to grow up in poverty; seven times more likely to become a teen parent; more likely to face abuse and neglect; more likely to suffer from obesity; two times more likely to drop out of high school; and more likely to commit crimes and go to prison. The Midlands Fatherhood Coalition works every day to address these issues by providing comprehensive fatherhood services. We believe that being in Columbia is an advantage. Last year, we served 1,183 fathers. We had an impact on 2,648 children. We know that strong fathers help to make strong families; strong families help to make strong communities; and strong communities ultimately create a stronger Columbia. We need support from the City of Columbia to make sure this organization is able to go forward and do the work we've been doing for years to come.

Mayor Benjamin said I don't believe there's a dollar better spent in this State than spent with the Midlands Fatherhood Coalition. You all do excellent work. Other counties have stepped up and supported the Coalition and I believe we as a City should as well.



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Councilor Devine said I donated to the Coalition today through Midlands Gives in honor of the late Ford Mason. I will continue to support you.

34. Movers to Mom Partnership - The Honorable Mr. McDowell, Jr.

Councilor McDowell recalled the tragedy that caused 411 persons to be relocated out of their homes into new spaces. He reported that 269 families had to be relocated to nine separate hotels. We have 25 families housed in one hotel and 169 families have been relocated to permanent housing. We've tried to not forget those persons who had to turn over a new leaf. In a few days, we will celebrate Mother's Day. We are working with Two Men and a Truck to deliver Mother's Day gifts to our families who are still in hotels. We placed donation boxes in each City department to collect items that families can readily use when they are placed in permanent housing. On Saturday, May 11, 2019, we will be delivering love boxes to each mother.

RESOLUTIONS

35. Resolution No.: R-2019-034 Approving the Honorary naming of the 2000 block of Marion Street between Elmwood Avenue and Calhoun Street "Modjeska Simkins Way" - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2019-034 Approving the Honorary naming of the 2000 block of Marion Street between Elmwood Avenue and Calhoun Street "Modjeska Simkins Way".

36. Resolution No.: R-2019-040 Approving the Honorary naming of the 900 and 1000 blocks of Pine Street between Senate Street and Stark Street as "Beta Zeta Way" - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mayor Benjamin, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2019-040 Approving the Honorary naming of the 900 and 1000 blocks of Pine Street between Senate Street and Stark Street as "Beta Zeta Way".



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PUBLIC HEARING

37. Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan for Community Development - Ms. Gloria Saeed, Director of Community Development - *Approved*

Ms. Gloria Saeed, Director of Community Development announced that the City of Columbia met timeliness last Thursday. She presented the fiscal year 2019/2020 draft annual action plan for the Community Development Department, which represents the 5th year of the 2015-2019 consolidated plan. This is the application for the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development entitlement grants and it identifies the proposed programs and projects to be funded. Working in collaboration with partners, neighborhoods, and community stakeholders, the action plan identifies how the City proposes to utilize these funds to address its community development, housing, and public service priorities and goals. Recommendations were ratified by the Citizens Advisory Committee on March 12, 2019. She thanked the committee members for their dedication to the NOFA process. There are three HUD entitlement programs: CDBG, HOME, and HOPWA. There's \$1,812,493 in CDBG revenue available for project activities, which is a 22.92% decrease from last year. Our HOME Investment Partnership Program has \$813,486 in revenue available for projects, which is a 6.24% decrease. There's \$1,475,403 in revenue available for HOPWA Program activities, which is an increase. The public comment period began on April 8, 2019 and ends May 7, 2019. The action plan submission is due to HUD by May 15, 2019.

Council opened the Public Hearing at 7:21 p.m.

No one appeared in support of or in opposition to the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan.

Council closed the Public Hearing at 7:21 p.m.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan for Community Development.



