



COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 2021

The Columbia City Council conducted a virtual meeting on Tuesday, June 1, 2021 using video conferencing technology. The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 2:13 p.m. and the following members of Council were present: The Honorable Sam Davis, The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine, The Honorable Howard E. Duvall, Jr., The Honorable Mayor Pro-Tempore Edward H. McDowell, Jr., The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, and The Honorable William Brennan. Also present were Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Moore Hammond, City Clerk. This meeting was advertised in accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

INVOCATION

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mayor Benjamin, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda, subject to adding an Executive Session discussion of the employment of an employee pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2) - Municipal Court.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Council is asked to approve the May 18, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to approve the May 18, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes.

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION / ACTION

2. COVID-19 Update - The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin

Mayor Benjamin said I am excited to move forward with the “It’s YOUR Shot, Columbia” campaign to encourage vaccinations. We are seeing some encouraging trends; 42% of Richland County residents have received at least one dose. We are going in the right direction. The most recent numbers show a 2.6% positivity rate. We are going to be micro targeting to get more shots in the arms of folks. Thank you to City staff for their work on the campaign.



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- *COVID-19 Situational Report - Mr. Harry Tinsley, Emergency Management Director*

Mr. Harry Tinsley, Emergency Management Director said in the U.S. we have over 33 million confirmed cases and over 591,000 deaths due to COVID-19. In South Carolina, the confirmed case count stands at 491,760 with over 7.8 million tests administered to date. The state case count for today is 116 with a positivity rate of 2.6%. There were three new confirmed deaths in today's report, bringing the state total of confirmed deaths to 8,575. In Richland County, the case count stands at over 39,552 with 15 new cases as of today and a total death count of 504. From May 16th to May 29th, Richland County had 317 cases, averaging about 22 new cases per day. As of May 26th, the Richland County recent disease activity incidence rate continues to remain low with a 2.3% positivity rate. Statewide hospitalizations continue to trend downward. As of today, there are 227 patients currently hospitalized due to COVID-19. DHEC data continues to show all seven key indicators continue to trend downward. DHEC continues with vaccine distributions. Over 4.9 million doses have been received in the state and over 3.5 million people have been vaccinated. In Richland County, 163,182 residents have received at least one vaccine and 133,172 have completed their vaccination process. The federally supported community vaccine center in Columbia Place Mall has administered over 14,000 vaccines, averaging about 428 shots per day. They are now offering the Johnson and Johnson vaccine. As of May 29th, approximately 36.9% of South Carolina's population are fully vaccinated and 44.7% have received at least one dose. According to the CDC, 40.7% of the U.S. population have been fully vaccinated, 50.5% have received at least one dose, 85% of those 65 and older have received one dose and 74.8% have been fully vaccinated. All data points put us in a better position than we were a year ago.

Councilor Devine said we need to have an opportunity to discuss the City's American Rescue Plan dollars, specifically the monies available for outside groups. I would like for us to discuss the process and when will the funding begin.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said we were waiting on guidance but I think we now have as much as we are going to get for the immediate future. We can bring something back to you all in our next council meeting as far as the suggested process for the funding.

Councilor Rickenmann said we need to look at our internal needs before we have a full discussion and make any commitments to outside groups. We do not need to get peoples hopes up yet.



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3. AfroDixia: A Righteous Confiscation Exhibition - Mr. John Sims, Artist in Residence at the 701 Center for Contemporary Arts

