



## **COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2023**

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The Columbia City Council conducted a regular meeting on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m. The following members of Council were present: The Honorable Howard E. Duvall Jr., The Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr., The Honorable William Brennan, The Honorable Aditi Bussells, The Honorable Tina N. Herbert, and The Honorable Peter M. Brown. Also present were Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Moore Hammond, City Clerk. This meeting was advertised in accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **INVOCATION**

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

### **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda subject to the following amendments:

- Defer Item 19 (*Professional Services Agreement for Citywide Security Services*) to July 18, 2023.
- Defer Items 48-52 (*Appointments to Boards and Commissions*) to July 18, 2023.
- Correct Item 47 to read: *Resolution No: R-2023-057 - Supporting future infrastructure improvement grant for SC Columbia Jamil, LLC*

### **PUBLIC INPUT RELATED TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

Mr. Dogon Krigga requested details related to Item 13 (Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Hospitality Tax Allocations) on behalf of creatives/artists that live and work in the Columbia area. He focused on the public art initiative, which includes painting fiberglass fish to auction off. He asked questions in relation to idea conceptualization, local artist involvement, product cost, production and logistics.



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Mayor Rickenmann said the concept is fish because we are trying to enhance our rivers and bring it more into our community. The fish will come pre-cast. We will give fish to the nine high schools and eight colleges and universities in our community, as well as the elementary schools. The balance will then go to the artist community. We're working through the logistics of what that includes. All of the money is going into a pot so we can do more public art. It's supposed to help create a revolving fund. We don't want it limited to murals. We also have a secondary art program where we're going to take empty lots in our more challenged neighborhoods and create community art that serves as a reflection of the area. There will be a screening process to find the right artists with the right connections.

Mr. Dogon Krigga asked the Mayor and City Council to meet with a group of creative citizens before voting on this.

Mayor Rickenmann said we can get together, but we've already voted on this. We're allocating these funds to this source and then we can talk about some of the details. As it is moving forward, we'll get you in the room.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Council is asked to approve the May 16, 2023 and June 6, 2023 Meeting Minutes.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve the May 16, 2023 and June 6, 2023 Meeting Minutes.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

2. National Homeownership Month Proclamation - The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor

Mayor Rickenmann said homeownership is a big thing for Columbia, South Carolina. We're putting homes back into our communities. We have less than 47% of homeownership. This is very important to the whole Council. We are going to continue to work to create opportunities that are affordable and attainable. We are going to emphasize it with every opportunity and dollar that we can leverage.



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Ms. Delores Shabazz, Senior Program Manager / Community Development Department highlighted the City of Columbia's Housing Programs. June is National Homeownership Month. During Homeownership Month we recognize the power and importance of homeownership, especially when raising a family, planting roots in the community, building equity, and passing down generational wealth. The mission of Community Development is to provide safe and decent housing to individuals and families at 80% to 120% of the area median income. The Community Development Department began the loan programs over 45 years ago. Next year we'll be celebrating 50 years. Tomorrow, we're doing a realtor's workshop at the Convention Center. The agents that attend the workshop will be listed as our preferred lenders when people want to inquire about our loan programs.

Councilor McDowell asked Ms. Shabazz if she could say a brief word about the SHINE Program.

Ms. Delores Shabazz, Senior Program Manager / Community Development Department said SHINE stands for Single Family Housing Improvement for Neighborhood Enhancement. It is our new rehabilitation program. We've designed the process to be more user-friendly. We have distributed the applications to various community centers. There are two open enrollment sessions where they can drop them off. The first was June 13, 2023 at the Print Building and we had a very good turnout with over 100 people. The next session is on June 28, 2023 and we wanted to do it in-person so that we can sit down with each applicant. We will go over the checklist of documents, make sure they sign everything and then can start reviewing the applications to see who's eligible. We plan to finish accepting applications on June 30, 2023. On June 28, 2023, we will allow individuals who may be missing one or two items to submit those items to our office by June 30, 2023. That will close the application cycle for this year. Hopefully, we will send out status notifications by the second week in August.

Councilor McDowell asked will there be an opportunity to disseminate data to us, in terms of how's it going and how many applications were received.

Ms. Delores Shabazz Senior Program Manager / Community Development Department said yes, I can work with Ms. Gentry to make sure we keep Council updated on that process. Since its new, we're doing a test run and we'll make adjustments as needed.

Mayor Rickenmann and the members of City Council proclaimed June 2023 as National Homeownership Month in the City of Columbia.



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### **3. Melani Miller Day Proclamation - The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor**

Mayor Rickenmann said we have one of the most compassionate and caring communities. We learn things about each other, and we learn about all the talent hidden in our community. Sometimes we don't know the story. Ms. Miller has an incredible story. She went through some troubled time; some of them a lot of people can relate to. She came out of that and instead of thinking about herself, she dedicated her life to working with the Salvation Army. Since 2007, she has absolutely been a star in our community. She touches lives and makes a difference every day.

Ms. Melani Miller, Director of Programs and Services at the Salvation Army Columbia said I have been honored to be given the opportunity to give back and serve with the Salvation Army. I'm humbled by your words, thoughts and deeds. It has been lovely knowing that since 2007, the Salvation Army partnered with the City of Columbia. This year the City raised the bar and established Rapid Shelter Columbia and the Salvation Army was selected to be a part of that.

Mayor Rickenmann and the members of City Council proclaimed June 30, 2023 as Melani Miller Day in the City of Columbia.

### **4. American Heart Association Presentation - Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager**

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said as many of you know this organization is near and dear to my heart. I was excited to be asked by the American Heart Association, as a part of my board responsibilities, to raise awareness in the City of Columbia.

Ms. Tori Salvant, Deputy Director of the Parking Services Division and fellow City of Columbia staff members presented Ms. Wilson with the Rookie of the Year Award, which was awarded by the American Heart Association for the City's fundraising efforts.

Ms. Lizzie Smith, Director of Development for the American Heart Association thanked the City of Columbia and its employees for all of their support and participation. She said these funds not only enable us to raise awareness but also gather people together. Through the City of Columbia, other companies came together for the parking meter project. You raised more than any new company this year and you should be really proud of what you've done.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager presented the American Heart Association with a big check in the amount of \$9,000.

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### **BUDGET ORDINANCES - SECOND READING**

Upon a single motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Ms. Herbert, Council voted unanimously to give second reading approval to **Budget Ordinances - Items 5 and 7 through 10.**

5. Ordinance No.: 2023-063 - To Raise Revenue and Adopt the Budget for the City of Columbia, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024 – *First reading approval was given on June 6, 2023. - Approved on second reading*
6. Ordinance No.: 2023-059 - 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 – *Approved on second reading*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Ms. Herbert, Council voted six to one [6 to 1] to give second reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2023-059 - 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. Mr. Brown, Ms. Herbert, Mr. Brennan, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Duvall and Mayor Rickenmann voted aye. Dr. Bussells voted nay.

7. Ordinance No.: 2023-062- Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 15, Parks and Recreation, Sec. 15-5 User Fees – *First reading approval was given on June 6, 2023. - Approved on second reading*
8. Ordinance No.: 2023-064 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, to repeal and replace Chapter 22, Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places, Article VI, Parades (Special Events) – *First reading approval was given on June 6, 2023. - Approved on second reading*
9. Ordinance No.: 2023-066 - 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 6, 2023. - Approved on second reading*



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10. Ordinance No.: 2023-068 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 10, Law Enforcement, Article I, False Security Alarms – *First reading approval was given on June 6, 2023. - Approved on second reading*

### **BUDGET ORDINANCE - SECOND READING**

11. Ordinance No.: 2023-067 - 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. 23-146 Fire hydrant, fire protection and sprinkler system charges (a) – *First reading approval was given on June 6, 2023. - Approved on second reading*

Upon a motion made by Dr. Bussells and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to give second reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2023-067 - 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. 23-146 Fire hydrant, fire protection and sprinkler system charges (a).

### **FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 FUNDING ALLOCATIONS**

12. Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Accommodations Tax Allocations - Ms. Missy Caughman, MPA, CPM, Budget, Program Management and Grants Director – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to approve the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Accommodations Tax Allocations.

13. Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Hospitality Tax Allocations - Ms. Missy Caughman, MPA, CPM, Budget, Program Management and Grants Director – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Brennan, Council voted unanimously to approve the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Hospitality Tax Allocations as amended to include an additional \$40,000 allocation for the Vista Guild's Clean and Safe Program and the Five Points Association's Clean and Safe Program.

