



COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2017

The Columbia City Council met for a Work Session on Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 2:17 p.m. Also present were The Honorable Sam Davis, The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine, The Honorable Howard E. Duvall, Jr., and The Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr. The Honorable Moe Baddourah and The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann were absent. Also present were Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Moore, City Clerk. This meeting was advertised in accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Edward H. McDowell offered the Invocation.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda, as amended to add a discussion of pending appeals to **Item 4** and a discussion of property on Main Street to **Item 7**.

Councilor Devine introduced Ms. Imani Belton as her summer intern. Imani is the daughter of David and Jackie Belton and she is a recent graduate of North Carolina A&T State University.

FINANCIAL REPORT

1. April 2017 Financial Report - Mr. Dennie Ulmer, Deputy Finance Director

No questions were asked at this time.

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION

2. Health Care Discussion - Mr. Kevin Bryant, Resident Manager Director of the South Carolina operations for AON Risk Services South, Inc.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said we are embarking upon continued discussions of off-season budgetary matters that will lead into our new budget. We will embark upon several workshop discussions related to healthcare to get us where we need to be by the fall. She explained that Aon Risk Services South, Inc. is the consultant that will guide the recommendations to Council. She encouraged Council to be candid about the things they want to see in terms of data and comparisons. She noted that we are on a tight schedule.



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Ms. Pamela Benjamin, Human Resources Director explained that we issued an RFP and Aon was chosen to be our healthcare consultant and to provide us with guidance. Today, AON will give you an overview of their team, timelines and approach. We wanted this opportunity for you to provide us with your feedback in order to guide the next steps forward.

Mr. Kevin Bryant, Resident Manager Director of the South Carolina operations for Aon Risk Services South, Inc. said Aon is a global professional services firm and the world's largest insurance brokerage firm. He reported that they work with over 1,100 public entities in the United States to include the City of Charleston, Mecklenburg County and the City of Atlanta.

Ms. Cindy McCartney, Health and Benefits Senior Leader for Aon Risk Services South, Inc. said it is her job to set strategic direction for projects and to manage the team. She reiterated that Aon was selected during an RFP to be the conduit to perform an RFP on behalf of the City to seek vendors for administration and to market the stop loss and to bring back information, direction and insight on how the City should move forward. It could be one of four carriers: Blue Cross Blue Shield, Cigna, United Healthcare or Aetna. We will conduct an in-depth review using the claim information specific to the City of Columbia. As experts, we will provide strategic recommendations and we want to hear from you. In order to make changes effective in January 2018, we would need to start our work next week. We will come back in July to speak with Council and in August to work with the HR team. She stressed the importance of receiving clear recommendations from City Council today. The final recommendations will be presented to in mid-August. Open enrollment will start in October. She noted that there is the vendor Request for Proposals for capabilities, stop loss with insurance carriers, and the plan design. AON will provide consulting on your plan design and other options. This is supported by actuarial information provided by AON, but is determined and driven by the City. The results will be carried out by the vendors.

Mr. Scott Riley, Vice President, Health & Benefits Practice at Aon Hewitt said his role is to oversee the financial calculations and data. We are collecting data on the City's plan; we will review that and share it with the market. As we submit the RFP, there are different considerations from the carriers such as pharmacy terms, medical discounts and fees. We are seeing a 6-7% increase in medical trends and an 11-12% increase in pharmacy trends each per year. We are in the process of evaluating the City's data. The City's claims will be the predominate driver.

Mayor Benjamin said Aon is stepping in the place of Towers Watson and in the interest of transparency, he stated that their compensation is not tied to any other compensation. You will be compensated directly by us for the work that you do.



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Mr. Scott Riley, Vice President, Health & Benefits Practice at Aon Hewitt said we have no bias as far as who works for the City going forward. We are an independent evaluator.

Mr. Eric Atwater, Partner and Public Sector Actuarial Practice Leader said he will be overseeing the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB). We will help complete the City's June 30th financial statements and simultaneously work with you on a long-term strategy. You took steps in 2012 and 2014 to minimize your OPEB liability. I will be looking at further options you could potentially take while considering all of the pros and cons.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said she has shared the Council's thoughts as to wanting to build a program to retain the best and brightest employees', but understanding that we are in a different place. We know that this Council has requested solid feedback on how to move forward. She asked if Council had additional information for the consultant.