Mr. John Sims, Artist in Residence at the 701 Center for Contemporary Arts said for 20 years I have been leading the national pushback on confederate iconography with my project “Recoloration Proclamation”: A system of work that confronts the ideas and symbols of white supremacy, visual terrorism, and the propriety of southern heritage in the context of the African American experience. This work was inspired by the protest activism that surrounded the confederate flag being on the State Capitol. It was an honor to receive an invitation from Executive Director Michaela Brown to come to 701 Center for Contemporary Arts as an artist in residence to stage the current show “AfroDixia: A Righteous Confiscation”, which is a survey exhibition of my flag work. On May 17th sometime after 2:00 a.m., the police entered my residency apartment at 701 while I was asleep. They drew guns, detained me, and handcuffed me for over seven minutes. They ran my license and refused to allow me to take photos. Reflecting on the recent anniversary of the death of George Floyd and this incident affirms to me that American policing utilizes the persistent fear of death as enabling elements to promote white supremacy and black subjugation. The time has come for American policing to be held accountable and reconstructed to put humanity first and racism maneuvers last. Law and order without civil rights is very dangerous to our freedom and liberty. While I appreciate the Chief’s comments about being part of a national conversation on community policing and criminal justice reform, I do not appreciate his statement that his officers conducted themselves professionally and within policy. It’s time to go beyond the talk and be a part of a national conversation. This starts with the police having an honest self-critique, vulnerable acknowledgement, an apology when things go wrong, and correct policies when they fail innocent citizens. There is an opportunity for South Carolina to lead this country in this historical moment past the confederate state of mind by working in the areas of social justice, anti-white supremacy policy, and progressive policing. I trust this Council will lead these efforts because the world is watching. We must hold our government officials and police departments accountable.

Mayor Benjamin said we look forward to continuing the dialogue. This Council supports 701 every year because of the work done. Your exhibit spoke to me and I look forward to visiting again and bringing people before the exhibit ends on June 25th. We will continue to dialogue around the issues you raised. Chief Holbrook has led nationally on 21st century policing issues, particularly as it relates to issues of transparency and training around implicit and unconscious bias. We know there are systemic issues that affect this country that go back to the birth of this nation. We are committed to constant dialogue and improvements.



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4. Office of Business Opportunities Program Updates - Ms. Melissa Lindler, Office of Business Opportunities Director

Ms. Melissa Lindler, Office of Business Opportunities Director said in response to the economic injury resulting from COVID-19, the City of Columbia received \$2,660,000.00 from the Economic Development Agency to capitalize the Resilient Columbia CARES Act Revolving Loan Fund. From November 2020 through May 2021, the Commercial Revolving Loan Fund Committee approved 29 loans, totaling \$2,507,985.00. Of those approved, 24 have been awarded with 80% of these dollars being awarded to minority owned businesses. We have four different commercial revolving loans available through the City of Columbia: Columbia Economic Renaissance Fund, Community Development Block Grant, Economic Development Administration Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, and Economic Development Administration legacy loan fund. For the month ending on June 30, 2019, we had forty-one active loans in our portfolio totaling \$3,000,808.21. For the month ending on June 30, 2020, we had thirty-six active loans in our portfolio totaling \$2,693,804.96. The reduction in our overall loan portfolio from fiscal year 2018/2019 to fiscal year 2019/2020 is attributed to loan payoffs by our loan recipients. As of May 31, 2021, we have fifty-nine active loans in our portfolio totaling \$4,877,529.05. Our current default rate is now only 1%. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic on our local small business community, the Commercial Retention and Redevelopment (CRR) committee voted to waive the 20% exterior façade improvement participation requirement. This waiver allowed businesses approved prior to and during the crisis to still participate in the program. For fiscal year 2019/2020, we had \$200,00 in general fund dollars that went to the CRR program. Our target area is Harden Street, Gervais Street, Millwood Avenue, and Taylor Street. For fiscal year 2020/2021 we had no general dollars that were used, all funds were awarded through CDBG. For fiscal year 2021/2022, the only funding we have available is \$146,143 and that is all CDBG dollars. We have worked closely with Columbia Water on the Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) Program. We have \$92,247.84 available and have two approvals to date: Rambo's Fat Cat Biscuits and Azalea Coffee Bar. The Citywide MWBE Utilization Goal was adopted in 2015 by the City Manager and implemented in 2016 with a 10% goal. In fiscal year 2019, we met the goal at 12.09% and therefore it was increased to 15%. We met the goal at 15.04%. Because of COVID-19, we are currently at 10.99%. This still shows the commitment of the City to be diverse and more inclusive in the vendors we choose.