### **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 14 THROUGH 33**

Upon a single motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to approve **Consent Agenda Items 14 through 18 and 20 through 33.**

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14. Council is asked to approve the purchase of a Chevy C2500 Double Cab Silverado Truck for the Columbia Empowerment Zone, as requested by the Fleet Services Division on May 26, 2023. Award to Love Chevrolet using the SC State Contract in the amount of \$52,308.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

*Funding Source: Capital Replacement - Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment-Capital (6308972-658500). The original budget amount is \$52,308.00.*

15. Council is asked to approve Court Management System Support Services, as requested by Municipal Court Administration on June 13, 2023. Award to the Richland County Information Technology Department in the amount of \$100,000.00. Services were provided during July 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

*Funding Source: Municipal Court - Maintenance & Service Contract (1011502-638200). The original budget amount is \$100,000.00.*

16. Council is asked to approve Change Order #1 for Project SS7558-SD8496; 8" Sewer Main Relocation and Storm Drainage Improvements at 2511 Clark Street, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to LAD Construction, LLC in the amount of \$78,780.10. This firm is located in Swansea, SC. – *Approved*

*Funding Source: Engineering - Water & Sewer Improvements (5529999-SS755801-5549999-SD849601-658650). The original budget amount is \$397,423.90, which includes contingency. The budget amount for this change order is \$78,780.10. The total revised budget amount is \$476,204.00.*

*This is a Mentor Protégé Program project. LAD Construction, LLC is the mentor and will provide pipeline rehabilitation services at 3.29% (\$2,588.20) of the change order amount.*

*JA Mabus & Associates of Leesville, SC is the protégé and will provide storm drain line services at 96.71% (\$76,191.90) of the change order amount.*

17. Council is asked to approve Change Order #5 for Project SS733702; East Rocky Branch Improvements Phase II, as requested by Columbia Water on April 24, 2023. Award to S. J. Louis Construction in the amount of \$1,079,882.39. The contract term is extended to December 26, 2023. This firm is located in Rockville, MN. – *Approved*

*Funding Source: Water & Sewer Capital Projects, Capital Projects Cost (5529999-SS733702-658650). The original budget amount is \$20,817,577.09. The budget amount for this change order is \$1,079,882.39. The total revised budget amount is \$21,897,459.48.*

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18. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of HVAC Evaluation Services, as requested by the Support Services Division on May 4, 2023. Award to Trane U.S. Incorporated using the Omnia Partners Cooperative Contract in the amount of \$104,760.00. This vendor is located in West Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

*Funding Source: General Support Services and Professional Services (1011201-636600). The original budget amount is \$104,760.00.*

19. Council is asked to approve a new Professional Services Agreement for Citywide Security Services, as requested by the Columbia Police Department on March 10, 2023. Award to Allied Universal Security Services in an amount not to exceed \$1,973,179.83, which includes contingency. The term of the agreement is one year with four one-year renewal periods. This contractor is located in Columbia, SC. – *Deferred*

*Funding Source: Police Administrative Services - Professional Services (1012402-636600). The original budget amount is \$1,973,179.83.*

20. Council is asked to approve Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Public Safety Contract Renewals, as requested by Various Departments. Award to the following vendors in the total amount of \$925,099.36. – *Approved*

| Item                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Vendor and Location                 | Description                                                                                                                                      | Term                                                                       | Amount       |
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| a.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Motorola Solutions<br>Lancaster, SC | Palmetto 800 MHz Radio Airtime, as requested by the Columbia Fire Department on May 18, 2023 and the Columbia Police Department on May 15, 2023. | Annual Renewal<br>(7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024)                                   | \$485,496.78 |
| <i>Funding Source: Fire Suppression - Maintenance &amp; Service Contract (1012303 - 638200) - \$116,997.70 (including taxes) and Police Administrative Services - Other Lease/Rental (1012402-636500) - \$368,499.08 (including taxes)</i> |                                     |                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                            |              |
| b.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Cross Safe<br>Charlotte, NC         | Crossing Guard Services, as requested by the Columbia Police Department on May 15, 2023.                                                         | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Renewal of 3<br>options to renew<br>(7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024) | \$350,000.00 |
| <i>Funding Source: Police Administrative Services - Professional Services (1012402-636600) - \$350,000.00</i>                                                                                                                              |                                     |                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                            |              |



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| c.                                                                                                                                          | COBAN Technologies, Inc.<br>Houston, TX | Law Enforcement Speed Detection & Video Equipment Solution License Maintenance, as requested by the Columbia Police Department on May 15, 2023. | Annual Renewal (7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024) | \$89,602.58         |
| <i>Funding Source: Police Administrative Services - Maintenance &amp; Service Contract (1012402-638200) - \$89,602.58 (including taxes)</i> |                                         |                                                                                                                                                 |                                       |                     |
| <b>Total Amount:</b>                                                                                                                        |                                         |                                                                                                                                                 |                                       | <b>\$925,099.36</b> |

21. Council is asked to approve Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Miscellaneous Contract Renewals, as requested by Various Departments. Award to the following vendors in the total amount of \$1,002,288.18. – *Approved*

| Item                                                                                                                                            | Vendor and Location                    | Description                                                                                                                              | Term                                                                 | Amount       |
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| a.                                                                                                                                              | Scott & Company LLC<br>Columbia, SC    | Auditing Services, as requested by the Finance Department on June 7, 2023.                                                               | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Renewal of 2 options to renew (7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024) | \$133,500.00 |
| <i>Funding Source: Accounting - Audit Costs (1011401-635600) and Finance Water Administration - Audit Costs (5511409-635600) - \$133,500.00</i> |                                        |                                                                                                                                          |                                                                      |              |
| b.                                                                                                                                              | Shoes for Crews, LLC<br>Boca Raton, FL | Safety Shoes and Boots, as requested by the Department of Procurement and Contracts on June 6, 2023.                                     | 2 <sup>nd</sup> of 3 year initial term (7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024)        | \$294,625.00 |
| <i>Funding Source: Supplies - Safety Clothing and Supplies (6208956-625900) - \$294,625.00</i>                                                  |                                        |                                                                                                                                          |                                                                      |              |
| c.                                                                                                                                              | UniFirst Corporation<br>Lexington, SC  | Citywide Uniform Rental Services, as requested by the Department of Procurement and Contracts on June 6, 2023.                           | 1 <sup>st</sup> Renewal of 3 options to renew (7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024) | \$450,000.00 |
| <i>Funding Source: Supplies - Uniforms and Clothing (6208956-624100) - \$450,000.00</i>                                                         |                                        |                                                                                                                                          |                                                                      |              |
| d.                                                                                                                                              | Hansen Banner, LLC<br>Allentown, PA    | Utility Billing Annual Maintenance and Support, as requested by the IT and Budget, Project Management and Grants Office on June 1, 2023. | IT Annual Renewal (7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024)                             | \$124,163.18 |



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| <i>Funding Source: Program Management Office - Maintenance &amp; Service Contracts (6218950-638200)</i><br><b>\$124,163.18</b> |
| <b>Total Amount: <span style="float: right;">\$1,002,288.18</span></b>                                                         |