Ms. Pamela Benjamin, Human Resources Director said Aon will explore all types of options. There are more factors than the third party administrator and we want to make sure that they understand your appetite for big plan design changes and going to the State health plan. We want to make sure we have an end product that meets our needs and moves us forward strategically.

Councilor Davis said providers are pulling out of the market. He asked if Aon will be watching the market to anticipate those types of changes and mandates. He wants the final design to have less of a dramatic impact on current employees than it has on those we want to recruit. He expressed concern for the people that make the system work every day and for retirees.

Ms. Pamela Benjamin, Human Resources Director said Aon has all of our demographic information and they know how many employees we have, the age groups, years of service and incomes. They will be able to analyze the impact on our population as we move forward. They will look at how any changes will impact our retiree population.

Councilor Devine said she'd like to hear what others are doing to keep costs down. She said an employee can make more money in the private sector, but they won't have the benefits package that we provide. We must be able to articulate that. I would hate for us to make changes that make it impossible for younger employees, particularly those with families to. You can directly relate some claims with lifestyle choices. We have to look at drawing a harder line and I would have an appetite for setting mandates as opposed to making kind suggestions. Our plan should recognize those whose make wise healthcare or lifestyle choices versus those who may not.

Ms. Pamela Benjamin, Human Resources Director agreed to share the trends and mandates with Council.



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Councilor McDowell said the options and explanations must be crystal clear to Council members in order for there to be strong support around this table.

Councilor Duvall requested a comparison of the State health plan to include the third party administrator and administrative costs that we might not have if we contracted with the State health plan. He requested a comparison of the plan designs and retirement benefits for major cities in South Carolina to include Charleston, Greenville, Rock Hill, Florence and Myrtle Beach. He asked the consultant to also look at Lexington County, the City of Lexington and the City of Cayce since we are losing our officers to those agencies.

Mayor Benjamin explained the City's historical and current healthcare situation to the Mayor's Fellows. He said we are ahead of the curve, but I want to look at all of the different options. He expressed an interest in finding employees or retirees that we could systematically pull out of our system. The long-term obligation to a family of four might add up to \$300,000. He would like to see the tools that are available to pull those individuals out of the system. He suggested setting a date certain that new employees would be placed under the new model. He said we should aggressively pursue pension obligation bonds. We are looking at a completely different reality from how American cities, states and political subdivisions operated many years ago. He said he is eager to get the conversation started.

Councilor Duvall recalled that other cities phased in changes using tiers based on the years of service. He said there is a bigger obligation to those who are close to retirement.

There was an in-depth discussion about the options of funding the healthcare liability.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager thanked the Mayor and members of Council for a healthy discussion. She asked them to continue to send her additional input.

3. Clean Water 2020 Update / Economic Impact - Mr. Joey Jaco, Director of Engineering and Mr. Bryan Cully, Project Manager for CDM Smith

Mr. Joey Jaco, Director of Engineering said today's presentation will outline the Clean Water 2020 Program's economic benefit to the community.

Mr. Bryan Cully, Project Manager for CDM Smith explained that a study was done to quantify the impacts of the \$750 million being spent to improve the wastewater. The economic impact study included the activities that generate results, the types of economic impact and the measures. The activities include the implementation of the program over ten (10) years and the constrained areas that have opened back up to construction and development over a twenty-five



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(25) year period. He clarified that the \$750 million is being spent over a ten (10) year period, but the benefit of having areas open to economic development goes well beyond that. The direct impacts are wages; indirect impacts are payments to suppliers; and induced impacts come from income spending. He noted that today's presentation will focus on jobs. He reported that the implementation of the Clean Water 2020 Program is supporting approximately 900 jobs per year and that most of the induced impact is staying in Richland and Lexington counties. He reported that 1,076 jobs were created in Columbia in fiscal year 2015. He explained that the Consent Decree has terms and conditions that could cause the City to be in a capacity limited condition from a wastewater standpoint. This can prevent continued connections or development. The City was required to setup a Capacity Assurance Program to ensure that there is capacity for proposed developments. The City has been proactive in addressing current and projected capacity limited areas. He stated that the EPA is not requiring the City to spend any of the \$750 million to address capacity. He presented an older map of constrained parcels. He noted that capacity limitation has been removed from the high growth area of Crane Creek, which is the fastest growing area. The Lake Katherine area is currently in the right of way property acquisition phase. The limitation has also been removed from the Burnside area.