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In November 2020, the Office of Business Opportunities (OBO) created the Minority Business Opportunities Directory as part of our virtual Minority Business Opportunities Event. The purpose of the directory is to assist our small business community in locating City departments/divisions and community partners who can utilize their goods/services. In fiscal year 2019/2020, 24 projects were awarded from the Mentor Protégé Program. In fiscal year 2020/2021, it went up to 32 projects awarded. The number of approved Columbia Disadvantage Business Enterprise's in fiscal year 2019/2020 was 94. In fiscal year 2020/2021 we have awarded 93. The total projects awarded in fiscal year 2019/2020 were five and for this fiscal year we have awarded seven. The program updates to the CDBE policy and guidelines will help us improve our goal attainment by our primes. Pre-determination of good faith effort compliance will be done prior to opening bids which streamlines the internal process between OBO and procurement. We held our first CDBE outreach event for primes and outside stakeholders last Thursday to introduce the revisions to the policy and guidelines. We have had an increase in protégé only and protégé led opportunities. We also have protégé only for smaller projects and IDC's. Early in the pandemic we had a Small Business Stabilization Forgivable Loan and we have awarded 322 loans, forgiven 188 loans, and not yet forgiven 134 loans. OBO created a survey to determine the ongoing needs of our local businesses as we recover from the economic impact of COVID-19. The information gathered from this survey will be used to establish funding priorities based on the needs of our business community. The survey was open from April 12th to May 10th. We received 431 responses from local businesses. OBO has held numerous workshops to educate businesses on the Paycheck Protection Program, Economic Injury Disaster Loan, Restaurant Revitalization Fund, and Shuttered Venue Operators Grant. OBO has also held workshops with our community partners to provide access to various resources. Since the beginning of the pandemic, 47 virtual events have been held and over 2,000 participants have attended.

Councilor Davis asked what percentage of small businesses would not have made it if OBO was not able to provide assistance?

Ms. Melissa Lindler, Office of Business Opportunities Director said probably 30-40%. Most of the businesses that responded needed money for operating and sustaining payroll. A lot of these businesses have been in business for over ten years and livelihood of many. Many did not have money for utilities for their homes because they had no income coming in.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said thank you to Melissa and her team. Many cities don't have an Office of Business Opportunities. I think it's very forward thinking of you as a Council to have given the staff and I the opportunity to work in this space. Because we have this office, we were able to provide assistance during the pandemic.



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CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 5 THROUGH 23

Upon a single motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve Consent Agenda **Items 5** through **23**.

Councilor Davis asked about the efforts to build capacity with small and minority businesses in the contracting areas. For item ten, how many of the subcontractors listed are African American owned businesses? I see two references to women owned but not to African American owned.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said we can obtain that information. We typically do not break down businesses by their ethnicity; only by the minority designation. It is typical in the industry to indicate the women owned [businesses]. We can provide you with the business ethnicity information going forward.

5. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of a Cost Tracking Module for Kronos Work Force Central Solution, as requested by the Budget and Program Management Office. Award to Kronos Inc. in the amount of \$59,105.00. The vendor is located in Chelmsford, MA. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Program Management Office - Maintenance & Service Contract (6218950-638200). The original budget amount is \$59,105.00.

6. Council is asked to approve the Upfitting of two K-9 and two CSI Chevrolet Tahoes, as requested by the Fleet Services Division. Award to Love Chevrolet Company using the SC State Contract in the amount of \$73,437.80. The vendor is located in Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Capital Replacement - Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment - Capital (6308972-658500). The original budget amount is \$73,437.80.

7. Council is asked to approve Amendment #1 for the Purchase of Muffin/Channel/Auger/Screenings Washer/Honey Monster, Separation Systems, Repair Services, Installation, and Maintenance, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to JWC Environmental Inc., as a Sole Source in the amount of \$111,245.64. The vendor is located in Costa Mesa, CA. – *Approved*



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Funding Source: Utilities Metro Wastewater Plant - Machinery and Equipment - Capital (5516208-658300). The original budget amount was \$211,887.75. The budget amount for this amendment is \$111,245.64. The total revised budget amount is \$323,133.39.

8. Council is asked to ratify two Emergency Procurements, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to various vendors in the total amount of \$689,395.13. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Water and Sewer - Capital Projects - Costs 6" Watermain State Park Acres (5529999-WM455501-658650) \$464,400.00 and Engineering - Special Contracts (5511706-638305) \$224,995.13.