22. Council is asked to approve Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Indefinite Delivery Contract (IDC) renewals for Waterline/Hydrant Leak Restoration Services, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to the following firms in the total amount of \$1,400,000.00. Project specific administration shall be required, executed, and issued for each waterline/hydrant leak restoration service project awarded under the approved IDC. – *Approved*

| <b>Item</b>                                                                                                                      | <b>Vendor and Location</b>                            | <b>Description</b>                                                                | <b>Term</b>                                                           | <b>Amount</b>         |
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| a.                                                                                                                               | Lake Murray<br>Utility Company<br><br>Chapin, SC      | IDC for Waterline Hydrant Repairs, as requested by Columbia Water on May 5, 2023. | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Renewal of 2 options to renew (7/1/2023 - 12/10/2023) | \$400,000.00          |
| <i>Funding Source: Utilities Water Distribution &amp; Maintenance - Special Projects (5516203-638500)</i><br><b>\$400,000.00</b> |                                                       |                                                                                   |                                                                       |                       |
| b.                                                                                                                               | LAD Construction<br><br>Swansea, SC                   | IDC for Waterline Hydrant Repairs, as requested by Columbia Water on May 5, 2023. | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Renewal of 2 options to renew (7/1/2023 - 12/10/2023) | \$200,000.00          |
| <i>Funding Source: Utilities Water Distribution &amp; Maintenance - Special Projects (5516203-638500)</i><br><b>\$200,000.00</b> |                                                       |                                                                                   |                                                                       |                       |
| c.                                                                                                                               | G. H. Smith<br>Construction<br><br>Columbia, SC       | IDC for Waterline Hydrant Repairs, as requested by Columbia Water on May 5, 2023. | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Renewal of 2 options to renew (7/1/2023 - 12/10/2023) | \$400,000.00          |
| <i>Funding Source: Utilities Water Distribution &amp; Maintenance - Special Projects (5516203-638500)</i><br><b>\$400,000.00</b> |                                                       |                                                                                   |                                                                       |                       |
| d.                                                                                                                               | Carolina Tap and<br>Bore, Inc.<br><br>W. Columbia, SC | IDC for Waterline Hydrant Repairs, as requested by Columbia Water on May 5, 2023. | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Renewal of 2 options to renew (7/1/2023 - 12/10/2023) | \$400,000.00          |
| <i>Funding Source: Utilities Water Distribution &amp; Maintenance - Special Projects (5516203-638500)</i><br><b>\$400,000.00</b> |                                                       |                                                                                   |                                                                       |                       |
| <b>Total Amount:</b>                                                                                                             |                                                       |                                                                                   |                                                                       | <b>\$1,400,000.00</b> |



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23. Council is asked to approve Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Indefinite Delivery Contract (IDC) Renewals for Asphalt, Concrete Repair, and Restoration Services. Award to the following firms in the total amount of \$1,500,000.00. Project specific administration shall be required, executed, and issued for each asphalt and concrete repair or restoration project awarded under the approved IDC. – *Approved*

| <b>Item</b>                                                                                      | <b>Vendor and Location</b>                               | <b>Description</b>                                                                  | <b>Term</b>                                                           | <b>Amount</b>         |
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| a.                                                                                               | AOS Specialty Contractors, Inc.<br>Lexington, SC         | IDC for Asphalt & Concrete Repairs, as requested by Columbia Water on May 18, 2023. | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Renewal of 2 options to renew (7/30/2023 - 7/29/2024) | \$600,000.00          |
| <i>Funding Source: Engineering Water System Improvements - Special Projects (5516220-638500)</i> |                                                          |                                                                                     |                                                                       |                       |
| b.                                                                                               | C.R. Jackson, Inc.<br>Columbia, SC                       | IDC for Asphalt & Concrete Repairs, as requested by Columbia Water on May 18, 2023. | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Renewal of 2 options to renew (7/30/2023 - 7/29/2024) | \$600,000.00          |
| <i>Funding Source: Engineering Water System Improvements - Special Projects (5516220-638500)</i> |                                                          |                                                                                     |                                                                       |                       |
| c.                                                                                               | North American Pipeline Management, Inc.<br>Columbia, SC | IDC for Asphalt & Concrete Repairs, as requested by Columbia Water on May 18, 2023. | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Renewal of 2 options to renew (7/30/2023 - 7/29/2024) | \$200,000.00          |
| <i>Funding Source: Engineering Water System Improvements - Special Projects (5516220-638500)</i> |                                                          |                                                                                     |                                                                       |                       |
| d.                                                                                               | Southern Roots Landscape Management, LLC<br>Columbia, SC | IDC for Asphalt & Concrete Repairs, as requested by Columbia Water on May 18, 2023. | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Renewal of 2 options to renew (7/30/2023 - 7/29/2024) | \$100,000.00          |
| <i>Funding Source: Engineering Water System Improvements - Special Projects (5516220-638500)</i> |                                                          |                                                                                     |                                                                       |                       |
| <b>Total Amount:</b>                                                                             |                                                          |                                                                                     |                                                                       | <b>\$1,500,000.00</b> |



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24. Council is asked to approve new Sole Source Agreements, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to the following vendors in the total amount of \$3,098,611.24. – *Approved*

| <b>Item</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Vendor and Location</b>                                          | <b>Description</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Term</b>                             | <b>Amount</b> |
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| a.                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Chao and Associates, Inc.<br>Columbia, SC                           | Deemed canal embankment engineer by Federal Regulatory Commission, unique knowledge of Canal Dam as requested by Columbia Water on April on 13, 2023.                                                                                                           | New Sole Source<br>(7/1/2023-6/30/2024) | \$120,000.00  |
| <i>Funding Source: Hydro Electric Plant Operation-Special Projects (5556101-638500) - \$120,000.00</i>                                                                                                           |                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                         |               |
| b.                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Charles Underwood, Inc.<br>Sanford, NC                              | Grundfos-Yeomans, PACO, Chicago, and Morris Pumps labor, parts, and services as requested by Columbia Water on May 16, 2023.                                                                                                                                    | New Sole Source<br>(7/1/2023-6/30/2024) | \$200,000.00  |
| <i>Funding Source: Utilities Metro Wastewater Plant-Machinery and Equipment-Capital (5516208-658300) - \$200,000.00.</i>                                                                                         |                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                         |               |
| c.                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Evoqua Water Technologies, LLC<br>C/O Heyward, Inc.<br>Waukesha, WI | Envirex Jet-Tech, Aqua Lator System, Upper/Lower Bearing Assemblies, External Lift Screw Pump as requested by Columbia Water on May 16, 2023.                                                                                                                   | New Sole Source<br>(7/1/2023-6/30/2024) | \$150,000.00  |
| <i>Funding Source: Utilities Metro Wastewater Plant-Machinery and Equipment-Capital (5516208-658300) - \$150,000.00.</i>                                                                                         |                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                         |               |
| d.                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Heyward-Charlotte, Inc.<br>Charlotte, NC                            | VAG USA Engineered and Distribution Valves, Butterfly Plug Valves, Morris Pumps, Control Panels, VFDs, Rotork Electrical Valves, Actuators, Control Systems, Seepex, labor, parts, inspections, and maintenance as requested by Columbia Water on May 16, 2023. | New Sole Source<br>(7/1/2023-6/30/2024) | \$150,000.00  |
| <i>Funding Source: Utilities Metro Wastewater Plant-Machinery and Equipment-Capital (5516208-658300) and Utilities Lake Murray Water Plant – Machinery and Equipment-Capital (5516207-65833) - \$150,000.00.</i> |                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                         |               |



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| e.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Premier Magnesia, LLC<br>West, PA          | Magnesium Hydroxide-Thioguard and Thioguard Omega S Technical Grade Magnesium Hydroxide Slurry product as requested by Columbia Water on May 16, 2023. | New Sole Source<br>(7/1/2023-6/30/2024)  | \$2,199,800.16        |
| <i>Funding Source: Utilities Metro Wastewater Plant-Chemicals (5516208-624800) - \$2,199,800.16</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                            |                                                                                                                                                        |                                          |                       |
| f.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Xylem Water Solutions USA<br>Charlotte, NC | Flygt pump and repair facility distributor, used at lift stations as requested by Columbia Water on May 16, 2023.                                      | New Sole Source<br>(7/1/2023-6/30/2024)  | \$135,000.00          |
| <i>Funding Source: Utilities Metro Wastewater Plant-Equipment Repair/Service Supply – (5516208-631800) - \$135,000.00.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                            |                                                                                                                                                        |                                          |                       |
| g.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | CITI, Inc.<br>Charlotte, NC                | Drinking water second tier server SCADA application development services as requested by Columbia Water on May 8, 2023.                                | New Sole Source<br>(6/1/2023-6/30/2023)  | \$62,270.00           |
| <i>Funding Source: Utilities Columbia Canal Water Treatment Plant - Equipment Repair/Service Supply (5516206-631800) \$20,756.66; Utilities Water Distribution &amp; Maintenance - Equipment Repair/Service Supply (5516203-638100) \$20,756.66; Utilities Lake Murray Water Plant - Equipment Repair/Service Supply (5516207-631800) \$20,756.68.</i> |                                            |                                                                                                                                                        |                                          |                       |
| h.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Hach Company<br>Loveland, CO               | Preventative Maintenance and Repair Services as requested on April 18, 2023.                                                                           | New Sole Source;<br>(6/1/2023-6/30/2023) | \$81,541.08           |
| <i>Funding Source: Utilities Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant - Maintenance &amp; Service Contract (5516208-638200). \$81,541.08.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                            |                                                                                                                                                        |                                          |                       |
| <b>Total:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                            |                                                                                                                                                        |                                          | <b>\$3,098,611.24</b> |

