



Columbia City Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, July 21, 2026

Call to Order

The Columbia City Council conducted a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, July 21, 2026 at City Hall (Council Chambers), 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201. The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor called the meeting to order at 4:39 p.m. and the following members were present: The Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr., The Honorable Tina N. Herbert, Mayor Pro-Tempore, The Honorable Peter M. Brown, The Honorable Tyler D. Bailey, and The Honorable Sam P. Johnson. The Honorable Will Brennan was not present. Also present were Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Moore Hammond, City Clerk. This meeting was advertised in accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

Invocation

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Adoption of the Agenda

Upon a motion made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda as presented.

Public Input

Individuals are allotted up to three minutes to address Columbia City Council about items on the agenda. Items requiring a public hearing cannot be addressed at this time.

Ms. Kay Moore expressed concerns about **Consent Agenda Items 6–9** (State and Federal Lobbying Contracts) and **29** (Polyflouroalkyl Substances Removal Technology Pilot Project).

Approval of Minutes

1. Council is asked to approve the May 26, 2026, June 9, 2026, and June 16, 2026 Budget Workshop Minutes and June 16, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to approve the May 26, 2026, June 9, 2026, and June 16, 2026 Budget Workshop Minutes and June 16, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Presentations

2. Logan Wells, Miss South Carolina's Teen Day Proclamation — The Honorable Sam P. Johnson

Ms. Logan Wells, Miss South Carolina's Teen shared her community service work through the "Fresh Friends" initiative, which promotes youth engagement, service learning, and statewide efforts to make community service a graduation requirement. She also described her national platform, "The Serve Spot," aimed at helping teens find meaningful service opportunities. She expressed gratitude to her supporters and family.

Councilor Johnson praised Miss Wells, noting her poise, character, and commitment to service, and emphasized that she exemplifies the values parents hope to see in their children. He also recognized Miss South Carolina 2023, Ms. Jada Samuels.

Mayor Rickenmann and Columbia City Council proclaimed July 21, 2026 as Logan Wells, Miss South Carolina's Teen Day in the City of Columbia.

3. 803 Day Proclamation — The Honorable Sam P. Johnson

Ms. Kahli Gallman described 803 Day as an initiative that brings communities to across the 803 region by fostering relationships with local businesses and encouraging healthy, engaging activities such as a mixer, a 5K in Forest Acres, and a citywide scavenger hunt. She outlined additional events, including a charity spelling bee, free movies in the park, and a community celebration with local restaurant specials.

Representative Hamilton Grant, District 79 commended Ms. Gallman for her work as an ambassador for the 803 region and noted that all 124 members of the South Carolina House unanimously supported a resolution recognizing her contributions and the 803 Day initiative.

Mayor Rickenmann and Columbia City Council proclaimed August 3, 2026 as 803 Day in the City of Columbia.

4. National Parks and Recreation Month Proclamation - The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor

Mayor Rickenmann and Columbia City Council proclaimed July 2026 as National Parks and Recreation Month in the City of Columbia.

Mr. Kenya Bryant, Director of Parks and Recreation thanked the Mayor, City Council, City leadership, and the department's staff for their support and dedication. He invited everyone to Finlay Park on July 25 for the inaugural Park Palooza, a free event celebrating National Parks and Recreation Month and showcasing the department's programs.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager recognized this summer's cohort of college interns.

Ms. Sade Harrell, Talent Acquisition / Human Resources Department shared that she led this year's Collegiate Academy internship program, which received 162 applications, involved eight departments, and resulted in 34 college interns gaining exposure to careers in local government. She thanked everyone for their support and invited the 2026 summer cohort to stand and be recognized.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager recognized Ms. Payton Lang for her service as the Mayor's Policy and Programs Advisor. She praised Payton for her energy, professionalism, and

growth during her tenure.

Ms. Payton Lang expressed gratitude to City Council and shared that working at the local level transformed her career goals, allowing her to see firsthand how meaningful change happens in the community.

Mayor Rickenmann thanked Payton for her exceptional service, noting her professionalism, growth, and positive impact on the team over the past three years.

Consent Agenda Items 5 through 33

Upon a single motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Johnson, Council voted unanimously to approve **Consent Agenda Items 5 through 33**.

5. Council is asked to authorize the City Manager to Purchase Production and Sound Services for Songbird 26, as requested by the Parks & Recreation Department on May 27, 2026. Award to ACS Sound and Lighting, in the amount of \$68,506.13. This vendor is located in West Columbia, SC.

Funding Source: Finlay Park Management - Professional Services (1015112-636600). The original budget amount is \$68,506.13.

6. Council is asked to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Professional Services Agreement for State Lobbying Services, as requested by the Office of Governmental Affairs on July 14, 2026. Award to Due South Advocacy in an amount not to exceed \$72,000.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC.

Funding Source: Governmental Affairs - Professional Services (1011103-636600). The original budget amount is \$72,000.00.

7. Council is asked to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Professional Services Agreement for State Lobbying Services, as requested by the Office of Governmental Affairs on July 14, 2026. Award to Jet Corp Consulting Group, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$72,000.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC.

Funding Source: Governmental Affairs - Professional Services (1011103-636600). The original budget amount is \$72,000.00.

8. Council is asked to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Professional Services Agreement for State Lobbying Services, as requested by the Office of Governmental Affairs on July 14, 2026. Award to Kyle Michel Law Firm, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC.

Funding Source: Governmental Affairs - Professional Services (1011103-636600). The original budget amount is \$80,000.00.

9. Council is asked to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Professional Services Agreement for Federal Lobbying Services, as requested by the Office of Governmental Affairs on July 14, 2026. Award to CapitalEdge Strategies, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$120,000.00. This firm is located in Washington, DC.

Funding Source: Governmental Affairs - Professional Services (1011103-636600). The original budget amount is \$120,000.00

10. Council is asked to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Independent Consultant Agreement for Project and Program Management Services for the Congaree Riverfront District Project, as requested by City Administration on July 2, 2026. Award to GenMas, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$165,000. This firm is located in Chapin, SC.

Funding Source: Williams Street Gateway Infrastructure - Professional Services (403999-636600). The original budget amount is \$165,000.00.