Funding Source	Vendor	Brief Description & Justification	Amount
5529999-WM455501-658650	Carolina Tap & Bore, Inc. West Columbia, SC	Install 1200' of New 6" water main along Everett St., Fowler St., Goodrich St., Harold St., and India St.	\$464,400.00
5511706-638305	North American Pipeline Marietta, GA	12" water main and associated road repair located north of Greene St. on Park St.	\$224,995.13

9. Council is asked to approve a Memorandum of Agreement for In-Contract Utility Relocation SCDOT Project ID# 0039032 and 0041502; City of Columbia Water Line Relocation due to Construction and Improvements along a segment of Leesburg Road and Patricia Drive, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to SCDOT in the amount of \$4,943,748.11. – *Approved*

Funding Source: FY 2021 CIP Project (WM335521) \$4,251,623.37 and Utility Conflicts Annual - FY 20/21 CIP Sewer Utility Relocation (SS756121) \$692,124.74. The original budget amount is \$4,943,748.11.

10. Council is asked to approve a Contract for Project WM3872; Rimer Pond Road and Hardscrabble Road Waterline Extension, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to LAD Construction, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$11,910,999.98, which includes contingency. The firm is located in Swansea, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Engineering - Water & Sewer Improvements (5529999-WM387201-658650). The original budget amount is \$13,221,915.00.

This is a Columbia Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program project and a Local Business Enterprise project with a 5% CDBE goal. LAD Construction, LLC is the prime contractor and exceeded the CDBE goal for this project at 5.61%. They will provide waterline installation services at 34.82% (\$3,949,619.50) of the total contract amount.



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

Ferguson Waterworks of Elgin, SC will provide water line materials at 59.57% (\$6,758,017.00) of the total contract amount.

Chao & Associates, a Minority Business Enterprise and a CDBE of Columbia, SC will provide staking services at 1.13% (\$128,500.00) of the total contract amount.

Herndon Incorporated, a Minority Business Enterprise and a CDBE of Lugoff, SC will provide erosion control services at 0.60% (\$67,673.00) of the total contract amount.

Southern Commercial, a Minority Business Enterprise and a CDBE of Lexington, SC will provide traffic control services at 1.15% (\$130,000.00) of the total contract amount.

L.A. Barrier, a Minority Business Enterprise (W) and a CDBE of Lexington, SC will provide hauling services at 2.73% (\$310,000.00) of the total contract amount.

11. Ordinance No.: 2021-026 Granting an encroachment to Lawrence McGuckin and Sandra McGuckin for the use of the right of way area of the 2000 block of Wheat Street and 500 block of Congaree Avenue for the installation and maintenance of a brick and iron fence adjacent to 500 Congaree Avenue, Richland County TMS#11312-13-11 - *First reading approval was given on May 18, 2021 – Approved on second reading.*
12. Ordinance No: 2021-044 Annexing 8.80-acre portion of S/S Old Leesburg Road; TMS# 22113-01-01(p) - *First reading approval was given on May 18, 2021 – Approved on second reading.*

Council District: 4

Proposal: Request to annex, assign interim land use classification of Urban Edge Residential Small Lot (UER-1) and assign interim zoning of Single Family Residential District (RS-3) at the time of annexation. The property is currently classified as Neighborhood (Medium Density) and zoned RS-HD by Richland County.

Applicant: Janilyn Q. Martin and Susan Q. Phelps / Canary Woods, LLC

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 05/03/2021; Approval (9-0)

First reading approval was given on May 18, 2021.



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13. ANNEXATION, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 504 Percival Road; TMS# 16712-05-05 - *First reading approval was given on May 18, 2021 – Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2021-032 Annexing and Incorporating 504 Percival Road, Richland County TMS# 16712-05-05 into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 adopted by Ordinance No.: 2020-028 on August 4, 2021 - First reading approval was given on May 18, 2021 – Approved on second reading.

Council District: 4

Proposal: Request to annex, assign land use classification of Urban Edge Mixed Residential (UEMR) and assign zoning of General Commercial District (C-3) at the time of annexation. The property is currently classified as Mixed Residential (High Density) and zoned RM-HD by Richland County.