25. Council is asked to approve Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Purchase of Water and Wastewater Treatment Chemicals, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to the following vendors in the total amount of \$8,780,913.80. – *Approved*

| Item                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Vendor and Location    | Description                                                        | Term                                                                  | Amount       |
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| a.                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Carus, LLC<br>Peru, IL | Blended Phosphate, as requested by Columbia Water on June 5, 2023. | 1 <sup>st</sup> year of 1 year initial term<br>(7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024) | \$458,640.00 |
| <i>Funding Source: Utilities Columbia Canal WTP - Chemicals (5516206-624800) \$148,960.00 and Utilities Lake Murray WTP - Chemicals (5516207-624800) \$309,680.00 for a total amount of \$458,640.00.</i> |                        |                                                                    |                                                                       |              |



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| b.                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Chemtrade Chemicals US, LLC<br>Parsippany, NJ      | Aluminum Sulfate, as requested by Columbia Water on June 5, 2023.                                  | 1 <sup>st</sup> year of 1 year initial term (7/1/2023-6/30/2024) | \$1,179,884.00 |
| <i>Funding Source: Utilities Columbia Canal WTP - Chemicals (5516206-624800) \$635,200.00 and Utilities Lake Murray WTP - Chemicals (5516207-624800) \$544,684.00 for a total amount of \$1,179,884.00</i> |                                                    |                                                                                                    |                                                                  |                |
| c.                                                                                                                                                                                                         | International Dioxide, Inc.<br>North Kingstown, RI | Sodium Chlorite, as requested by Columbia Water on June 5, 2023.                                   | 1 <sup>st</sup> year of 1 year initial term (7/1/2023-6/30/2024) | \$282,800.00   |
| <i>Funding Source: Utilities Columbia Canal WTP - Chemicals (5516206-624800) - \$282,800.00</i>                                                                                                            |                                                    |                                                                                                    |                                                                  |                |
| d.                                                                                                                                                                                                         | JCI Jones Chemical<br>Sarasota, FL                 | Chlorine, as requested by Columbia Water on June 5, 2023.                                          | 1 <sup>st</sup> year of 1 year initial term (7/1/2023-6/30/2024) | \$999,000.00   |
| <i>Funding Source: Utilities Columbia Canal WTP - Chemicals (5516206-624800) \$555,000.00; Utilities Lake Murray WTP - Chemicals (5516207-624800) \$444,000.00 for a total amount of \$999,000.00</i>      |                                                    |                                                                                                    |                                                                  |                |
| e.                                                                                                                                                                                                         | JCI Jones Chemical<br>Sarasota, FL                 | Sodium Hypochlorite 12% or Sodium Hypochlorite 15%, as requested by Columbia Water on May 4, 2023. | 1 <sup>st</sup> year of 1 year initial term (7/1/2023-6/30/2024) | \$983,923.20   |
| <i>Funding Source: Metro Wastewater Plant - Chemicals (5516208-624800) - \$983,923.20.</i>                                                                                                                 |                                                    |                                                                                                    |                                                                  |                |
| f.                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Polydyne<br>Riceboro, GA                           | Polymer, as requested by Columbia Water on May 4, 2023.                                            | 1 <sup>st</sup> year of 1 year initial term (7/1/2023-6/30/2024) | \$842,400.00   |
| <i>Funding Source: Utilities Metro Wastewater Plant - Chemicals (5516208-624800) - \$842,400.00</i>                                                                                                        |                                                    |                                                                                                    |                                                                  |                |
| g.                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Polytec<br>Mooresville, NC                         | Liquid Lime (Calcium Hydroxide), as requested by Columbia Water on June 5, 2023.                   | 1 <sup>st</sup> year of 1 year initial term (7/1/2023-6/30/2024) | \$450,309.00   |
| <i>Funding Source: Utilities Columbia Canal WTP - Chemicals (5516206-624800) \$205,520.00 and Utilities Lake Murray WTP - Chemicals (5516207-624800) \$244,789.00 for a total amount of \$450,309.00.</i>  |                                                    |                                                                                                    |                                                                  |                |
| h.                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Southern Ionics, Inc.<br>West Point, MS            | Sodium Bisulfite, as requested by Columbia Water on May 4, 2023.                                   | 1 <sup>st</sup> year of 1 year initial term (7/1/2023-6/30/2024) | \$414,201.60   |
| <i>Funding Source: Utilities Metro Wastewater Plant - Chemicals (5516208-624800) - \$414,201.60</i>                                                                                                        |                                                    |                                                                                                    |                                                                  |                |



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| i.                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Tanner Industries, Inc.<br>Southampton, PA                | Anhydrous Ammonia,<br>as requested by<br>Columbia Water on<br>June 5, 2023.                                     | 1 <sup>st</sup> year of 1 year initial<br>term (7/1/2023-6/30/2024) | \$207,900.00          |
| <i>Funding Source: Utilities Columbia Canal WTP - Chemicals (5516206-624800) \$126,000.00 and Utilities Lake Murray WTP - Chemicals (5516207-624800) \$81,900.00 for a total amount of \$207,900.00.</i>      |                                                           |                                                                                                                 |                                                                     |                       |
| j.                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Univar<br>Spartanburg, SC                                 | Fluoride / Caustic /<br>Sodium Hypochlorite<br>/ Sulfate, as requested<br>by Columbia Water<br>on June 5, 2023. | 1 <sup>st</sup> year of 1 year initial<br>term (7/1/2023-6/30/2024) | \$263,356.00          |
| <i>Funding Source: Utilities Columbia Canal WTP - Chemicals (5516206-624800) \$91,160.00 and Utilities Lake Murray WTP - Chemicals (5516207-624800) \$172,196.00 for a total amount of \$263,356.00.</i>      |                                                           |                                                                                                                 |                                                                     |                       |
| k.                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Univar<br>Spartanburg, SC                                 | EarthTec Copper<br>Sulfate, as requested<br>by Columbia Water<br>on June 5, 2023.                               | 1 <sup>st</sup> year of 1 year initial<br>term (7/1/2023-6/30/2024) | \$218,500.00          |
| <i>Funding Source: Utilities Columbia Canal WTP - Chemicals (5516206-624800) \$93,500.00 and Utilities Lake Murray WTP - Chemicals (5516207-624800) \$125,000.00 for a total amount of \$218,500.00.</i>      |                                                           |                                                                                                                 |                                                                     |                       |
| l.                                                                                                                                                                                                            | CarbPure<br>Technologies, LLC<br>Greenwood Village,<br>CO | Activated Carbon, as<br>requested by<br>Columbia Water on<br>June 5, 2023.                                      | 1 <sup>st</sup> year of 1 year initial<br>term (7/1/2023-6/30/2024) | \$2,480,000.00        |
| <i>Funding Source: Utilities Columbia Canal WTP - Chemicals (5516206-624800) \$620,000.00 and Utilities Lake Murray WTP - Chemicals (5516207-624800) \$1,860,000.00 for a total amount of \$2,480,000.00.</i> |                                                           |                                                                                                                 |                                                                     |                       |
| <b>Total Amount:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                           |                                                                                                                 |                                                                     | <b>\$8,780,913.80</b> |

26. Council is asked to approve Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Columbia Water Contract Renewals and Extensions. Award to the following firms in the total amount of \$10,103,060.38. – *Approved*

| Item | Vendor and Location              | Description                                                                                                           | Term                                                                     | Amount       |
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| a.   | Hazen and Sawyer<br>Columbia, SC | Wastewater Collection<br>System Hydraulic Modeling<br>SS7613, as requested by<br>Columbia Water on April 28,<br>2023. | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Renewal of 2<br>options to renew<br>(7/1/2023-6/30/2024) | \$550,000.00 |