Mr. Joey Jaco, Director of Engineering explained that the new pipe is in service at Crane Creek and two storage facilities are currently in the design phase through this year's CIP. It is not a capacity limited area today, but the two consecutive sanitary sewer overflows on the outfall could change that. We are building storage capacity to address that.

Mr. Bryan Cully, Project Manager for CDM Smith continued to report that the City's system serves approximately 82,000 parcels; 15,000 parcels are within the capacity limited areas; and 3,000 parcels in capacity limited areas are undeveloped. Using a hydraulic model, he demonstrated the potentially new household density and business activity that could occur within the 3,000 parcels by 2040. He also demonstrated how addressing the capacity limited areas through the Clean Water 2020 Program will have an ongoing economic impact.

Councilor Duvall stated that the investment the City of Columbia is making for Crane Creek is coming back to Richland County.

Mr. Bryan Cully, Project Manager for CDM Smith noted that the investment also brings in more customers and rate payers for the City of Columbia.

Councilor Devine said there is a regional economic impact from this project.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager noted that this also ties in with City Council's visioning for 2036. She said staff is connecting those dots from the work plan to the bigger vision.



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Mr. Bryan Cully, Project Manager for CDM Smith said the optional money to spend as part of the Consent Decree is for capacity; you can choose to invest the money or not. In closing, he reported that the regional share of jobs was 0.7% in 2015 and will increase to 2.1% by 2040.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 3:44 p.m. for the discussion of **Items 4** through **8**, as amended to add a discussion of pending appeals to **Item 4** and a discussion of property on Main Street to **Item 7**.

4. Receipt of legal advice related to matters covered by attorney-client privilege pursuant to §30-4-70(a)(2)
 - *Adams and Reese, LLP Conflict Waiver*
 - *Billboards*
 - *Penny Project Utility Relocations*
5. Receipt of legal advice related to a pending, threatened or potential claim pursuant to §30-4-70(a)(2)
 - *Pelzer v. City*
 - *Meeks v. City*
6. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements pursuant to §30-4-70(a)(2)
 - *Lower Richland Sewer Extension Agreement*
 - *Gills Creek Agreement*
 - *Fire Services Agreement*
 - *Marathon*
 - *Bull Street Venue License Agreement*
 - *Capital City Ballpark Site*
7. Discussion of negotiations incident to the proposed purchase of property pursuant to §30-4-70(a)(2)
 - *Columbia College Drive*
8. Discussion of employment of an employee pursuant to §30-4-70(a)(2)
 - *City Attorney*

Council adjourned the Executive Session at 6:11 p.m.



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The Columbia City Council conducted a Meeting and a Budget Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 6:23 p.m. Also present were The Honorable Sam Davis, The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine, The Honorable Howard E. Duvall, Jr., and The Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr. The Honorable Moe Baddourah and The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann were absent. Also present were Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Moore, City Clerk. This meeting was advertised in accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Master Marshall Seezen of St. Joseph's Catholic Church Troop 100 led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Marshall is the son of the City's bond counsel, Mr. Michael Seezen, Esq.

INVOCATION

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

PUBLIC INPUT RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS

No one appeared at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

9. Council is asked to approve the April 18, 2017 and May 2, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve the April 18, 2017 and May 2, 2017 Meeting Minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 10 THROUGH 20

Upon a single motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve the **Consent Agenda Items 10 through 20**.