11. Council is asked to authorize the City Manager to enter into a new Professional Services Contract for Davis-Bacon and Section 3 Compliance Services for the Canal Head Gates Project, as requested by the Community Development Department on May 29, 2026. Award to GCAP Services, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$82,995.00. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed with an end date twenty-six (26) months from commencement and the option to renew for two (2) additional six-month periods. This firm is located in Costa Mesa, CA.

Funding Source: Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Relief (CDBG-DR) Control Account - Mitigation (MIT) Canal Head Gates and Lock Gate - Professional Services (2639999-9120010020-63600). The original budget amount is \$82,995.00.

12. Council is asked to authorize the City Manager to enter into a new Professional Services Contract for Computer and Job Skills Training, as requested by the Community Development Department on July 1, 2026. Award to Fast Forward, in an amount not to exceed \$90,000.00. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed with an end date one (1) year from commencement and the option to renew for one (1) additional one-year period. This firm is located in Columbia, SC.

Funding Source: Funding Source: Community Development General Funds (1014320-638300) \$45,000.00 and Water & Sewer Special Projects (5518415-638300) \$45,000.00. The original budget amount is \$90,000.00.

13. Council is asked to authorize the City Manager to Purchase the Cisco Umbrella City Security Enterprise Platform, as requested by the Information Technology Department on May 28, 2026. Award to SHI International Corporation, using the South Carolina State Contract in the amount of \$107,725.74. This vendor is located in Piscataway, NJ.

Funding Source: Information Technology - Cloud Based Software Solutions (1011120-632170). The original budget amount is \$107,725.74.

14. Council is asked to authorize the City Manager to Purchase Heavy Equipment, as requested by the Fleet Services Division. Award to multiple vendors using the South Carolina State Contract in the amount of \$150,641.70.

Item	Description	Vendor	Funding Source	Amount
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a.	Replacement parts and repairs on a Claw Bucket Truck for the Public Works Department, as requested on May 19, 2026.	Blanchard Machinery Company West Columbia, SC	Equipment Services Fuel Parts and Repair — Repair Parts (6308970-672700). The original budget amount is \$98,457.64.	\$98,457.64
b.	New Engine and replacement parts on a Fire Truck for the Columbia Fire Department, as requested on May 26, 2026.	Virginia Truck Center, Inc. dba Excel Truck Group Roanoke, VA	Equipment Services Fuel Parts and Repair — Repair Parts (6308970-672700). The original budget amount is \$62,895.75.	\$52,184.06
Total				\$150,641.70

15. Council is asked to authorize the City Manager to enter into a new Professional Services Contract for Grounds Maintenance within Entryways, as requested by the Public Works Department on January 22, 2026. Award to the following vendors in the total amount of \$263,413.00. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed with an end date twenty-three (23) months from commencement and the option to renew for two (2) additional one-year periods.

Item	Description	Vendor	Funding Source	Amount
a.	<u>Lot 1</u> : Harbison Interchange, <u>Lot 3</u> : I-77 and Garners Ferry Interchange, Industrial Park, and <u>Lot 5</u> : I-20 at Exit 70 Fairfield Rd, and I-20 at Exit 71 US Hwy 21 (North Main Street)	Southern Shade Tree Co, Inc. Lexington, SC	Forestry Horticulture — Professional Services (1011217-636600). The original budget amount is \$156,288.00.	\$156,288.00
b.	<u>Lot 2</u> : I-26 from Greystone to Huger and <u>Lot 4</u> : SC-277 at Farrow Interchange Clyburn Bridge, 277 at Bull Street Medians	Yellowstone Landscape Columbia, SC	Forestry Horticulture — Professional Services (1011217-636600). The original budget amount is \$107,125.00.	\$107,125.00
Total				\$263,413.00

16. Council is asked to authorize the City Manager to enter into the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Contract Renewal of the Excess Workers Compensation Insurance Policy, as requested by the Safety and Risk Management Division on June 30, 2026. Award to Safety National/Atlantic Intermediaries in the amount of \$285,611.00. This vendor is located in Burlington, NC.

Funding Source: Worker's Compensation Administration — Insurance and Bonding (6098939-636200). The original budget amount is \$285,611.00.

17. Council is asked to authorize the City Manager to enter into the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Contract Renewal of Property Insurance Policies for Citywide Buildings and the Columbia Canal Hydroelectric Facility, as requested by the Safety and Risk Management Division on June 23, 2025. Award to Chubb located in Alpharetta, GA and Landmark/RSUI located in Atlanta, GA through Willis Towers Watson located in Chicago, IL in the total amount of \$527,201.00.

Funding Source: Premiums and Policies (6058935-644100). The original budget amount is \$527,201.00.

18. Council is asked to authorize the City Manager to enter into a new Professional Services Contract for Security Guard Services, as requested by the Homeless Services Department on November 17, 2025. Award to SecurTec of South Carolina, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$949,022.39, which includes contingency. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed with an end date eleven (11) months from commencement and the option to renew for four (4) additional one-year periods. This firm is located in Charleston, SC.

Funding Source: Rapid Shelter Homeless Services — Professional Services (1014501-636600) \$620,780.16 and State of South Carolina Grant Control - FY26 South Carolina Opioid Recovery Fund Homeless Services - Professional Services (2209999-SCORF126HS-638300) \$145,666.30. The original budget amount is \$949,022.39.

19. Council is asked to authorize the City Manager to enter into a new Sole Source Contract for Phase II De-Energized Electrical Testing at the Lake Murray Water Treatment Plant, as requested by Columbia Water on May 18, 2026. Award to Transworld, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$54,351.00. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed with an end date on June 30, 2027 and the option to renew for one additional one-year period. This vendor is located in North Charleston, SC.

Funding Source: Utilities Lake Murray Water Treatment Plant - Miscellaneous Other Supplies (5516207-629900). The original budget amount is \$54,351.00.

20. Council is asked to authorize the City Manager to Purchase a High Service #5 Motor for the Columbia Canal Water Treatment Plant, as requested by Columbia Water on May 15, 2026. Award to Electric Motor & Repair, Inc., in the amount of \$98,884.48. This vendor is located in West Columbia, SC.