Applicant: Pete's Mobile Auto & Truck Repairs, LLC

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 03/01/2021; Approval (7-0)

14. ANNEXATION, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 2213 Apple Valley Road; TMS# 07502-01-12 - *First reading approval was given on May 18, 2021 – Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2021-034 Annexing and Incorporating 2213 Apple Valley Road, Richland County TMS# 07502-01-12 into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 adopted by Ordinance No.: 2020-028 on August 4, 2021 - First reading approval was given on May 18, 2021 – Approved on second reading.

Council District: 1

Proposal: Request to annex, assign land use classification of Urban Edge Residential Large Lot (UER-2) and assign zoning of General Residential District (RG-1) at the time of annexation. The property is currently classified as Mixed Residential (High Density) and zoned RM-MD by Richland County.

Applicant: Ninette and Tyron Gregory

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 04/05/2021; Approval (8-0)



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15. ANNEXATION, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 40.18-acre portion, S/S Old Leesburg Road; TMS# 22113-01-01(p) - *First reading approval was given on May 18, 2021 – Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2021-035 Annexing and Incorporating 40.18-acre portion, S/S Old Leesburg Road, Richland County TMS# 22113-01-01(p), into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 adopted by Ordinance No.: 2020-028 on August 4, 2020 - First reading approval was given on May 18, 2021 – Approved on second reading.

Council District: 4

Proposal: Request to annex, assign land use classification of Urban Edge Residential Small Lot (UER-1) and assign zoning of Single Family Residential District (RS-3) at the time of annexation. The property is currently classified as Neighborhood (Medium Density) and zoned RS-HD by Richland County.

Applicant: Janilyn Q. Martin and Susan Q. Phelps / Canary Woods, LLC

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 04/05/2021; Approval (8-0)

16. ANNEXATION, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 7315 Coachmaker Road; TMS# 16307-09-01 - *First reading approval was given on May 18, 2021 – Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2021-033 Annexing and Incorporating 7315 Coachmaker Road, Richland County TMS# 16307-09-01 into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 adopted by Ordinance No.: 2020-028 on August 4, 2020 - First reading approval was given on May 18, 2021 – Approved on second reading.

Council District: 3

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

Applicant: Andrew and Michelle Welsh

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 04/05/2021; Approval (8-0)



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17. ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 707 Catawba Street, TMS# 08913-04-01 - *First reading approval was given on May 18, 2021 – Approved on second reading.*

Council District: 2

Proposal: Request to rezone the parcel from Heavy Industrial District (M-2), -Planned Development District (-PD) to Office and Institutional District (C-1), -Planned Development District (-PD).

Applicant: Hunter Lambert, USC Development Foundation

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 04/05/2021; Approval (8-0)

18. ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 1041 Ponderosa Point Drive, TMS# 09413-01-13 - *First reading approval was given on May 18, 2021 – Approved on second reading.*

Council District: 1

Proposal: Request to rezone the parcel from Light Industrial District (M-1) to Heavy Industrial District (M-2).

Applicant: James C. Judy

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 04/05/2021; Approval (8-0)

19. ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for Congaree Pointe PUD (64.17 acres N/S Bluff Road, 4.23 acres W/S Atlas Road, 2.92 acres W/S Atlas Road, 0.87 acres N/S Atlas Road, 0.03 acres N/S Atlas Road, 0.06 acres N/S Atlas Road, 2513, 2515, 2517, 2519, 2521, 2527, 2529, and 2531 Atlas Road, 116, 120, 124, 130, 134, 138, 142, and 146 Culliver Road, 1.26 acres N/S Beamer Loop Aly., 0.07 acres E/S Congaree Pointe Drive, 1006, 1009, 1010, 1013, 1014, 1017, 1018, 1021, 1022, 1025, 1026, 1029, 1030, 1033, 1034, and 1037 Congaree Pointe Drive, 200, 201, 204, 205, 208, 209, 212, 213, 216, 217, 220, 221, 224, 225, 228, and 229 Jerri Lane, and 1308, 1312, 1316, 1320, 1324, 1328, 1332, and 1336 Poinsett Loop), TMS# 13500-02-04, 13500-02-05, 13500-02-06, 13510-01-05, 13510-05-01, -03, -04, -05, -06, -07, 13510-06-01 thru -12, 13510-07-01, 13510-08-01 thru -09, 13510-09-01 thru -16, and 13510-10-01 thru -16 - *First reading approval was given on May 18, 2021 – Approved on second reading.*



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Council District: 3

Proposal: Request to rezone the parcel from Planned Unit Development-Residential District (PUD-R) to General Residential District (RG-2) and General Commercial District (C-3).