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10. Council is asked to approve Contract Amendment #1 for the Automated Meter Reading and Automated Meter Infrastructure Feasibility Study, as requested by the Engineering Department. Award to CH2M Hill Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$160,000.00. This firm is located in Englewood, CO. *Funding Source: 5529999-658650 (WM435401. No sub-consultants are included for this amendment. - Approved*
 11. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of a Kut-Kwick Super-Slope Mower, as requested by the Water Works Division. Award to Kut-Kwick Corporation, as a sole source in the amount of \$67,340.00. This vendor is located in Brunswick, GA. *Funding Source: Utilities Columbia Canal Water Treatment Plant: Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment Capital; 5516206- 658500 (\$33,670.00) and 5516207- 658500 (\$33,670.00). The original budgeted amount is \$67,340.00. - Approved*
 12. Council is asked to ratify an Emergency Procurement Contract to repair an 8-inch cast iron pipe waterline behind the Children's Hospital, as requested by the Engineering Department. Award to Carolina Tap & Bore, Inc. in the amount of \$63,850.00. This firm is located in West Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Utilities Metro Wastewater Plant: Professional Services; 5511706-638500. The original budgeted amount is \$63,850.00. - Approved*
 13. Council is asked to ratify an Emergency Procurement to repair a 6 inch cast iron pipe waterline at the 4000 block of River Drive, as requested by the Engineering Department. Award to Shady Grove Construction, LLC in the amount of \$239,250.00. This firm is located in Irmo, SC. *Funding Source: Engineering: Paving and Asphalt Supplies; 5529999 -658650-WM441501. The original budgeted amount is \$239,250.00. - Approved*
 14. Council is asked to approve Project WM4429; Blossom Street Asphalt Repair and Water Main Replacement, as requested by Utility Operations. Award to Shady Grove Construction, LLC, a Local Business Enterprise and Woman Owned Business Enterprise in an amount not to exceed \$445,995.00. This firm is located in Irmo, SC. - *Funding Source: Water and Sewer Capital Project Cost; 5529999 - 658650. This is Clean Water 2020 Program Project and the original budgeted amount is \$496,275.00. - Approved*

The following sub-consultants will provide additional services:

B&H, a small business enterprise of Gaston, SC will receive \$141,000 (34.7%) of the contract value.



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Capital Concrete, a local business enterprise of Lexington, SC will receive \$40,000 (9.8%) of the contract value.

Fortiline Waterworks of Columbia, SC will receive \$16,000 (3.9%) of the contract value.

Stay Alert of Columbia, SC will receive \$8,000 (2%) of the contract value.

15. Council is asked to approve the Canal Water Treatment Plant Clearwell and High Service Pump Station 2 & 3 Improvements and Pre-Construction Services and to authorize the City Manager to enter into negotiations for agreements in an amount not to exceed \$44,331,000.00 between the City of Columbia and Adams Robinson Enterprise Inc. in a form to be approved by the City Attorney's Office with final approval by the City Manager. This firm is located in Dayton, OH. *Funding Source: Water & Sewer Capital Projects- Capital Project Cost- Engineering Services Canal WTP Improvements; 5529999-658650-WM423101. The original budgeted amount is \$46,185,191.00. This is a Subcontracting Outreach Program Project. - Approved*

Breakout of project programs/goals:

*Subcontracting Outreach Program: (Includes both CDBEs and local subcontractors)
Requirement: 20% (\$ 8,866,200.00)
Actual: 34% (\$15,242,337.80)*

*Local Subcontracting: (Includes CDBEs meeting local requirements)
Requirement: 20% (\$8,866,200.00)
Actual: 24% (\$10,752,183.00)*

*Columbia Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program (CDBE): (All CDBEs are minority owned businesses.)
Requirement: 10% (\$4,433,100.00)
Actual: 9.70% (\$4,300,106.99)*

16. Ordinance No.: 2017-046 - Granting an encroachment to the University of South Carolina for the use of the right of way area of the 800 block of Sumter Street and 1300 block of Greene Street for installation and maintenance of curbing, guttering, landscaping, paving, bicycle lanes, irrigation and a raised median, adjacent to the School of Journalism at 800 Sumter Street and Preston College at 1323 Greene Street, Richland County TMS #11304-05-01 and 11303-05-01A - *First reading approval was given on June 13, 2017. – Approved on second reading.*