Funding Source: Utilities Columbia Canal Water Treatment Plant - Machinery and Equipment-Capital (5516206-658300). The original budget amount is \$94,884.48.

21. Council is asked to authorize the City Manager to Purchase a Caterpillar C18 Standby Generator for the Columbia Canal Water Treatment Plant, as requested by Columbia Water on May 19, 2026. Award to Atlantic Tower Services, Inc., using the Sourcwell Contract in the amount of \$129,998.52. This vendor is located in Altamonte Springs, FL.

Funding Source: Utilities Columbia Canal Water Treatment Plant - Machinery and Equipment-Capital (5516206-658300). The original budget amount is \$129,998.52.

22. Council is asked to authorize the City Manager to enter into a new Construction Contract for Project WM4888; Havana Court Water Main Upgrade, as requested by Columbia Water on June 5, 2026. Award to LAD Construction, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$132,505.20, which includes contingency. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed with an end date one hundred twenty (120) days from commencement. This contractor is located in Swansea, SC.

Funding Source: Water and Sewer Capital Projects — Havana Court Water Main Upgrade — Capital Project Costs (5529999-WM488801-658650). The original budget amount is \$132,505.20.

This is a Mentor Protégé Program project. LAD Construction, LLC is the mentor and will provide water line installation, demolition, flowable fill, and service connection services at 46.16% (\$50,975.80) of the total contract amount.

JA Mabus & Associates, LLC, located in Leesville, SC, is the protégé and will provide water line installation services at 20.00% (\$22,084.20) of the total contract amount.

The following subcontractor will provide additional services and/or materials:

Ferguson Waterworks, located in Elgin, SC, will provide water line materials at 33.84% (\$37,361.00) of the total contract amount.

23. Council is asked to authorize the City Manager to enter into a new Construction Contract for Project WM4899; 6-Inch Ductile Iron Pipe Water Main Repair and Road Restoration along Pitney Road, as requested by Columbia Water on May 21, 2026. Award to GH Smith Construction, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$164,298.00, which includes contingency. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed with an end date thirty days (30) days from commencement. This contractor is located in Columbia, SC.

Funding Source: Water and Sewer Capital Projects - 6-Inch Ductile Iron Pipe Water Main along Pitney Road - Capital Projects Costs (5529999-WM489901-658650). The original budget amount is \$164,298.00.

This is a Mentor Protégé Program project. GH Smith Construction, Inc. is the mentor and will provide water main repair and road construction services at 53.42% (\$73,138.10) of the total contract amount.

Smoak Construction, LLC, a Minority Business Enterprise (W), located in Little Mountain, SC, is the protégé and will provide waterline installation and paving services at 20.00% (\$27,383.00) of the total contract amount.

The following subcontractor(s) will provide additional services and/or materials:

Staline Waterworks, Inc., located in Columbia, SC, will provide pipe, valves, and fittings supply materials at 10.15% (\$13,893.90) of the total contract amount.

Knights Redi Mix, located in Summerville, SC, will provide flowable fill and concrete materials at 12.05% (\$16,500.00) of the total contract amount.

Reeves Construction, located in Columbia, SC, will provide asphalt materials at 4.38% (\$6,000.00) of the total contract amount.

24. Council is asked to authorize the City Manager to enter into a new Construction Contract for Project WM4905; Hobart Pump Station Valve Repair and Replacement, as requested by Columbia Water on May 20, 2026. Award to Carolina Tap & Bore, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$234,613.50, which includes contingency. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed with an end date ninety (90) days from commencement. This contractor is located in Columbia, SC.

Funding Source: Water and Sewer Capital Projects - Hobart Pump Station Valve Replacement - Capital Project Costs (5529999-WM490501-658650). The original budget amount is \$234,613.50.

This is a Mentor Protégé Program project. Carolina Tap and Bore, Inc., is the mentor and will provide valve installation services at 80.00% (\$170,628.00) of the total contract amount.

LG Utility Contractors, LLC, a Minority Business Enterprise (W) located in Lugoff, SC, is the protégé and will provide utility services at 20.00% (\$42,657.00) of the total contract amount.

25. Council is asked to authorize the City Manager to enter into a new Professional Services Contract for Project WM4858; Broad River Road US 176 Water Line, as requested Columbia Water on June 16, 2026. Award to Michael Baker International, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$312,570.00. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed with an end date two (2) years from commencement and the option to renew for two (2) additional one-year periods. This firm is located in Columbia, SC.

Funding Source: Water and Sewer Capital Projects - Broad River Road US 176 Water Line - Capital Project Costs (5529999-WM485801-658650). The original budget amount is \$312,570.00.

This is a Mentor Protégé Program project. Michael Baker International, Inc. is the mentor and will provide project administration and final design services at 37.21% (\$116,313.00) of the total contract amount.

Chao & Associates, Inc., a Minority Business Enterprise, located in Columbia, SC, is the protégé and will provide easement exhibits and permitting services at 10.00% (\$31,257.00) of the total contract amount.

The following subcontractor(s) will provide additional services and/or materials:

F&ME Consultants, Inc., located in Columbia, SC, will provide geotechnical services at 11.20% (\$35,000.00) of the total contract amount.

Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, located in Columbia, SC, will provide surveying services at 41.59% (\$130,000.00) of the total contract amount.

26. Council is asked to authorize the City Manager to enter into a new Construction Contract for Project SS7655; Shady Lane Force Main Extension, as requested by

Columbia Water on March 19, 2026. Award to GH Smith Construction, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$609,070.00, which includes contingency. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed with an end date one hundred eighty (180) days from commencement. This contractor is located in Columbia, SC.

Funding Source: Water and Sewer Capital Projects — Shady Lane Force Main Extension — Capital Project Costs (5529999-SS765501-658650). The original budget amount is \$609,070.00.

This is a Columbia Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (CDBE) program project with an 8% CDBE goal. The CDBE goal was met at 8%. GH Smith Construction, Inc. is the prime and will provide utility contractor services at 37.48% (\$207,516.96) of the total contract amount.