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| <i>Funding Source: Wastewater System Improvement - Special Contracts Water/Sewer, Stormwater (5516221-638305) - \$550,000.00</i>                                                      |                                                    |                                                                                                                        |                                                                     |              |
| b.                                                                                                                                                                                    | Mead and Hunt<br>Columbia, SC                      | Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant Project Management Services SS7601, as requested by Columbia Water on April 28, 2023. | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Renewal of 3 options to renew (7/1/2023-6/30/2024)  | \$100,000.00 |
| <i>Funding Source: Utilities Metro Wastewater Plant - Professional Services (5516208-636600) - \$100,000.00</i>                                                                       |                                                    |                                                                                                                        |                                                                     |              |
| c.                                                                                                                                                                                    | Michael Baker<br>International<br><br>Columbia, SC | Project Management SS7592, as requested by Columbia Water on April 28, 2023.                                           | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Renewal of 2 options to renew (7/1/2023-6/30/2024)  | \$160,000.00 |
| <i>Funding Source: Wastewater System Improvements Special Contracts Water/Sewer, Stormwater (5516221-638305) - \$160,000.00</i>                                                       |                                                    |                                                                                                                        |                                                                     |              |
| d.                                                                                                                                                                                    | AECOM<br>Columbia, SC                              | Project Management SS7594, as requested by Columbia Water on May 9, 2023.                                              | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Renewal of 2 options to renew (7/1/2023-6/30/2024)  | \$139,050.00 |
| <i>Funding Source: Utilities Wastewater Maintenance - Special Contracts Water/Sewer, Stormwater (5516205-638305) - \$139,050.00</i>                                                   |                                                    |                                                                                                                        |                                                                     |              |
| e.                                                                                                                                                                                    | Hazen and Sawyer<br>Columbia, SC                   | Capacity Assurance Program Technical Support SS7595, as requested by Columbia Water on April 28, 2023.                 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Renewal of 2 options to renew (7/1/2023-6/30/2024)  | \$250,000.00 |
| <i>Funding Source: Wastewater System Improvements Special Contracts Water/Sewer, Stormwater (5516221-638305) - \$250,000.00</i>                                                       |                                                    |                                                                                                                        |                                                                     |              |
| f.                                                                                                                                                                                    | Superior Lawn & Yard, LLC<br>Prosperity, SC        | Grounds Maintenance for Columbia CWTP & Remote Sites, as requested by Columbia Water on June 5, 2023.                  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Renewal of 4 options to renew (7/01/2023-6/30/2024) | \$165,900.00 |
| <i>Funding Source: Utilities Canal Water Treatment Plant - Special Contracts (5516206-638300) and Utilities Lake Murray Plant - Special Contracts (5516207-638300) - \$165,900.00</i> |                                                    |                                                                                                                        |                                                                     |              |
| g.                                                                                                                                                                                    | CITI, Inc.<br>Charlotte, NC                        | Metro Instrumentation & SCADA System Maintenance, as requested by Columbia Water on May 4, 2023.                       | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Renewal of 2 options to renew (7/01/2023-6/30/2024) | \$312,725.00 |
| <i>Funding Source: Utilities Metro Wastewater Plant - Maintenance &amp; Service Contract (5516208-638200) - \$312,725.00</i>                                                          |                                                    |                                                                                                                        |                                                                     |              |



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| h.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | CITI, Inc.<br>Charlotte, NC                      | Canal & Lake Murray Instrumentation & SCADA System Maintenance, as requested by Columbia Water on June 5, 2023. | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Renewal of 2 options to renew (7/01/2023 - 6/30/2024)      | \$100,000.00 |
| <i>Funding Source: Utilities Canal Water Treatment Plant - Chemicals (5516206-624800) \$50,000.00; Utilities Lake Murray Plant - Professional Services (5516207-636600) \$50,000.00 for a total amount of \$100,000.00.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                  |                                                                                                                 |                                                                            |              |
| i.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Waste Management of SC<br>Elgin, SC              | Landfill Services for Disposal of Materials (Solid Waste), as requested by Columbia Water on March 15, 2023.    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Renewal of 4 options to renew (7/01/2023 - 6/30/2024)<br>- | \$440,000.00 |
| <i>Funding Source: Solid Waste Disposal - Solid Waste Tipping Fee (6208955-631900) - \$440,000.000</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                  |                                                                                                                 |                                                                            |              |
| j.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Central Carolina Technical College<br>Sumter, SC | Memorandum of Agreement for Apprenticeship Program Training, as requested by Columbia Water on May 4, 2023.     | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Renewal of 9 options to renew (7/01/2023 - 6/30/2024)      | \$141,300.00 |
| <i>Funding Source: Utilities Metro Wastewater Plant - Employee Training &amp; Professional Development (5516208-631200) \$41,500.00; Utilities Water Distribution &amp; Maintenance - Employee Training &amp; Professional Development (5516203-631200) \$51,600.00; Utilities Lake Murray Water Plant - Employee Training &amp; Professional Development (5516207-631200) \$10,000.00; Utilities Canal Water Treatment Plant - Employee Training &amp; Professional Development (5516206-631200) \$10,000.00 and Utilities Wastewater Maintenance - Employee Training &amp; Professional Development (5516205-631200) \$28,200.00 for a total amount of \$141,300.00</i> |                                                  |                                                                                                                 |                                                                            |              |
| k.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Martin, Edwards & Assoc.<br>Erwin, NC            | Compost Grinding and Screening Services, as requested by Columbia Water on March 15, 2023.                      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Renewal of 2 options to renew (7/01/2023 - 6/30/2024)      | \$160,000.00 |
| <i>Funding Source: Solid Waste Compost - Special Projects (1014406-638500) - \$160,000.00</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                  |                                                                                                                 |                                                                            |              |
| l.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Badger Meter, Incorporated<br>Milwaukee, WI      | BEACON AMA Managed Solution, as requested by Columbia Water on May 24, 2023.                                    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Renewal of 20 options to renew (7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024)      | \$790,000.00 |
| <i>Funding Source: Meter Reading Maintenance Services Contract (5516202-638200) - \$790,000.00</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                  |                                                                                                                 |                                                                            |              |
| m.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Rogers and Callcott<br>Columbia, SC              | Environmental Sample Collection Testing, as requested by Columbia Water on April 26, 2023.                      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Renewal of 3 Annual Renewals (9/1/2023- 8/31/2024)         | \$176,699.35 |
| <i>Funding Source: Utilities Metro Wastewater Plant - Special Contracts (5516208-63800) - \$176,699.35</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                  |                                                                                                                 |                                                                            |              |



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| n.                                                                                                                                             | Kemp Construction<br>Sherrills Ford, NC             | WWTP and PS Prof. Maintenance Support Services SS7607, as requested by Columbia Water April 28, 2023.           | 1 <sup>st</sup> of 3 Annual Renewals (7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024)   | \$1,000,000.00 |
| <i>Funding Source: Utilities Metro Wastewater Plant - Special Contracts - Water/Sewer, Stormwater (5516208-638305) - \$1,000,000.00</i>        |                                                     |                                                                                                                 |                                                               |                |
| o.                                                                                                                                             | EnviroWaste Services Group Inc.<br>Palmetto Bay, FL | Wet Well Cleaning, as requested by Columbia Water on May 4, 2023.                                               | 2 <sup>nd</sup> of 2 year initial term (7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024) | \$275,600.00   |
| <i>Funding Source: Utilities Metro Wastewater Plant - Maintenance Service Contract (5516208-638200) - \$275,600.00</i>                         |                                                     |                                                                                                                 |                                                               |                |
| p.                                                                                                                                             | Brown and Caldwell<br>Columbia, SC                  | Metro WWTP & Compliance Personnel Training, as requested by Columbia Water on May 4, 2023.                      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> of 3 year initial term (7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024) | \$66,000.00    |
| <i>Funding Source: Utilities Metro Wastewater Plant - Employee Training &amp; Professional Development (5516208-631200) - \$66,000.00</i>      |                                                     |                                                                                                                 |                                                               |                |
| q.                                                                                                                                             | Woolpert, Inc.<br>Columbia, SC                      | Wastewater Collection System Flow Monitoring Services SS7617, as requested by Columbia Water on April 28, 2023. | 1 <sup>st</sup> of 3 options to renew (7/1/2023-6/30/2024)    | \$500,000.00   |
| <i>Funding Source: Engineering Wastewater System Improvements - Special Contracts Water/Sewer, Stormwater (5516221-638305) - \$500,000.00</i>  |                                                     |                                                                                                                 |                                                               |                |
| r.                                                                                                                                             | Black & Veatch<br>Columbia, SC                      | Water and Sewer Rate Study, as requested by Columbia Water on June 2, 2023.                                     | 2 <sup>nd</sup> of 3 options to renew (7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024)  | \$148,989.00   |
| <i>Funding Source: Admins Assistant City Manager - Professional Services (5511109-636600) - \$148,989.00</i>                                   |                                                     |                                                                                                                 |                                                               |                |
| s.                                                                                                                                             | AECOM<br>Columbia, SC                               | CAP Professional Support Services SS7593, as requested by Columbia Water on May 11, 2023.                       | 1 <sup>st</sup> of 1 option to renew (7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024)   | \$150,000.00   |
| <i>Funding Source: Engineering Wastewater System Improvement - Special Contracts Water/Sewer, Stormwater (5516221 - 638305) - \$150,000.00</i> |                                                     |                                                                                                                 |                                                               |                |
| t.                                                                                                                                             | Woolpert, Inc.<br>Columbia, SC                      | CSAP Preventive Maintenance SS7604, as requested by Columbia Water on May 1, 2023.                              | 1 <sup>st</sup> of 3 options to renew (7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024)  | \$785,507.03   |
| <i>Funding Source: Utilities Wastewater Maintenance - Special Contracts Water/Sewer Stormwater</i>                                             |                                                     |                                                                                                                 |                                                               |                |