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17. Ordinance No.: 2017-047 - Amending Ordinance No.: 2015-016 Granting an encroachment to the University of South Carolina for the use of the right of way areas of the 600 and 700 blocks of Park Street, 900 block of Greene Street, 600 and 700 blocks of Lincoln Street, 900 block of Blossom Street, 900 block of Devine Street for installation and maintenance of sidewalks, curbing, guttering, landscaping and an irrigation system adjacent to the West Campus Development, Phases 1 and 1 A, Richland County TMS #08914-18-01, 08915-09-01, 08915-10-01 to incorporate the amendments to the landscaping and irrigation plan dated March 3, 2017 - *First reading approval was given on June 13, 2017. – Approved on second reading.*
18. Ordinance No.: 2017-051 - Providing for the Issuance and Sale of City of not Exceeding \$1,500,000 Principal Amount, Columbia, South Carolina Special Obligation Bonds or Notes (Hospitality Fee Pledge), Series 2017, In Order To Refinance Certain Indebtedness; 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 - *First reading approval was given on June 13, 2017. – Approved on second reading.*
19. Resolution No.: R-2017-048 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine beverages only at the Palmetto Tasty Tomato Festival on August 5, 2017 - *Approved*
20. Resolution No.: R-2017-055 - Young Professionals Networking Event (July 1) - *Approved*

OTHER MATTERS

21. Fiscal Year 2017 / 2018 Accommodations Tax and Hospitality Tax Funding Recommendations - Ms. Libby Gober, Executive Assistant to City Council

Ms. Libby Gober, Executive Assistant to City Council reported that funding from the Accommodations Tax Fund for Experience Columbia (formerly known as the CVB) should be \$1,889,000 instead of \$1,891,000; it's a \$2,000 discrepancy. She commended the work of both funding advisory committees.



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Mr. Hal Stevenson, Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee Chair said they considered funding for Experience Columbia and Lake Murray Country and the recommendation to cut funding from Lake Murray Country was based on the incomplete information that was received and the need to fund Experience Columbia at a higher rate. On behalf of the committee, he recommended \$200,000 for Lake Murray Country and \$1,889,000 for Experience Columbia.

Councilor Davis recommended that funding to Lake Murray Country be restored. He said they bring a lot of money into this region and he hopes the dollars they bring in will help the smaller groups as well.

Councilor Devine said she has heartburn with changing the committee's recommendation. She would like for the committee to consider using surplus funds to restore Lake Murray Country.

Ms. Libby Gober, Executive Assistant to City Council recalled that City Council voted last year to allocate all of the surplus funds as of June 30th to the CVB/Experience Columbia. She reported that last year's surplus was \$299,000.

Mr. Hal Stevenson, Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee Chair said the committee wouldn't have a problem with accepting Mr. Davis recommendation. On behalf of the committee, he recommended that all excess funds go to the CVB.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve the Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Accommodations Tax funding recommendations, as amended to restore funding for Capital City Lake Murray in the amount of \$290,000 and restating the commitment for all surplus funds from fiscal year 2016/2017 to go to the Conventions and Visitors Bureau / Experience Columbia.

Mr. John Whitehead, Hospitality Tax Advisory Committee Chair said they provided concise reasons as to why funding was denied, increased or decreased for organizations. The committee received the same level of funding for allocations as it received the previous year. The committee also received more applications this year.

Mayor Benjamin said there are rollover funds available from this fiscal year. We are taking the Renaissance Foundation out of this budget prospectively and to restate our full commitment to making that project happen.



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Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to adopt the Hospitality Tax Advisory Committee's funding recommendations for Fiscal Year 2017/2018, with the exception of the appropriation for the Renaissance Foundation, which will be handled separately and to make additional allocations from rollover funds and the \$75,000 that was previously appropriated by City Council for the Renaissance Foundation.

Historic Columbia Foundation for Columbia SC 63 Ward One Museum	\$20,000
Divine Nine Foundation	\$10,000
High School Football Championships (Benedict College)	\$4,000
Eau Claire Community Council for the Eau Claire Festival	\$2,500
South Carolina State Museum	\$25,000
Girl Scouts of SC Mountains to Midlands Project	\$12,500
C.A. Johnson Alumni Association Festival	\$2,000
Black Pages International	\$15,000
North Columbia Business Association Cornbread Festival	\$1,500
Marching Band National Championship (Special Olympics SC)	\$25,000
Miss Naturally Crowned Columbia (Know Money Inc.)	\$2,500

Mayor Benjamin anticipated that there will be opportunities where additional funding will become available and we'll leave it to Ms. Gober and Mr. Whitehead to figure out how we move forward on additional funds for organizations. He encouraged everyone to stay involved as we move forward.