The following subcontractor(s) will provide additional services and/or materials:

Staline Waterworks, Inc., located in Columbia, SC, will provide pipes, fittings, and manhole materials at 9.73% (\$53,887.04) of the total contract amount.

Martin Marietta, located in Cayce, SC, will provide rock and dirt materials at 0.54% (\$3,000.00) of the total contract amount.

Palmetto Utility Group, LLC, located in Branchville, SC, will provide drilling services at 42.90% (\$237,500.00) of the total contract amount.

Knights Redi Mix, located in Lexington, SC, will provide flowable fill and concrete materials at 0.54% (\$3,000.00) of the total contract amount.

Reeves Construction, located in Columbia, SC, will provide asphalt materials at 0.81% (\$4,500.00) of the total contract amount.

Smoak Construction, LLC, a Minority Business Enterprise (W) and a Columbia Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (CDBE), located in Little Mountain, SC, will provide sewer installation services at 8.00% (\$44,296.00) of the total contract amount.

27. Council is asked to authorize the City Manager to enter into a new Professional Services Contract for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Support Services, as requested Columbia Water on August 12, 2025. Award to Woolpert, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$906,628.00. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed with an end date three (3) years from commencement and the option to renew for two (2) additional one-year periods. This firm is located in Columbia, SC.

Funding Source: Engineering Storm Water Improvement - Professional Services (5534202-636600). The original budget amount is \$906,628.00

Woolpert, Inc., is the prime and will provide engineering design services at 56.26% (\$510,068.92) of the total contract amount.

The following subcontractor(s) will provide additional services and/or materials:

Chao & Associates, Inc., located in Columbia, SC, will provide surveying services at 1.65% (\$14,959.36) of the total contract amount.

Fondriest Environmental, Inc., located in Fairborn, OH, will provide project equipment at 4.16% (\$37,987.71) of the total contract amount.

Alliance Technical Group, LLC, located in Greenville, SC, will provide laboratory analysis services at 3.40% (\$30,825.35) of the total contract amount.

Xylem-YSI, Inc., located in Yellow Springs, OH, will provide flow monitoring and equipment installation services at 0.5% (\$4,533.14) of the total contract amount.

Keefer Engineering, LLC, located in Lexington, SC, will provide operation and maintenance services at 34.00% (\$308,253.52) of the total contract amount.

28. Council is asked to authorize the City Manager to enter into a new Construction Contract for Project SD8539; Manse Street Channel Rehabilitation, as requested by Columbia Water on April 27, 2026. Award to Williams Infrastructure, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$1,418,778.00, which includes contingency. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed with an end date two hundred forty (240) days from commencement. This contractor is located in Columbia, SC.

Funding Source: Storm Water Improvement Capital Project Control - Manse Street Stream Stabilization - Capital Project Costs (5549999-SD853901-658650). The original budget amount is \$1,418,778.00.

Williams Infrastructure, LLC, is the prime and will provide construction and infrastructure services at 69.69% (\$823,815.00) of the total contract amount.

The following subcontractor(s) will provide additional services and/or materials:

Ferguson Waterworks, located in Elgin, SC, will provide piping materials at 3.38% (\$40,000.00) of the total contract amount.

Vulcan Materials Company, located in Columbia, SC, will provide stone and gravel materials at 0.21% (\$2,500.00) of the total contract amount.

Torbett Construction, Inc., located in Lexington, SC, will provide masonry wall construction services at 9.30% (\$110,000.00) of the total contract amount.

Earth Care Services, LLC, located in Rembert, SC, will provide landscaping services at 1.69% (\$20,000.00) of the total contract amount.

Mize Landscaping, Inc., located in Chapin, SC, will provide modular block wall services at 15.22% (\$180,000.00) of the total contract amount.

Pinnacle Precast, LLC, located in Lugoff, SC, will provide storm drain structure services at 0.51% (\$6,000.00) of the total contract amount.

29. Council is asked to authorize the City Manager to enter into a new Professional Services Contract for Project WM474602; Water Treatment Plant Per-and

Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Removal Technology Pilot Project— Phase 2, as requested by Columbia Water on June 17, 2026. Award to Black and Veatch Corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$2,233,849.00. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed with an end date two (2) years from commencement and the option to renew for two (2) additional one-year periods. This firm is located in Columbia, SC.

Funding Source: Water/Sewer Grants - WM474602 PFAS-Phase 2 Pilot - Capital Project Costs (5899999-SRWM474602-658650) \$1,713,369.00 and Water and Sewer Capital Projects - PFAS-Preliminary Professional Services Phase 2 - Capital Project Costs (5529999-WM474602-658650) \$520,480.00. The original budget amount is \$2,233,849.00.

30. Ordinance No.: 2026-043 - Granting an encroachment to Hampton & Main LLC for the use of the right of way area of the 1200 block of Hampton Street for the installation and maintenance of a shade tree and irrigation adjacent to 1500 Main Street, Richland County TMS# 09014-09-16

First reading approval was given on June 16, 2026.

31. Ordinance No.: 2026-049 - Granting an encroachment to Michael McMullen for the use of the right of way areas of the 2300 block of Duncan Street and the 300 block of Princess Street for the installation and maintenance of landscaping and irrigation adjacent to 2323 Duncan Street, Richland County TMS# 11311-04-07

First reading approval was given on June 16, 2026.

32. ANNEXATION, FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 3956 Fernandina Road and NX 3956 Fernandina Road; TMS# 04913-04-11, 04913-04-15, and 04913-04-14

Ordinance No.: 2026-046 — Annexing 3956 Fernandina Road and NX 3956 Fernandina Road, Richland County and Lexington County TMS # 04913-04-11, 04913-04-15, and 04913-04-14 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map

Council District: 1

Plan Number: ANNEX-2025-0010

Proposal: Request to annex the properties and assign the land use classification of Community Activity Corridor (AC-2) and Urban Edge Residential Large Lot (UER-2) and assign the zoning of General Commercial District (GC) and Large Lot - Reserve District (LL-R) for a pending annexation. The property is currently classified as Mixed Residential (High Density) by Richland County and Destination Retail by Lexington County and zoned General Commercial District (GC) by Richland County and Intensive Development (ID), Collector Street (C) and Neighborhood Appearance District (NAD) by Lexington County.