Applicant: Councilwoman Devine and Councilman Rickenmann, City of Columbia City Council

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 04/05/2021; Approval (8-0)

20. **FUTURE LAND USE MAP CONFIRMATION AMENDMENT** for 0.418-acres S/S Mabron Road; TMS# 19206-03-58 - *First reading approval was given on May 18, 2021 – Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2021-038 Amending the Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 Map to include 0.418-acres S/S Mabron Road; Richland County TMS# 19206-03-58; annexed by Ordinance No 2021-016 enacted April 20, 2021 - First reading approval was given on May 18, 2021 – Approved on second reading.

City Council District: 4

Proposal: Request to confirm the future land use classification of Urban Edge Residential Large Lot (UER-2). The property is currently assigned an interim future land use classification of Urban Edge Residential Large Lot (UER-2).

Applicant: Krista Hampton, Planning & Development Services Director

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 03/01/2021; Approval (7-0)

21. **ZONING MAP AMENDMENT CONFIRMATION** for 0.418-acres S/S Mabron Road; TMS# 19206-03-58 - *First reading approval was given on May 18, 2021 – Approved on second reading.*

Council District: 4

Proposal: Request to confirm the zoning of Single Family Residential District (RS-1). The property currently has interim zoning of Single Family Residential District (RS-1).

Applicant: Fidelis Financial, a Georgia limited liability corporation

Staff Recommendation: Approval



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PC Recommendation: 03/01/2021; Approval (7-0)

Annexation, 1st Reading: 03/16/2021; Approval

Annexation, 2nd Reading: 04/20/2021; Approval

22. **ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT - Amend §17-674(d) - Criteria for review of design of structures and sites. - First reading approval was given on May 18, 2021 – Approved on second reading.**

Ordinance No.: 2021-037 Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Land Development and Zoning, Article V, Historic Preservation and Architectural Review, Division 2, Preservation Standards for Landmarks and Design Protection Districts, Sec. 17-674 Review process (d) Criteria for review of design of structures and sites - First reading approval was given on May 18, 2021 – Approved on second reading.

Proposal: Amend Sec. 17-674 of the Columbia Code of Ordinances (Preservation Standards for Landmarks and Design Protection Districts- Review Process) to amend subsection (d) (Criteria for review of design of structures and sites).

Applicant: Councilman Howard Duvall, Columbia City Council

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 03/01/2021; Approval (7-0)

DDRC Recommendation: 03/11/2021; Approval (9-0)

23. **ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT Amend §17-283(c) Table 3- Permissibility of Bulk Requirements for Wireless Communication Facilities According to Support Structure - First reading approval was given on May 18, 2021 – Approved on second reading.**

Ordinance No.: 2021-030 Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Land Development and Zoning, Article III, Zoning, Division 8, District Descriptions; Use and Dimensional Regulations, Sec. 17-283 Wireless Communication Facilities (Cell Tower), Table 3, Permissibility of Bulk Requirements for Wireless Communication Facilities According to Support Structure - First reading approval was given on May 18, 2021 – Approved on second reading.

Proposal: Amend §17-283(c) Table 3 of the City of Columbia Code of Ordinances to remove the special exception requirement for placement of wireless communication facilities (cell nodes) on existing support structures.

Applicant: Rachel Bailey, Zoning Administrator



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Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 04/05/2021; Approval (8-0)

ORDINANCE - SECOND READING

24. Ordinance No.: 2021-045 Consenting to the Inclusion of Property in a Multi-County Industrial/Business Park (Project Catawba, 919 Catawba Avenue, 318 Lincoln Street and 312 Lincoln Street, Richland County TMS # 08914-08-02; 08914-08-07; 08914-08-09)

First reading approval was given on May 11, 2021.