BUDGET ORDINANCES - SECOND READING

22. Ordinance No.: 2017-044 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 23, Utilities and Engineering, Article V, Water and Sewer Rates, Sec. 23-143 Water service rates and Sec. 23-149 Sewer service rates (a) and (b) - *First reading approval was given on June 13, 2017.*

Mr. James Matthews expressed opposition to the proposed water rate increase. He questioned the necessity of new water meters. He asked why more costs are being added when the City hasn't completed its EPA requirements.

Mayor Benjamin said the advanced metering infrastructure represents the future of our city and a huge opportunity for the citizens and rate payers of the system.



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Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to give second reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2017-044 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 23, Utilities and Engineering, Article V, Water and Sewer Rates, Sec. 23-143 Water service rates and Sec. 23-149 Sewer service rates (a) and (b).

Councilor Duvall recognized Mrs. Mary Easterling, a county resident who contacted him because she was concerned about the water rates.

Councilor Devine urged customers to use the online bill calculator to determine how the new rates will impact their water and sewer bills.

23. Ordinance No.: 2017-049 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 23, Utilities and Engineering, Article VII, Stormwater Management, Sec. 23-205 Stormwater service charge rates (b) - *First reading approval was given on June 13, 2017. – Approved on second reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to give second reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2017-049 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 23, Utilities and Engineering, Article VII, Stormwater Management, Sec. 23-205 Stormwater service charge rates (b).

24. Ordinance No.: 2017-048 - To Raise Revenue and Adopt the Budget for the City of Columbia, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2018 - *First reading approval was given on June 13, 2017. – Approved on second reading.*

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to give second reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2017-048 - To Raise Revenue and Adopt the Budget for the City of Columbia, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2018.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager thanked the members of City Council for their attentiveness and guidance as we worked through the budget process.

Councilor Davis said residents and visitors will not be able to enjoy this City unless they enjoy the environment and infrastructure and unless their quality of life is good. He supported the budget, because it was important and we owe public safety the best we can give them. This budget will take us where we want to go.



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PRESENTATIONS

25. Introduction of Ms. Ann Dawson August, CCTM, Interim Executive Director of the COMET

Councilor Devine said two members of the Rider's Association attended a recent open house and they both sang Ms. August's praises. They are excited about her leadership.

Ms. Ann Dawson August, CCTM, Interim Executive Director of the COMET said she is humbled by the experience to serve Columbia in this capacity. She has been in transit for 37 years and served as the Executive Director in Birmingham from 2012 to 2015 and in Sumter for 15 years. She said transit is a passion and we want to expand mobility options. She reported that an additional 39 vehicles will be placed into service by the end of August. She invited everyone to a ribbon cutting on tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. at 3613 Lucius Road for the unveiling of the new buses. She said riding the bus allows you to see things that you can't see when driving a car. She hopes that rail will be a future mobility option.

Mayor Benjamin noted that the new buses are energy efficient and they have Wi-Fi, power plugs and an app. He shared in Ms. August's commitment to rail as well.

26. May 2017 Employee of the Month - Mr. Clint Shealy, Director of Utility Operations

Mr. Clint Shealy, Director of Utility Operations introduced Mr. Christopher Lampkin, Maintenance Coordinator as the May 2017 Employee of the Month. He recognized Mr. Lampkin for his exemplary service and leadership of the maintenance group at the Canal Water Treatment Plant. He leads with honesty, integrity, open communication and initiative. He was also recognized as the Maintenance Person of the Year.

Mayor Benjamin and City Manager Teresa Wilson presented Mr. Christopher Lampkin with a plaque and a token of appreciation for being selected as the May 2017 City of Columbia Employee of the Month.



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27. June 2017 Employee of the Month - Mr. William "Skip" Holbrook, Columbia Police Chief

Mr. Melron Kelly, Deputy Police Chief introduced Ms. Pearlina Williams-Burke, Executive Assistant to the Chief of Police as the June 2017 Employee of the Month. He recognized Mrs. Williams-Burke for 32 years of service. She helped the Police Department through the transition of the new Police Chief in 2014. She completed a degree from the University of South Carolina and she continues to be very active in Toastmasters. Chief Holbrook said he could not do his job without her.