Applicant: Store Master Funding XXXIII, LLC / Alex Perry, Tidal Wave Auto Spa

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 5/14/2026; Approval (7-0)

First reading approval was given on June 16, 2026.

33. ANNEXATION, FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 1010, 1014, 1018, 1022, and 1026 Dreyfus Road, Rear Dreyfus Road, 34 Bluff Road, and NX 34 Bluff Road, TMS# 11301-17-01, 11301-17-02, 11301-17-03, 11301-17-04, 11301-17-05, 11301-17-10, 11301-18-06, and 11301-18-07

Ordinance No.: 2026-048 - Annexing 1010, 1014, 1018, 1022, and 1026 Dreyfus Road, Rear Dreyfus Road, 34 Bluff Road, and NX 34 Bluff Road, Richland County TMS # 11301-17-01, 11301-17-02, 11301-17-03, 11301-17-04, 11301-17-05, 11301-17-10, 11301-18-06, and 11301-18-07 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map

Council District: 3

Plan Number: ANNEX-2026-0007

Proposal: Request to annex the properties and assign the land use classification of Urban Core Mixed Residential Type 3 (UCMR-3) and assign the zoning of Mixed Use District (MU-1) with portions in Floodplain Overlay District (OV-FP) and Floodway Overlay District (OV-FW) for a pending annexation. The property is currently classified as Mixed Residential (High Density) and zoned Light Industrial (M-1) and Residential Transition (RT) by Richland County.

Applicant: Clayton Kennedy

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 5/14/2026; Approval (7-0)

First reading approval was given on June 16, 2026.

Consideration of Bids, Contracts and Change Orders

34. Council is asked to authorize the City Manager to enter into Contract Amendment #3 for Project SS7639; Professional Services for Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant Thickening Improvements, as requested by Columbia Water on June 11, 2026. Award to Hazen and Sawyer, in an amount not to exceed \$2,746,913.00. The current term of the contract ends on May 14, 2029. This firm is located in Columbia, SC.

Funding Source: Water and Sewer Capital Projects - Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant Thickening Improvements - Capital Project Costs (5529999-SS763901-658650). The current budget amount is \$2,646,980.00. The budget amount for this amendment is \$2,746,913.00. The revised budget amount is \$5,393,893.00.

This is a Mentor Protégé Program project. Hazen and Sawyer is the mentor and will provide Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) services at 79.92% (\$2,195,338.00)

of the amendment amount.

Howard Engineering, Inc., a Minority Business Enterprise (W), located in Columbia, SC, is the protégé and will provide electrical construction and project administration services at 20.08% (\$551,575.00) of the amendment amount.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Herbert and seconded by Mr. Johnson, Council voted unanimously to authorize the City Manager to enter into Contract Amendment #3 for Project SS7639; Professional Services for Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant Thickening Improvements, as requested by Columbia Water on June 11, 2026. Award to Hazen and Sawyer, in an amount not to exceed \$2,746,913.00. The current term of the contract ends on May 14, 2029. This firm is located in Columbia, SC.

35. Council is asked to authorize the City Manager to enter into a new Construction Contract for Project SS7639; Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant Thickening Improvements, as requested by Columbia Water on January 9, 2026. Award to M.B. Kahn Waterworks, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$34,203,485.00, which includes contingency. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed with an end date eight hundred fourteen (814) days from commencement. This contractor is located in Columbia, SC.

Funding Source: Water and Sewer Capital Projects — Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant Thickening Improvements — Capital Project Costs (5529999-SS763901-658650). The original budget amount is \$34,203,485.00.

M.B. Kahn Waterworks, LLC, is the prime and will provide construction services at 63.78% (\$20,771,752.50) of the total contract amount.

The following subcontractor(s) will provide additional services and/or materials:

J&R Electrical Contractors, Inc., located in Graniteville, SC, will provide electrical services at 24.56% (\$8,000,000.00) of the total contract amount.

CITI, Inc., located in Charlotte, NC, will provide instrumentation and control services at 7.31% (\$2,380,999.00) of the total contract amount.

Hoyt's Heating & AC, Inc., located in Sumter, SC, will provide heating, ventilation, and air conditioning services at 0.65% (\$212,150.00) of the total contract amount.

Mid-State Masonry Contractors, located in Columbia, SC, will provide masonry services at 0.73% (\$239,375.00) of the total contract amount.

I&E Specialties, Inc., located in Gilbert, SC, will provide roofing services at 1.41% (\$459,000.00) of the total contract amount.

Hoover Building Systems, located in Columbia, SC, will provide post frame enclosure services at 0.12% (\$39,141.00) of the total contract amount.

Universal Painting Corporation, located in Ephrata, PA, will provide painting services at 1.44% (\$470,000.00) of the total contract amount.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Ms. Herbert, Council voted unanimously to authorize the City Manager to enter into a new Construction Contract for

Project SS7639; Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant Thickening Improvements, as requested by Columbia Water on January 9, 2026. Award to M.B. Kahn Waterworks, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$34,203,485.00, which includes contingency. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed with an end date eight hundred fourteen (814) days from commencement. This contractor is located in Columbia, SC.

Public Hearing & First Reading for Zoning / Planning Matters

Mayor Rickenmann said for **Items 40 and 42**, there will be a public hearing today and there will be deferred votes on both of these items. There will be a public hearing for both of these items, but there will not be any action taken at this time.

Councilor Herbert asked if **Item 38** could be added to that as well.

Mayor Rickenmann said **Items 38, 40, and 42** will hold public hearings and be deferring votes.

36. ANNEXATION, FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 2423 and 2425 Kent Street, TMS# 11504-30-32 (portion) and 11504-30-31 (portion)

Ordinance No.: 2026-058 - Annexing 2423 and 2425 Kent Street, Richland County TMS# 11504-30-32 (portion) and 11504-30- 31 (portion) into the City of Columbia, South Carolina, and incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map

Council District: 2

Plan Number: ANNEX-2026-0008

Proposal: Request to annex the properties and assign the land use classification of Urban Core Residential Small Lot (UCR-1) and assign the zoning of Mixed Use District (MU-2) for a pending annexation. The property is currently classified as Mixed Residential (High Density) and zoned General Commercial (GC) by Richland County.