Councilor Rickenmann said there were a number of items that Council asked to get done before second reading. Have we gotten everything cleared up? I didn't see where we had an agreement for a ten-year term that is not eligible for renewal.

Mr. Ryan Coleman, Director of Economic Development said we have the additional project commitments from the developer that Council was looking for in Exhibit B attached to the ordinance. This includes 14 income restricted units, safety improvements, lighting improvements in compliance with City Code requirements, additional signage and striping, bollards in the right-of-way, zigzag crossings near the railroad gates, fencing and screening around the northern part of property, median improvements, leasing by the unit, and funding for wetland improvements and traffic studies.

Councilor Rickenmann said I did not see any language saying that they agreed to no extension.

Mayor Benjamin said the entire ordinance is predicated on the ten years. We don't need their consent or agreement, the ordinance itself articulates ten years.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted five (5) to two (2) to give second reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2021-045 Consenting to the Inclusion of Property in a Multi-County Industrial/Business Park (Project Catawba, 919 Catawba Avenue, 318 Lincoln Street and 312 Lincoln Street, Richland County TMS # 08914-08-02; 08914-08-07; 08914-08-09). Mr. Rickenmann, Mr. McDowell, Ms. Devine, Mr. Davis, and Mayor Benjamin voted aye. Mr. Brennan and Mr. Duvall voted nay.



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ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

25. Ordinance No.: 2021-047 Authorizing conveyance of approximately 1,542 SF (0.035 Acre) portion of City Property identified as Lexington County TMS#00700-05-033 for Traffic Circle Improvements at the intersection of Old Lexington Highway (SC Hwy. 83) and Murray Lindler Road (SC Hwy. 82); CF#250-400 – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mayor Benjamin, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2021-047 Authorizing conveyance of approximately 1,542 SF (0.035 Acre) portion of City Property identified as Lexington County TMS#00700-05-033 for Traffic Circle Improvements at the intersection of Old Lexington Highway (SC Hwy. 83) and Murray Lindler Road (SC Hwy. 82); CF#250-400.

26. Ordinance No.: 2021-048 Authorizing an appropriation or the issuance by the City of a Tax Anticipation Note for the fiscal year 2021-2022 payments due under the Intergovernmental Agreement between the South Carolina Jobs-Economic Development Authority and the City of Columbia, South Carolina, under the RecoverSC Local Government Liquidity Program; and other matters relating thereto – *Approved on first reading.*

Mr. Jeff Palen, Chief Financial Officer and Assistant City Manager recalled that the RecoverSC Liquidity program funds were to be utilized if we had shortfalls in revenue during this past year due to COVID-19. Our largest discussion was making sure we had the funds to cover local option sales taxes in case the sales taxes came in short. We did not want to adjust that factor on the property tax bills for our citizens. During the budget presentations we showed our intent to return the funds and pay back everything from the RecoverSC loans. While you all approved that, we don't actually make the payment until the next payment date at the end of September. Because of that, we have to pass a tax anticipation note ordinance which is the backstop on how we would make the payments if we weren't using any other funds, as required in the agreement. Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2021-048 Authorizing an appropriation or the issuance by the City of a Tax Anticipation Note for the fiscal year 2021-2022 payments due under the Intergovernmental Agreement between the South Carolina Jobs-Economic Development Authority and the City of Columbia, South Carolina, under the RecoverSC Local Government Liquidity Program; and other matters relating thereto.



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RESOLUTIONS

27. Resolution No.: R-2021-015 Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Encroachment License Agreement (NS #1276367) between the City of Columbia and Norfolk Southern Railroad for Blythewood Farms Phase 1 Sewer Replacement CF #349-17 – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2021-015 Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Encroachment License Agreement (NS #1276367) between the City of Columbia and Norfolk Southern Railroad for Blythewood Farms Phase 1 Sewer Replacement CF #349-17.

28. Resolution No.: R-2021-059 Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement Relating to Bike Infrastructure between the City of Columbia and Richland County – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mayor Benjamin, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2021-059 Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement Relating to Bike Infrastructure between the City of Columbia and Richland County.