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| <i>(5516205-638305) - \$785,507.03</i>                                                                                                                     |                                              |                                                                                                     |                                                                 |                        |
| u.                                                                                                                                                         | DS Utilities, Inc.<br>Little Mountain,<br>SC | Sanitary Sewer Easement<br>Maintenance SS7271, as<br>requested by Columbia<br>Water on May 1, 2023. | 1 <sup>st</sup> of 3 options to renew<br>(7/1/2023-6/30/2024)   | \$2,367,320.00         |
| <i>Funding Source: Utilities Wastewater Maintenance - Special Contracts Water/Sewer Stormwater<br/>(5516205-638305) - \$2,367,320.00</i>                   |                                              |                                                                                                     |                                                                 |                        |
| v.                                                                                                                                                         | Duke's Root<br>Control Inc.<br>Syracuse, NY  | Sanitary Sewer Root Control<br>SS6911, as requested by<br>Columbia Water on May 1,<br>2023.         | 1 <sup>st</sup> of 3 options to renew<br>(7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024) | \$559,470.00           |
| <i>Funding Source: Utilities Wastewater Maintenance - Special Contracts Water/Sewer Stormwater<br/>(5516205-638305) - \$559,470.00</i>                     |                                              |                                                                                                     |                                                                 |                        |
| w.                                                                                                                                                         | SONOCO<br>Recycling, LLC<br>Hartsville, SC   | Disposal of Recycle<br>Materials, as requested by<br>Columbia Water on March<br>15, 2023.           | Extension (7/1/2023 -<br>6/30/2024)                             | \$300,000.00           |
| <i>Funding Source: Solid Waste Recycling- Solid Waste Tipping Fee (1014407-631900) - \$300,000.00</i>                                                      |                                              |                                                                                                     |                                                                 |                        |
| x.                                                                                                                                                         | Doxim, Inc.<br>Columbia, SC                  | Bill Printing and Mailing<br>Postage, as requested by<br>Columbia Water on June 5,<br>2023.         | Extension (7/01/2023 -<br>6/30/2024)                            | \$464,500.00           |
| <i>Funding Source: Customer Service - Special Contracts (551407-638300) and Customer Service -<br/>Postage and Delivery (551407-631100) - \$464,500.00</i> |                                              |                                                                                                     |                                                                 |                        |
| <b>Total Amount:</b>                                                                                                                                       |                                              |                                                                                                     |                                                                 | <b>\$10,103,060.38</b> |

27. Ordinance No.: 2023-061 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 21, Stormwater Management and Sedimentation Control, Article II, Stormwater Quantity and Quality Control, Division 1, Generally, Section 21-33, Definitions and Division 4, Detection and Removal of Illicit Connections and Discharges and Improper Disposal, Section 21-48, Illicit connections, illicit discharges and improper disposal – *First reading approval was given on June 6, 2023. - Approved on second reading.*
28. Ordinance No.: 2023-065 - Granting an encroachment to Gadsden & Greene, LLC, for the use of the right of way areas of the 700 block of Devine Street, the 700 block of Gadsden Street and the 700 block of Greene Street for the installation and maintenance of sidewalks, landscaping, irrigation, on-street parking spaces, a bus pull-out lane, bike racks and benches adjacent to 737 Gadsden Street, Richland County TMS# 08915-12-01 – *First reading approval was given on June 6, 2023. - Approved on second reading.*



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29. **ZONING MAP AMENDMENT** for 335 S. Pickens Street, #TMS 11305-11-09 – *The public hearing was held on May 16, 2023 and first reading was deferred. First reading approval was given on June 6, 2023.- Approved on second reading.*

*Ordinance No.: 2023-051 - Amending the Official Zoning Map to modify the zoning for 335 S. Pickens Street, Richland County TMS# 11305-11-09 – The public hearing was held on May 16, 2023 and first reading was deferred. First reading approval was given on June 6, 2023. - Approved on second reading.*

*Council District: 3*

*Proposal: Request recommendation to rezone the property from Neighborhood Center/Corridor (NAC) in the Airport Safety Overlay District (OV-A), to Residential Mixed (RM-2), removing the Airport Safety Overlay District*

*Applicant: Andrew Lucas, Lucas Properties*

*Staff Recommendation: Approval*

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

30. Resolution No.: R-2023-038 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at Jubilee: Festival of Black History & Culture at 1403 Richland Street and within the 1900 and 2000 blocks of Marion Street between Richland Street and Elmwood Avenue and the 1400 block of Richland Street between Marion Street and Bull Street on Saturday, September 16, 2023 – *Approved*
31. Resolution No.: R-2023-047 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only within Boyd Plaza adjacent to the Columbia Museum of Art for Family Fun Night on Friday, August 11, 2023 – *Approved*
32. Resolution No.: R-2023-048 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only within Boyd Plaza adjacent to the Columbia Museum of Art for Contemporary Catawba on Sunday, August 20, 2023 – *Approved*
33. Resolution No.: R-2023-056 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at the Elmwood Park's Summer Sizzle: Historic Walking Tour and Rebrand Launch Party in the west half of the 1000 block of West Confederate Avenue, between Clark Street and Sulton Street on Friday, June 30, 2023 with a rain contingency date of Friday, July 7, 2023 – *Approved*
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**Council opened the Public Hearing at 5:04 p.m.**

34. ANNEXATION, FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 711 Bluff Road and 950 Rosewood Drive; TMS# 11202-06-01 (1.25-acre portion) – *Approved on first reading.*

*Ordinance No.: 2023-070 - Annexing 711 Bluff Road and 950 Rosewood Drive, Richland County TMS # 11202-06-01 (1.25 acre portion) into the City of Columbia, South Carolina, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map – Approved on first reading.*

*Council District: 3*

*Proposal: Request to annex the property and assign the land use classification of Industrial (IND) and the assignment of zoning of Light Industrial District (LI) for a pending annexation. The property is currently classified as Mixed Residential (High Density) and zoned M-1 by Richland County.*

*Applicant: 711 Bluff II, LLC*

*Staff Recommendation: Approval*

*PC Recommendation: 05/11/2023; Approved (7-0)*

*No one appeared at this time.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Annexation, Future Land Use Map Amendment and Zoning Map Amendment for 711 Bluff Road and 950 Rosewood Drive; TMS# 11202-06-01 (1.25-acre portion) and Ordinance No.: 2023-070 - Annexing 711 Bluff Road and 950 Rosewood Drive, Richland County TMS # 11202-06-01 (1.25 acre portion) into the City of Columbia, South Carolina, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map.