Applicant: William Felder

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 06/11/2026; Approval (7-0)

Mr. Andrew Livengood, Zoning Administrator / Planning and Development Services, explained that these properties are currently designated as Mixed Residential High Density and zoned General Commercial by Richland County. The properties are to be annexed with a land use classification of Urban Core Residential Small Lot (UCR-1) and assigned Mixed-Use District (MU-2) zoning upon annexation.

Council opened the public hearing at 5:53 p.m.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Johnson, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Annexation, Future Land Use Map

Amendment, and Zoning Map Amendment for 2423 and 2425 Kent Street, TMS# 11504-30-32 (portion) and 11504-30-31 (portion) **and** Ordinance No.: 2026-058 - Annexing 2423 and 2425 Kent Street, Richland County TMS# 11504-30-32 (portion) and 11504-30-31 (portion) into the City of Columbia, South Carolina, and incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map.

37. ANNEXATION, FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 3801 and 3719 Old Leesburg Road, TMS# 22105-03-04 and 22105-03-03

Ordinance No.: 2026-055 - Annexing 3801 and 3719 Old Leesburg Road, Richland County TMS# 22105-03-04 and 22105-03-03 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map

Council District: 4

Plan Number: ANNEX-2026-0009

Proposal: Request to annex the properties and assign the land use classification of Urban Edge Community Activity Center (UEAC - 1), and assign the zoning of General Commercial District (GC) for a pending annexation. The property is currently classified as Neighborhood (Medium Density) and zoned Residential 4 (R4) by Richland County.

Applicant: Hunt Sons Properties LLC / Walt Whisenhunt, Hunt Brothers Landscaping

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 06/11/2026; Approval (7-0)

Mr. Andrew Livengood, Zoning Administrator / Planning and Development Services explained that this request seeks annexation of the subject properties with a land use classification of Urban Edge Community Activity Center (UEAC-1) and General Commercial (GC) zoning upon annexation. He noted that the properties are currently designated Neighborhood Medium Density and zoned Residential 4 under Richland County.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Johnson, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Annexation, Future Land Use Map Amendment, and Zoning Map Amendment for 3801 and 3719 Old Leesburg Road, TMS# 22105-03-04 and 22105-03-03 **and** Ordinance No.: 2026-055 - Annexing 3801 and 3719 Old Leesburg Road, Richland County TMS# 22105-03-04 and 22105-03-03 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map.

38. ANNEXATION, FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 7601, E/S and W/S Wilson Boulevard, TMS# 14303-01-18, 14303-01-19 and 14303-01-21

Ordinance No.: 2026-057 - Annexing 7601, E/S and W/S Wilson Boulevard, Richland County TMS# 14303-01-18, 14303-01-19 and 14303-01-21 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map

Council District: 1

Plan Number: ANNEX-2026-0010

Proposal: Request to annex the properties and assign the land use classification of Community Activity Corridor (AC-2) and Urban Edge Residential Large Lot (UER-2) and assign the zoning of Light Industrial District (LI) and Residential Single Family - Medium Lot District (RSF-2) for a pending annexation. The property is currently classified as Mixed Residential (High Density) and zoned General Commercial (GC) by Richland County.

Applicant: Jaisy and Sahil XII LLC

Staff Recommendations: Denial of the proposed Light Industrial District (LI) zoning designation and approval of the proposed land use classifications and Residential Single Family – Medium Lot District (RSF-2) zoning designation.

PC Recommendation: 06/11/2026; (6-1) Approval of the proposed Future Land Use classifications and Zoning Districts for this pending annexation.

Mr. Andrew Livengood, Zoning Administrator / Planning and Development Services explained that the request involves annexing the properties with proposed future land use classifications of Community Activity Center Corridor (AC-2) and Urban Edge Residential Large Lot (UE-2), along with zoning designations of Light Industrial and Residential Single Family – Medium Lot (RSF-2). He noted that the properties are currently classified as Mixed Residential High Density and zoned General Commercial by Richland County. He said that staff recommends denial of the annexation and the Light Industrial rezoning due to jurisdictional concerns, as the proposed truck-stop parking lot would fall within the City while the associated business would remain in unincorporated Richland County. He added that staff does recommend approval of the Residential Single Family – Medium Lot District (RSF-2) zoning at the rear of the property and the future land use classifications, while the Planning Commission recommended approval of the overall request.

Mr. Willie Williams expressed concern that nearby residents had not been contacted about the project, noting that more than 500 homes border the site and that the property directly adjoins to Portchester Drive. He stated that the neighborhood objects to the proposal.

Councilor Herbert explained that Council would only conduct the public hearing today and would delay any vote until the applicant has had an opportunity to present to the affected neighborhood. She noted that the applicant understands this requirement and that additional outreach and follow-up steps will be completed before the item returns to City Council for action.

Ms. Patricia Moorer, President of the Meadowlake Neighborhood Association stated that the neighborhood is firmly opposed to the proposed truck-stop use due to ongoing problems with idling 18-wheelers, noise, and safety concerns affecting nearby homes. She emphasized the need for the property owner to meet with residents.

Mr. James McLawhorn said he is a longtime Meadowlake resident and former land-use planner. He expressed concern about the proposed change, noting that previous truck-stop activity in the area created hazardous conditions and raised safety issues. He urged continued engagement with the community before any further action is taken.

This item was deferred.

39. ANNEXATION, FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 1920 Pineview Drive, TMS# 19100-05-15

Ordinance No.: 2026-056 - Annexing 1920 Pineview Drive, Richland County TMS# 19100-05-15 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map

Council District: 3

Plan Number: ANNEX-2026-0011

Proposal: Request to annex the property and assign the land use classification of Urban Edge Community Activity Center (UEAC-1) and assign the zoning of Mixed Use District (MU-2) for a pending annexation. The property is currently classified as Neighborhood (Medium Density) and zoned General Commercial (GC) by Richland County.