29. Resolution No.: R-2021-061 Authorizing the purchase of 1796 Shady Lane, Columbia, SC 29209 identified as Lot U; Richland County TMS#16606-03-09; CF#250-528 – *Approved*

Councilor Rickenmann requested a meeting to discuss the plan and timeframe in order to notify the neighbors.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2021-061 Authorizing the purchase of 1796 Shady Lane, Columbia, SC 29209 identified as Lot U; Richland County TMS#16606-03-09; CF#250-528.



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APPOINTMENTS

30. Advisory Committee on Equality

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to establish the Advisory Committee on Equality (ACE) and allow the appointment of as many members as Council desires to serve on the committee.

31. Design Development Review Commission

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Mary Beth Branham as an Architect to the Design Development Review Commission for a three-year term.

OTHER MATTERS

32. Council is asked to approve the Three Rivers Greenway Addendum to the Project Agreement between the City of Columbia and Richland County. – *Approved*

Mr. Clint Shealy, Assistant City Manager for Columbia Water said the addendum to the intergovernmental agreement was conceptualized about a year ago as we were looking to finalize the items associated with the greenway. One of the components of the greenway was an additional section of boardwalk that bypasses the walk area that patrons are using. It trespasses on the railroad right-of-way. We wanted to get a commitment from the County that the additional section will be completed. This addendum secures a commitment that it will be built and funded through the project. This also secures the \$7.9 million that will be used for this project. There is a remaining property deed that has to be conveyed from the County to the City. It might be as late as July when the County conveys that property to the City. The additional parking our public works staff constructed is essentially complete. We are finally there and this addendum closes the door on the project so we can do a public opening of the facility.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mayor Benjamin, Council voted unanimously to approve the Three Rivers Greenway Addendum to the Project Agreement between the City of Columbia and Richland County.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REFERRALS

No reports or referrals were made at this time.



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Mayor Benjamin said can we get some direction on how the disparity study might inform the process going forward and help us continue to build up our group of mentors and protégés. I would recommend a report including such information to be presented to the Economic and Community Development Committee.

Councilor McDowell took a moment of personal privilege to recognize all firefighters. As you know there were three separate fires in one neighborhood last week. I had the opportunity to be with them at one of those fires. It is extremely important that our courageous firefighters get another set of equipment. I want to make sure we keep this as a top priority.

PUBLIC INPUT

No comments were received at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mayor Benjamin, Council voted six (6) to one (1) to enter into Executive Session at 4:16 p.m. for the discussion of **Items 33** through **35** as amended. Mr. Brennan, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Duvall, Ms. Devine, Mr. Davis, and Mayor Benjamin voted aye. Mr. Rickenmann voted nay.

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

*COVID-19
Event Resolutions
Conversion Therapy*

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

2221 Devine Street

35. Discussion of compensation of an employee pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(1)

*City Manager
City Attorney*



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Council adjourned the Executive Session and returned to the meeting at 5:19 p.m.

EVENT RESOLUTION

36. Resolution No.: R-2021-058 Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only within Boyd Plaza adjacent to the Columbia Museum of Art for Celebrate the Light Fundraiser on Saturday, June 26, 2021 – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2021-058 Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only within Boyd Plaza adjacent to the Columbia Museum of Art for Celebrate the Light Fundraiser on Saturday, June 26, 2021.

37. Resolution No.: R-2021-068 Amending Resolution No.: R-2021-035 Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only within Boyd Plaza adjacent to the Columbia Museum of Art and the 1200, 1300, 1400, 1500, 1600 and 1700 blocks of Main Street for First Thursdays on Main on Thursdays, June 3, 2021, July 1, 2021, August, 5, 2021, September 2, 2021, October 7, 2021, November 4, 2021 and December 2, 2021 – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2021-068 Amending Resolution No.: R-2021-035 Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only within Boyd Plaza adjacent to the Columbia Museum of Art and the 1200, 1300, 1400, 1500, 1600 and 1700 blocks of Main Street for First Thursdays on Main on Thursdays, June 3, 2021, July 1, 2021, August, 5, 2021, September 2, 2021, October 7, 2021, November 4, 2021 and December 2, 2021.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to return into Executive Session at 5:21 p.m. for the discussion of **Items 33** through **35** as amended.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:39 p.m.



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Respectfully submitted:

Erika D. Moore Hammond, CMC
City Clerk