35. ANNEXATION, FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 501 Jacobs Mill Pond Road; TMS# 28914-02-01 – *Approved on first reading.*

*Ordinance No.: 2023-072 - Annexing 501 Jacobs Mill Pond Road, Richland County TMS # 28914-02-01 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map – Approved on first reading.*



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*Council District: 4*

*Proposal: Request to annex the property and assign the land use classification of Urban Edge residential large lot (UER-2) and the assignment of zoning of Large Lot - Reserve District (LL-R), a portion within the Floodplain Overlay District (OV-FP) for a pending annexation. The property is currently classified as neighborhood (Medium Density) and zoned RU by Richland County.*

*Applicant: Desrick and Natasha Rhooms*

*Staff Recommendation: Approval*

*PC Recommendation: 05/11/2023; Approved (7-0)*

*No one appeared at this time.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Brennan, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Annexation, Future Land Use Map Amendment, and Zoning Map Amendment for 501 Jacobs Mill Pond Road; TMS# 28914-02-01 **and** Ordinance No.: 2023-072 - Annexing 501 Jacobs Mill Pond Road, Richland County TMS # 28914-02-01 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map.

36. **ANNEXATION, FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT** for 7716 Garners Ferry Road; TMS#19102-01-01 – *Withdrawn*

*Ordinance No.: 2023-071 - Annexing 7716 Garners Ferry Road, Richland County TMS # 19102-01-01 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map – Withdrawn*

*Council District: 3*

*Proposal: Request to annex the property and assign a land use classification of Community Activity corridor (AC-2) and the assignment of zoning of General Commercial District (GC) for a pending annexation. The property is currently classified as Neighborhood (Medium Density) and zoned GC by Richland County.*

*Applicant: C & B Real Estate Investments, LLC*

*Staff Recommendation: Approval*

*PC Recommendation: 05/11/2023; Approved (7-0)*



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37. ANNEXATION, INTERIM FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT, AND INTERIM ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 1118,118 1/2,126,132 and 138 Bluff Road; TMS# 11204-02-35,11204-02-34,11204-02-33,11204-02-32 – *Approved on first reading.*

*Ordinance No.: 2023-074 - Annexing 118 Bluff Road, 118 ½ Bluff Road, 126 Bluff Road, 132 Bluff Road and 138 Bluff Road, Richland County TMS #11204-02-35, TMS #11204-02-34, TMS #11204-02-33 and TMS #11204-02-32 – Approved on first reading.*

*Council District: 3*

*Proposal: Request to assign interim land use classification of Urban Core Mixed Residential type 3(UCMR-3) and assign interim zoning of Residential Two-Family - Mill Village District (RD-MV), a portion within the Floodplain Overlay District (OV-FP) with a pending annexation. The property is currently classified as Mixed Residential (High Density) and zoned Residential Multifamily - Medium density (RM-MD) and Residential Multifamily - High Density (RM-HD) by Richland County.*

*Applicant: Foxfire Management Company, LLC/City of Columbia*

*Staff Recommendation: Approval*

*Annexation*

*PC Recommendation: 06/08/2023; Approval (7-0)*

*No one appeared at this time.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Annexation, Interim Future Land Use Map Amendment, and Interim Zoning Map Amendment for 1118,118 1/2,126,132 and 138 Bluff Road; TMS# 11204-02-35,11204-02-34,11204-02-33,11204-02-32 and Ordinance No.: 2023-074 - Annexing 118 Bluff Road, 118 ½ Bluff Road, 126 Bluff Road, 132 Bluff Road and 138 Bluff Road, Richland County TMS #11204-02-35, TMS #11204-02-34, TMS #11204-02-33 and TMS #11204-02-32.

38. AMENDMENT TO THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE for Public Notification – *Approved on first reading.*

*Ordinance No.: 2023-069 - Amending the Unified Ordinance of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Article 2: Administration, Sec. 17-2.4 Standard Review Procedures, (f) Scheduling of Public Hearing and Public Notification, (2) Public Notification, (d) Required Content – Approved on first reading.*



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

*Applicant: Hope Hasty, Zoning Administrator*

*Staff Recommendation: Approval*

*PC Recommendation: 5/11/2023; Approval (7-0)*

*No one appeared at this time.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2023-069 - Amending the Unified Ordinance of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Article 2: Administration, Sec. 17-2.4 Standard Review Procedures, (f) Scheduling of Public Hearing and Public Notification, (2) Public Notification, (d) Required Content.

**Council closed the Public Hearing at 5:13 p.m.**

### **ORDINANCES - FIRST READING**

39. Ordinance No.: 2023-073 - Granting an encroachment to Optus Bank for the use of the right of way areas of the 1500 block of Gervais Street and the 1200 block of Bull Street for the installation and maintenance of sidewalks, landscaping and irrigation adjacent to 1501 Gervais Street, Richland County TMS # 11401-05-14 - *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.: 2023-073 - Granting an encroachment to Optus Bank for the use of the right of way areas of the 1500 block of Gervais Street and the 1200 block of Bull Street for the installation and maintenance of sidewalks, landscaping and irrigation adjacent to 1501 Gervais Street, Richland County TMS # 11401-05-14.

40. Ordinance No.: 2023-060 - An Ordinance Granting a Nonexclusive Franchise to Lumos Fiber of South Carolina, LLC for the Construction, Operation and Maintenance of Telecommunications Facilities in the City of Columbia, South Carolina – *Approved on first reading.*



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Upon a motion made by Ms. Herbert and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2023-060 - An Ordinance Granting a Nonexclusive Franchise to Lumos Fiber of South Carolina, LLC for the Construction, Operation and Maintenance of Telecommunications Facilities in the City of Columbia, South Carolina.

41. Ordinance No.: 2023-075 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Waiver and Release of Restrictive Covenant by the City of Columbia to Waive and Release a Use Restriction on Property owned by East Side Land, LLC within Columbia Industrial Park containing 1.8 acres, Richland County TMS #13512-04-06 – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2023-075 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Waiver and Release of Restrictive Covenant by the City of Columbia to Waive and Release a Use Restriction on Property owned by East Side Land, LLC within Columbia Industrial Park containing 1.8 acres, Richland County TMS #13512-04-06.

42. Ordinance No.: 2023-076 - Approval for Granting an Easement to Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. along a Portion of City-Owned Property Located at 1735 Roslyn Drive and Identified as Richland County TMS#13911-06-08 for the Relocation of Overhead Electric Lines as requested by the City of Columbia for the Penn Branch Storm Drainage Improvements Project; SD8371; CF#250-613 – *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.: 2023-076 - Approval for Granting an Easement to Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. along a Portion of City-Owned Property Located at 1735 Roslyn Drive and Identified as Richland County TMS#13911-06-08 for the Relocation of Overhead Electric Lines as requested by the City of Columbia for the Penn Branch Storm Drainage Improvements Project; SD8371; CF#250-613.

43. Ordinance No.: 2023-077 - Approval for Granting an Easement to Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. along a Portion of City-Owned Property Located at 4249 St. Claire Drive and Identified as Richland County TMS#13911-06-10 for the Relocation of Overhead Electric Lines as requested by the City of Columbia for the Penn Branch Storm Drainage Improvements Project; SD8371; CF#250-613 – *Approved on first reading*



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Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2023-077 - Approval for Granting an Easement to Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. along a Portion of City-Owned Property Located at 4249 St. Claire Drive and Identified as Richland County TMS#13911-06-10 for the Relocation of Overhead Electric Lines as requested by the City of Columbia for the Penn Branch Storm Drainage Improvements Project; SD8371; CF#250-613.

**RESOLUTIONS**

44. Resolution No.: R-2023-046 - Release and Abandonment of a Portion of the City's Existing 15' Sanitary Sewer Main Easement along a Portion of Richland County TMS #09114-01-06; 1419 Anthony Avenue, Columbia, SC 29201; CF#250-608 & CF#28-1 - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2023-046 - Release and Abandonment of a Portion of the City's Existing 15' Sanitary Sewer Main Easement along a Portion of Richland County TMS #09114-01-06; 1419 Anthony Avenue, Columbia, SC 29201; CF#250-608 & CF#28-1.

45. Resolution No.: R-2023-052 - Certifying Building Site as an Abandoned Building Pursuant to the South Carolina Abandoned Buildings Revitalization Act, Title 12, Chapter 67, Section 12-67-100 et seq., of the South Carolina Code of Laws (1976), as amended, regarding property located at 1544 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina Richland County TMS # R09014-09-24 - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2023-052 - Certifying Building Site as an Abandoned Building Pursuant to the South Carolina Abandoned Buildings Revitalization Act, Title 12, Chapter 67, Section 12-67-100 et seq., of the South Carolina Code of Laws (1976), as amended, regarding property located at 1544 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina Richland County TMS # R09014-09-24.