Owner/Applicant: New Life Fitness World of South Carolina North, Inc./Gene Pierce, Kimley-Horn

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 06/11/2026; Approval (7-0)

Mr. Andrew Livengood, Zoning Administrator / Planning and Development Services explained that the request seeks annexation of the property with a proposed land use classification of Urban Edge Community Activity Center (UEAC-1) and zoning of Mixed-Use District (MU-2). He noted that the property is currently designated Neighborhood Medium Density and zoned General Commercial by Richland County. Both staff and the Planning Commission recommend approval.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Ms. Herbert, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Annexation, Future Land Use Map Amendment, and Zoning Map Amendment for 1920 Pineview Drive, TMS# 19100-05-15 **and** Ordinance No.: 2026-056 - Annexing 1920 Pineview Drive, Richland County TMS# 19100-05-15 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map.

40. ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 513 S. Saluda Avenue TMS# 11212-05-03

Ordinance No.: 2026-059 - Amending the Official Zoning Map to modify the zoning for 513 S. Saluda Avenue, Richland County TMS# 11212-05-03

Council District: 3

Proposal: Request to rezone the property from Employment Campus District in the Airport Safety Overlay District (EC, OV-A) to Residential Mixed District in the Airport Safety Overlay District (RM-2, OV-A).

Applicant: Dallas Massey, Massey Holdings, LLC

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 6/11/2026; Rec. Approval (7-0)

Mr. Andrew Livengood, Zoning Administrator / Planning and Development Services explained that the applicant is requesting to rezone the property from Employment Campus District within the Airport Safety Overlay to Residential Mix District within the same overlay in order to permit residential development. He noted that residential uses are not allowed in non-residential airport overlay districts. Both staff and the Planning Commission recommend approval of the rezoning.

Mayor Rickenmann said there was a request from Councilor Brennan to hold the public hearing on this but to hold the vote.

This item was deferred.

41. ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 705 Saluda Avenue TMS# 11308-06-09 and 11308-06-13

Ordinance No.: 2026-060 - Amending the Official Zoning Map to modify the zoning for 705 Saluda Avenue, Richland County TMS# 11308-06-09 and 11308-06-13

Council District: 3

Proposal: Request to rezone the properties from Community Activity Center/Corridor District in the Five Points Design Overlay District (CAC, OV-5P) to Community Activity Center/Corridor District (CAC); removing the overlay district.

Applicant: Will Brennan, City Councilman

Staff Recommendation: Council Member Sponsored

PC Recommendation: 6/11/2026; Rec. Approval (7-0)

Mr. Andrew Livengood, Zoning Administrator / Planning and Development Services stated that the request seeks to rezone two properties from the Community Activity Center Corridor District within the Five Points Overlay to the same base district without the overlay, noting that the site is proposed for a hotel that previously received a variance from the Board of Zoning Appeals. He added that while the overlay would be removed, the property would continue to follow the City's design standards applicable to the district, which are reviewed by staff rather than the Urban Design Review Commission.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Johnson, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Zoning Map Amendment for 705 Saluda Avenue TMS# 11308-06-09 and 11308-06-13 **and** Ordinance No.: 2026-060 - Amending the Official Zoning Map to modify the zoning for 705 Saluda Avenue, Richland County TMS# 11308-06-09 and 11308-06-13. Ms. Herbert was not present for the vote.

42. AMENDMENT TO THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE for Reestablishment of Nonconforming Non-Depository Personal Credit Institutions

Ordinance No.: 2026-039 — Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of

Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Article 7: Nonconformities, Sec. 17-7.2. Nonconforming Uses

Proposal: Request recommendation to amend the Unified Development Ordinance, Chapter 17 - Article 7: Nonconformities, Sec. 17-7.2. Nonconforming Uses, to allow the re-establishment of nonconforming non-depository personal credit institutions on the same parcel, subject to conditions.

Applicant: Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor

Staff Recommendation: Council Sponsored

PC Recommendation: 6/11/2026; Recommend Denial (7-0)

Mr. Andrew Livengood, Zoning Administrator / Planning and Development Services explained that the item is a proposed amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance that would allow certain non-conforming non-depository personal credit institutions, such as payday or title loan businesses, to be reestablished in a newly constructed building within 600 feet of their current location under specific conditions. He noted that the change is intended to support redevelopment by providing a relocation mechanism for these uses.

Mr. Gray Taylor, 3402 Earlewood Drive stated that the non-conforming use should remain non-conforming and urged City Council to support redevelopment of the corner rather than allowing a title-loan business to influence its future. He noted the Planning Commission twice voted 0-7 against the proposal and asked City Council to vote no on the text amendment to ensure an appropriate project for North Columbia.

Ms. Denise Wellman, President of Cottontown-Belleview Historic District Neighborhood Association urged City Council not to approve the text amendment, warning that it would set a dangerous precedent by granting special treatment to a non-conforming use. She stated that the amendment would harm nearby businesses and neighborhoods, fail to meet any demonstrated community need, and serve only the interests of a single developer. She asked City Council to vote no.

Mayor Rickenmann clarified that this isn't about this one site. There are several sites across the city that are hurting advancements in other areas.

Ms. Betsy Newman, 311 Westwood Avenue urged City Council to vote against the text amendment, noting strong neighborhood opposition, a petition with more than 200 signatures, and concerns that the proposal conflicts with the long-standing North Columbia Master Plan. She stated that a large gas station and convenience store does not align with the community's vision for a walkable, arts-focused, and neighborhood-oriented corridor. She asked the City to support development that serves the public good.

Mr. Bob Petrulis, President of the Hyatt Park-Keenan Terrace Neighborhood Association urged City Council to reject the text amendment, stating that it conflicts with the long-standing master plan for a walkable, mixed-use North Main corridor and undermines the City's efforts to reduce predatory businesses. He emphasized that the area is beginning to see positive growth and asked City Council to insist on development that fulfills the community's vision rather than settling for a lesser project.