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ORDINANCES - SECOND READING

38. Ordinance No.: 2019-012 Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 8, Environmental Health and Sanitation, Article IV, Pollution, Division 5, Regulations and Requirements Relating to Smoking of Tobacco Products, Sec. 8-215 Findings and intent, Sec. 8-216, Definitions, Sec. 8-217 Prohibition of smoking in the workplace; Sec. 8-218 Exceptions, Sec. 8-219 Reasonable distance of entry, Sec. 8-220 Jurisdiction, enforcement and penalties – *A public hearing was held on March 19, 2019. First reading approval was given on April 2, 2019. - Approved on second reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to give second reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2019-012 Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 8, Environmental Health and Sanitation, Article IV, Pollution, Division 5, Regulations and Requirements Relating to Smoking of Tobacco Products, Sec. 8-215 Findings and intent, Sec. 8-216, Definitions, Sec. 8-217 Prohibition of smoking in the workplace; Sec. 8-218 Exceptions, Sec. 8-219 Reasonable distance of entry, Sec. 8-220 Jurisdiction, enforcement and penalties.

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

39. Ordinance No.: 2019-025 Providing for the Issuance and Sale of City of Columbia, South Carolina, Special Obligation Bonds or Notes (Hospitality Fee Pledge), Series 2019, in an Aggregate Principal Amount of Not Exceeding \$4,200,000, in order to Finance the Acquisition, Renovation and Equipment of Certain Capital Projects; Authorizing the Mayor, the City Manager and the Assistant City Manager for Finance and Economic Services, or any two of them acting together, to determine Certain Matters with Respect to the Bonds or Notes; Prescribing the Form and Details of Such Bonds or Notes; and other matters relating thereto – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted [6 to 1] to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2019-025 Providing for the Issuance and Sale of City of Columbia, South Carolina, Special Obligation Bonds or Notes (Hospitality Fee Pledge), Series 2019, in an Aggregate Principal Amount of Not Exceeding \$4,200,000, in order to Finance the Acquisition, Renovation and Equipment of Certain Capital Projects; Authorizing the Mayor, the City Manager and the Assistant City Manager for Finance and Economic Services, or any two of them acting together, to determine Certain Matters with Respect to the Bonds or Notes; Prescribing the Form and Details of Such Bonds or Notes; and other matters relating thereto.



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Voting aye were Mr. Rickenmann, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Duvall, Ms. Devine, Mr. Davis and Mayor Benjamin. Mr. Baddourah voted nay.

40. Ordinance No.: 2019-027 Amend Sec. 19-35 Receptacle requirements; placement of receptacles – *Consideration of this item was deferred.*
41. Ordinance No.: 2019-033 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Twelfth Amendment to 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 -*Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted [5 to 2] to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2019-033 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Twelfth Amendment to 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. Voting aye were Mr. McDowell, Mr. Duvall, Ms. Devine, Mr. Davis, and Mayor Benjamin. Voting nay were Mr. Rickenmann and Mr. Baddourah.

RESOLUTIONS

42. Resolution No.: R-2019-020 Authorizing Notice of 2019 Election for Councilmembers from District 2, District 3, and one At-Large Seat - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2019-020 Authorizing Notice of 2019 Election for Councilmembers from District 2, District 3, and one At-Large Seat.

43. Resolution No.: R-2019-026 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Purchase Agreement between the City of Columbia and Honolulu Rapid Transit Company, Limited now known as HRT Realty, LLC for the purchase of 1601 Assembly Street, Richland County TMS #09014-01-02 - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted [6 to 1] to approve Resolution No.: R-2019-026 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Purchase Agreement between the City of Columbia and Honolulu Rapid Transit Company, Limited now known as HRT Realty, LLC for the purchase of 1601 Assembly Street, Richland County TMS #09014-01-02. Voting aye were Mr. Rickenmann, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Duvall, Ms. Devine, Mr. Davis and Mayor Benjamin. Mr. Baddourah voted nay.



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44. Resolution No.: R-2019-038 Authorizing Condemnation for Easement Acquisition for Sanitary Sewer and Access along Property Identified 4632 Leila's Court; Richland County TMS#13913-05-19; CIP Project #SS7261; CF#250-378 (Easement 20A of 48) - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2019-038 Authorizing Condemnation for Easement Acquisition for Sanitary Sewer and Access along Property Identified 4632 Leila's Court; Richland County TMS#13913-05-19; CIP Project #SS7261; CF#250-378 (Easement 20A of 48).