Mayor Benjamin and City Manager Teresa Wilson presented Ms. Pearlina Williams-Burke with a plaque and a token of appreciation for being selected as the June 2017 City of Columbia Employee of the Month.

28. Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month Proclamation - The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin

Mayor Benjamin and the members of City Council proclaimed June 2017 as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month in the City of Columbia.

Ms. Bridget Mackey said our seniors with Alzheimer's disease seem to fade into the background as we move on with our daily lives. For those families who are facing this disease, it is very hard to forget. There are 86,000 individuals in South Carolina who have Alzheimer's disease. She said her grandmother has Alzheimer's disease.

29. Homeless Court Update - Mr. George Cauthen, Esq., Chair of the Homeless Court Committee – *This presentation was rescheduled for July 18, 2017.*

PUBLIC HEARINGS

30. Ordinance No.: 2017-033 - Adopting the Walkable 29203 Plan be adopted as an addendum to The Columbia Plan 2018, Transportation Element Subsection 8.2.3 Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities: Walk Bike Columbia: Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan – *Approved on first reading.*



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Ms. Leigh DeForth, AICP, Comprehensive Planner for the Planning and Development Services Department explained that this plan was funded by a DHEC grant from the Center for Disease Control and in partnership with the Richland County Planning Department. She reported that 32.2% of the 29203 population lives below the poverty level; 2.5% of the residents walk to work, but 28% of the residents are within a 15 minute commute; 3% of the residents commute via public transportation; and 7.3% of the households do not have access to personal vehicles. The area is in need of walkable infrastructure.

Mayor Benjamin said the way that people move is sometimes a lifestyle change and sometimes it's a necessity. We hope to make it a lifestyle change for more people. We encourage people to live healthier and longer lives by walking and biking and making it easier for folks to do so is important.

Council opened the Public Hearing at 7:19 p.m.

No one appeared in support or opposition to this matter.

Council closed the Public Hearing at 7:19 p.m.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2017-033 - Adopting the Walkable 29203 Plan be adopted as an addendum to The Columbia Plan 2018, Transportation Element Subsection 8.2.3 Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities: Walk Bike Columbia: Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan.

Councilor Devine said there are funds in this year's budget for a transportation planner that will help us with the implementation of the Walk Bike Plan. We are committed to connectivity throughout the City and making sure our City is walkable and bikeable. We need to move quicker in implementing some of the low hanging fruit in the plan.

31. Ordinance No.: 2017-045 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 6, Elections, Sec. 6-5 Filing fees – *Approved on first reading.*

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

No one appeared in support or opposition to this matter.

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



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Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2017-045 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 6, Elections, Sec. 6-5 Filing fees.

32. Resolution No.: R-2017-054 Public Input on Closing and Transfer of an unopened portion of Willow Street (formerly Pine Street) containing approximately 0.39 acre located between Richland County TMS#09213-08-10, TMS#11601-25-02 and TMS#09116-02-13; CF#340-16A - *Approved*

Council opened the Public Hearing at 7:22 p.m.

No one appeared in support or opposition to this matter.

Council closed the Public Hearing at 7:22 p.m.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2017-054 Public Input on Closing and Transfer of an unopened portion of Willow Street (formerly Pine Street) containing approximately 0.39 acre located between Richland County TMS#09213-08-10, TMS#11601-25-02 and TMS#09116-02-13; CF#340-16A.

ORDINANCE - FIRST READING

33. Annexation, Interim Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment, and Interim Zoning Map Amendment 150 Bluff Road, 152 Bluff Road, 154 Bluff Road, 154A Bluff Road, 156 Bluff Road, and 160 Bluff Road, 164 Bluff Road, 1003 Hamrick Street, 1007 Hamrick Street, and 1011 Hamrick Street; TMS# 11204-02-29, 11204-02-28, 11204-02-27, and 11204-02-26, 11204-02-25, 11204-02-14, 11204-02-15, and 11204-02-16 - *Approved on first reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2017-051 - Annexing 150 Bluff Road, 152 Bluff Road, 154 Bluff Road, 154A Bluff Road, 156 Bluff Road, 160 Bluff Road, 164 Bluff Road, 1003 Hamrick Street, 1007 Hamrick Street and 1011 Hamrick Street, Richland County TMS# 11204-02-29, 11204-02-28, 11204-02-27, and 11204-02-26, 11204-02-25, 11204-02-14, 11204-02-15 and 11204-02-16 – *Approved on first reading.*