46. Resolution No.: R-2023-054 -Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Lease Agreement containing an option to purchase between the City of Columbia and 400 Laurel, LLC (Baker Commercial Properties, LLC) for the lease of 400 Laurel Street, Richland County TMS# 09010-14-01 as well as the acceptance of a future donation of furniture, fixtures and equipment should they become available before lease term - *Approved*
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Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2023-054 -Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Lease Agreement containing an option to purchase between the City of Columbia and 400 Laurel, LLC (Baker Commercial Properties, LLC) for the lease of 400 Laurel Street, Richland County TMS# 09010-14-01 as well as the acceptance of a future donation of furniture, fixtures and equipment should they become available before lease term.

47. Resolution No.: R-2023-057 - Supporting future infrastructure improvement grant for SC Columbia Jamil, LLC - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Ms. Herbert, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2023-057 - Supporting future infrastructure improvement grant for SC Columbia Jamil, LLC.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

48. Central Midlands Council of Governments – *Deferred*
49. Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Development - *Deferred*
50. Climate Protection Action Committee – *Deferred*
51. Columbia Housing - *Deferred*
52. Design Development Review Commission - *Deferred*

### **CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REFERRALS, REPORTS AND NEW BUSINESS**

53. Economic Development & Infrastructure Committee Report for June 13, 2023 - The Honorable Peter M. Brown

Councilor Brown reported that the Economic Development & Infrastructure Committee met on June 13, 2023. He said we talked about establishing guidelines with the City for different neighborhoods and areas of Columbia that are looking for their own types of branding, specifically a request from the Vista for branding throughout that corridor. We're looking to both simplify and standardize the requirements for that type of signage. We also talked about zoning simplification and changed the name to zoning awareness and messaging. We're going to make



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sure there's a full understanding of what the zoning is throughout the City. If at such time we decide there needs to be further zoning simplification, we will take it up then.

Councilor Duvall said I want to expedite the request that we have from the Vista Guild; they are ready to do something.

Councilor Brown said that's the reason that we decided to take a broader look at it. We're concerned about branding of the City that doesn't include the City. Specifically calling different areas different things without any City of Columbia branding. We're going to take an expedited look at it, but not that expedited.

Councilor Duvall asked do you think you can make a decision at the next meeting.

Councilor Brown said I'm not sure I can commit to that. We looked at a six-month review of the branding that ties in with the City. We'd like to not get into a specific rush to branding throughout the City. Hopefully, the Vista will be understanding.

Councilor Herbert said we have different groups that are going through branding all the time. I hope we get some general parameters within two weeks or a month, because I know is a sensitive area. I hope they wouldn't have to wait six months for that.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said the other related issue is the marketing and communications request for proposals that the Council directed staff to move forward with. We're ready to bring you some recommendations. One of the initial phases of that process would begin to address branding. I thought I heard the committee talk about making sure we're not getting out ahead of that too much to allow the process to work. Consistency was being requested across the city for multiple things. I think it's a matter of us communicating the urgency of that piece. Sometimes we just have to let people know that we're going through a process.

Councilor Bussells said to Councilwoman Herbert's point, we talked about some of the general things like mentioning Columbia, South Carolina underneath when you're doing branding for a specific entertainment district. We want to be able to use some of the recommendations that come from the consultant.



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Councilor Herbert said as a business owner, if you ask me to put City of Columbia, then I would ask the City of Columbia to help me pay for the sign. We want to make sure we don't get too involved with other people's branding. I am just making sure that people can continue to be unique.

Councilor Bussells said we talked about it in terms of entertainment districts that are getting funding from us through the hospitality tax. Making them cohesive because when we market the City of Columbia to potential future businesses, we want to talk about all these different entertainment businesses that build our City.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said I think some specific requests on the table were utilizing city infrastructure. So it wasn't a personal business initiative.

Mayor Rickenmann said I think we've heard a lot of as we talk about marketing the City and sharing our story. We can't have 17 different stories either. There has to be some tie in. I think some loose parameters are important.

Dr. Bussells referred a review of Animal Services operations to the Administrative Policy Committee.

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

Ms. Ericka Brown expressed concerns about Item 8 (Ordinance No. 2023-064) in regards to agencies and organizations like her own, Be Kind Be Great, which serve the unhoused populations at Finlay Park. Last time we were there, we were approached by the police and told we had to leave. No confrontation or any of that. We packed our things and left. We were told at that time that if we came back we would be given a \$500 citation. I wanted to get clarity about serving at the park or fees involved. If we're pushed away from the park, chances are that crime will increase and unfortunately there're going to go into grocery stores and steal food.

Mayor Rickenmann asked what you are serving at the park.

Ms. Ericka Brown, said we normally provide fresh food, hot breakfast, and a care bag. Our normal days were Tuesdays and Fridays, but due to financial reasons we backed away to one day a week.

Mayor Rickenmann asked Madam City Manager, aren't we centralizing this at Christ Central.



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Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said we are. Let's have the Director of Homeless Services and Chief Holbrook have a chat with you to meet in a location that's more conducive to the effort. Our experience with law enforcement has been they know what is best in our parks. That was my decision to say there was no need to keep meal sharing in that park. I appreciate the effort though. We want to make sure we have another centralized location. We have been working on that and we'll have someone talk to you about that opportunity.

Councilor Brown asked do you feed normally the same people or do you feed different people and how many.

Ms. Ericka Brown said I serve in Lexington County also. During the 1<sup>st</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup>, the numbers are low because many individuals get their checks and they seek shelter in hotels. But from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the end of the month, we're looking at 100 to 200 individuals. I know about 100 people on a first name basis.

Mr. Regi Solis expressed concerns about feeding the homeless in the parks. He said I used to be homeless for six years in Columbia, and that was eight years ago. I still continue to advocate for the homeless.

Mayor Rickenmann said we would like to build a one stop shop that provides wrap around services. We want to work with every group, but we also have to think longer term. That's why we propped up the rapid shelter. We're not trying to run people out of town.

Mr. Regi Solis asked do you have homeless people or formerly homeless people as advisors for this plan.

Mayor Rickenmann said actually I do. I have sat down with folks that were formerly homeless. That's when we talked about the type of building we use, what materials are calming and what type of windows you may need for certain folks. We are having those conversations. We've got too many people falling through the cracks. We're going to have to get to the point where we're using Hope Plaza.

Mr. Regi Solis said they're still serving food at Finlay Park. Some of the police stop them and some don't. I'd like to see some consistency in that.

Mayor Rickenmann said we need to have one place that is designated for people to provide meals. The scattered approach is not working anymore. We've got to stay consistent so that we can make sure we can touch those folks with our outreach program, as well.



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Mr. Richard Dougherty had inquires of how to resolve his own housing situation. He expressed concerns of the growing homelessness problem in Columbia. He said the Carolina Wrecking property has been vacant for 15 to 20 years. You're talking about finding a place to centralize everything, that's 5.33 acres. All of these big cities designate a certain area where they will let them camp out. Just two weeks ago, Columbia Police wrote dozens of urban camping tickets. I haven't even heard of an urban camping law until about six or eight years ago.

Mayor Rickenmann said yes, but it's under contract. It had to be cleaned up environmentally. The power company owns it. What's important is that we look at the right lot. 5.3 acres does not go far when you start talking about several hundred people. We're not talking about a living situation that's bunk beds; we're talking about units where people can begin to build their lives back up.

Mr. John Black, President of the Columbia Council of Neighborhood showed gratitude and appreciation for City Council and the hard working City staff who he collaborates and receive support from. He recognized Ms. Veronica Walker, the constituent services liaison with the Public Relations Media Marketing Department Ms. Pearl Osbourne, Lead Administrative Assistant with Parks and Recreation Department, and Ms. Charmaine Clark, Community Liaison and Program Manager with the Community Development Department.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

54. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2)
  - *Communications and Marketing Services*
  - *Management and Organizational Assessment*
55. Discussion of the employment of an employee pursuant to §30-4-70(a)(1)
  - *Administration*
56. Receipt of legal advice relating to a pending, threatened or potential claim pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2)
  - *City of Columbia, Congaree Riverkeeper, and Gills Creek Watershed Association, Appellants, v. City of Columbia Board of Zoning Appeals and One Helms, LLC, Respondents*



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**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Erika D. Moore Hammond, CMC  
City Clerk