45. Resolution No.: R-2019-041 Authorizing the Purchase of approximately 11.64 acres on the western side of Gills Creek Parkway at Pelham Drive; Richland County TMS#13712-02-46 from Franklyn D. Owen, III, et al for a Stormwater Utility Site; CF#250-433 - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Rickenmann and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2019-041 Authorizing the Purchase of approximately 11.64 acres on the western side of Gills Creek Parkway at Pelham Drive; Richland County TMS#13712-02-46 from Franklyn D. Owen, III, et al for a Stormwater Utility Site; CF#250-433.

APPOINTMENTS

46. Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee - *Consideration of this item was deferred.*

47. Board of Zoning Appeals

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Ms. Gail Baker and Mr. John Gregory to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a term of three years.

48. Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Development

Upon a motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Ms. Wanda Cannon to the Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Development, as nominated by Mr. Baddourah. The remaining appointments were deferred.



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49. Climate Protection Action Committee

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Ms. Lori Ziolkowski and the reappointment of Mr. John Epting and Mr. Louis Deassau to the Climate Protection Action Committee.

50. Food Policy Committee - *There was a consensus of Council to re-advertise these vacancies for seven days.*

OTHER MATTERS

51. Five Points Association Clean & Safe Program Funding Request- The Honorable Mr. Rickenmann

Upon a motion made by Mr. Rickenmann and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to allocate \$125,000 per year for five years to the Five Points Association for its Clean and Safe Program from a source to be identified by the City Manager. This allocation is effective July 1, 2019.

52. Black Expo Funding Request - The Honorable Ms. Devine

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to allocate the \$25,000 that was previously discussed for the 2019 Black Expo from a source to be identified by the City Manager.

Councilor Devine said we need to resolve funding for the groups that aren't funded by the committee. We talked about a tier system. I'd like to have something set.

Councilor Baddourah said we should give the committee a percentage; allocate a percentage for line items; and a percentage for debt service.

Councilor Davis said we need to take a closer look at how and why decisions are made. We know that the smaller groups and not so popular groups get nothing. I am for looking at the tier.



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Mayor Benjamin said the committee does yeoman's work. They do the vast majority of the work. Council should maintain some latitude to meet the important needs that we see. I'm always open for those discussions if it's something that recognizes staff recommendations, funding realities, input from Ms. Fanning and her committee, and others. I don't want anything from individual councilmembers.

53. Proposed Closure of the Vista Recycling Center - Mr. Robert Anderson, Public Works Director

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to approve the proposed closure of the Vista Recycling Center. Staff was directed to provide commercial and residential stakeholders with a 30-day notice prior to closing the Vista Recycling Center.

Councilor Baddourah said SCDOT conducted a traffic study for Millwood Avenue and they came back with a proposal to install a hawk signal.

Mr. Robert Anderson, Public Works Director said the count for pedestrians warrant a hawk signal at that location. There are other proposals that will come later. They'd like to install the signal using parts they have. Once it's activated, we will assume maintenance responsibility through our agreement with SCDOT.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to support the installation of a hawk signal on Millwood Avenue as soon as possible.

Councilor Devine asked that a letter be sent to Richland County outlining the City's support of traffic calming measures on Millwood Avenue.

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS DISCUSSED DURING THE WORK SESSION

No matters were considered at this time.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS/REFERRALS

Upon a motion made by Mr. Rickenmann and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to refer the City of Columbia Speed Hump Installation Policy to the Public Safety Committee.



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Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to refer proposed revisions to the City's Noise Ordinance to the Public Safety Committee.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to refer a review of State statues and a presentation on innovations and improvements on ride share services to the Public Safety Committee.

APPEARANCE OF THE PUBLIC

No one appeared at this time.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to reconvene the Executive Session at 8:00 p.m.

Council adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Moore, CMC
City Clerk