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Council District:	2
Proposal:	Annex, assign interim an interim land use classification of Urban Core Mixed Residential Type 2 (UCMR-2), and assign interim zoning of General Residential District (RG-2). The property is currently classified as Mixed Residential-High Density and zoned Residential Multi-Family High Density (RM-HD) by Richland County.
Applicant:	Orchard Columbia III, LLC / Julius Terry Kirkland; Robert L. Giles; Holbrook Family, LLC; James L. Hilliard
Staff Recommendation:	Annex, Assign Interim Land Use and Interim Zoning; Approve
PC Recommendation:	06/05/17: Annex, Assign Interim Land Use and Interim Zoning; Approve (7-0)

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the *Annexation, Interim Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment, and Interim Zoning Map Amendment* for 150 Bluff Road, 152 Bluff Road, 154 Bluff Road, 154A Bluff Road, 156 Bluff Road, and 160 Bluff Road, 164 Bluff Road, 1003 Hamrick Street, 1007 Hamrick Street, and 1011 Hamrick Street; TMS# 11204-02-29, 11204-02-28, 11204-02-27, and 11204-02-26, 11204-02-25, 11204-02-14, 11204-02-15, and 11204-02-16 **and** Ordinance No.: 2017-051 - Annexing 150 Bluff Road, 152 Bluff Road, 154 Bluff Road, 154A Bluff Road, 156 Bluff Road, 160 Bluff Road, 164 Bluff Road, 1003 Hamrick Street, 1007 Hamrick Street and 1011 Hamrick Street, Richland County TMS# 11204-02-29, 11204-02-28, 11204-02-27, and 11204-02-26, 11204-02-25, 11204-02-14, 11204-02-15 and 11204-02-16.

34. Ordinance No.: 2017-061 - Repealing encroachment Ordinance No.: 2014-008 Granting an encroachment to Mainstream V Lofts LLC /Capitol Places for placement of a flame shaped steel sculpture with concrete foundation within the sidewalk right of way area adjacent to 1644 Main Street, Richland County TMS #09014-04-01 – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2017-061 - Repealing encroachment Ordinance No.: 2014-008 Granting an encroachment to Mainstream V Lofts LLC/Capitol Places for placement of a flame shaped steel sculpture with concrete foundation within the sidewalk right of way area adjacent to 1644 Main Street, Richland County TMS #09014-04-01.



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RESOLUTIONS

35. Resolution No.: R-2017-058 Support Establishing Community-wide Target of Powering the City of Columbia, South Carolina, with 100 percent Clean, Renewable Energy by 2036 – *Approved, as amended to read as follows: Resolution No.: 2017-058 - Establish a Community-wide Twenty Year Target of Powering the City of Columbia, South Carolina, with 100 Percent Clean, Renewable Energy.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2017-058 Support Establishing Community-wide Target of Powering the City of Columbia, South Carolina, with 100 percent Clean, Renewable Energy by 2036, as amended to read as follows: Resolution No.: 2017-058 - Establish a Community-wide Twenty Year Target of Powering the City of Columbia, South Carolina, with 100 Percent Clean, Renewable Energy.

APPOINTMENTS

36. Council is asked to approve the appointment of one (1) individual to the Food Policy Committee.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Ms. Brenna Grant to the Food Policy Committee.

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS DISCUSSED DURING THE WORK SESSION

No matters were considered at this time.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS / REFERRALS

There was a consensus of Council to cancel the meeting scheduled for June 27, 2017. The next meeting date is July 18, 2017.

Councilor Devine asked to schedule a meeting of the Economic and Community Development Committee to discuss the Walk Bike Master Plan to review infrastructure and low hanging fruit that can be addressed.



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APPEARANCE OF THE PUBLIC

Ms. Cynthia Vaughns expressed concerns about the lack of communication between the City of Columbia and Richland County when addressing constituent concerns. She asked to be appointed to the Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Development.

Mayor Benjamin said we want to see more cohesion in conversation between the City and the County. In some places we share services; some we manage for them; and some services they manage for us, but we need to make sure that you have an even better citizen experience.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Moore, CMC
City Clerk