Mr. Basil Garzia, 612 Wildwood Avenue expressed support for the neighborhood's position, noting that although the North Columbia plan is older, revitalization efforts like Finlay Park

show that long-term visions can still be successfully realized. He urged City Council not to abandon the master plan and to continue pursuing development that strengthens North Columbia.

Ms. Elva Stinson, 612 Wildwood Avenue agreed with previous speakers and warned that changing the text amendment for a single-title loan business could set a precedent for similar requests citywide. He urged Council to consider the broader implications and asked them not to approve the amendment.

Ms. Heather Wilson, 424 Summerlea Drive expressed concerns about the text amendment, noting that multiple gas stations already operate nearby and that another would worsen loitering and bring predatory businesses closer to her children's school. She urged Council to prioritize what is best for the overall well-being of the neighborhood.

Ms. Kit Smith said that the agenda listed the item as a public hearing with first reading and that many attendees expected a vote based on the published agenda. She stated that changing an adopted agenda conflicts with standard parliamentary procedure and urged the Council to treat the matter as a transparency issue.

Mayor Rickenmann explained that Council had the right to hold only the public hearing and not take action, noting this approach is consistent with how similar items were handled. He emphasized that this was the first public hearing on the item and the decision rests solely with City Council.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager suggested that City Council simply take a vote to defer all three items. She noted that this approach also accommodates members' schedules, including Councilor Brennan's absence.

Upon a single motion made by Mayor Rickenmann and seconded by Mr. Brown, Council voted unanimously to defer the following items:

- **Item 38** (Annexation, Future Land Use Map Amendment, and Zoning Map Amendment for 7601, E/S and W/S Wilson Boulevard, TMS# 14303-01-18, 14303-01-19 and 14303-01-21 **and** Ordinance No.: 2026-057 - Annexing 7601, E/S and W/S Wilson Boulevard, Richland County TMS# 14303-01-18, 14303-01-19 and 14303-01-21 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map)
- **Item 40** (Zoning Map Amendment for 513 S. Saluda Avenue TMS# 11212-05-03 **and** Ordinance No.: 2026-059 - Amending the Official Zoning Map to modify the zoning for 513 S. Saluda Avenue, Richland County TMS# 11212-05-03)
- **Item 42** (Amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance for Reestablishment of Nonconforming Non-Depository Personal Credit Institutions **and** Ordinance No.: 2026-039 — Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Article 7: Nonconformities, Sec. 17-7.2. Nonconforming Uses)

Council closed the public hearing at 6:11 p.m.

Public Hearing & Ordinance First Reading

43. Ordinance No.: 2026-053 — Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 4, Animals

Endorsed by the Health, Social and Environmental Affairs Committee on March 24, 2026.

Councilor Johnson thanked the entire Animal Services team for their work updating the ordinance and coordinating with both community partners and Richland County. He noted that this effort reflects ongoing progress to strengthen and advance the City's animal services operations.

Council opened the public hearing at 6:12 p.m.

Mr. Wade Fulmer voiced concern that key nuisance-animal provisions, specifically the removal of language addressing excessive barking and other disruptive noise from Section 4-10 of the ordinance without public discussion. He noted that these clearly stated, necessary protections were previously included in subsection (b)(6) and urged Council to restore the removed language to better safeguard quality of life.

Mayor Rickenmann suggested that Mr. Fulmer share his points with the City Attorney, so your concerns can be addressed.

Council closed the public hearing at 6:14 p.m.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Bailey, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2026-053 — Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 4, Animals.

Ordinances - First Reading

44. Ordinance No.: 2026-050 - Granting an encroachment to Local Columbia Senate, LLC for the use of the right of way areas of the 900 block of Senate Street and the 1100 block of Park Street for the installation and maintenance of sidewalks, benches, bike racks, trash receptacles, doors, an at-grade water meter vault, landscaping and irrigation adjacent to 931 Senate Street, Richland County TMS# 08916-02-09

Upon a motion made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Ms. Herbert, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2026-050 - Granting an encroachment to Local Columbia Senate, LLC for the use of the right of way areas of the 900 block of Senate Street and the 1100 block of Park Street for the installation and maintenance of sidewalks, benches, bike racks, trash receptacles, doors, an at-grade water meter vault, landscaping and irrigation adjacent to 931 Senate Street, Richland County TMS# 08916-02-09.

45. Ordinance No.: 2026-051 - Approval for Granting an Easement to the University of South Carolina along a portion of City-Owned Property identified as Page Ellington Park in the BullStreet District; Richland County TMS#11501-01-14 for Installation of Fiber Optic Cable to Serve the University of South Carolina School of Medicine; CF#DPI-2024-12-0068

Upon a motion made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Johnson, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2026-051 - Approval for Granting an Easement to the University of South Carolina along a portion of City-Owned Property identified as Page Ellington Park in the BullStreet District; Richland County TMS#11501-01-14 for Installation of Fiber Optic Cable to Serve the University of South Carolina School of Medicine; CF#DPI-2024-12-0068.

46. Ordinance No.: 2026-052 - Granting an encroachment to Devine and Heidt LLC for the use of the right of way areas of the 600 block of Heidt Street and the 2300 block of Devine Street for the installation and maintenance of sidewalks, landscaping and irrigation adjacent to 2300 Devine Street, Richland County TMS# 11312-05-01, 11312-05-02, 11312-05-03, 11312-05-04 and 11312-05-21

Upon a motion made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Ms. Herbert, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2026-052 - Granting an encroachment to Devine and Heidt LLC for the use of the right of way areas of the 600 block of Heidt Street and the 2300 block of Devine Street for the installation and maintenance of sidewalks, landscaping and irrigation adjacent to 2300 Devine Street, Richland County TMS# 11312-05-01, 11312-05-02, 11312-05-03, 11312-05-04 and 11312-05-21.

Resolutions

47. Resolution No.: R-2026-044 - Authorizing Release and Abandonment of Portions of an Existing 15' City Sanitary Sewer Easement along Richland County TMS#05003-01-27 Identified as 150 Centrum Drive; CF#184-10 and CF#DPI-2024-06-0035

Upon a motion made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Ms. Herbert, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2026-044 - Authorizing Release and Abandonment of Portions of an Existing 15' City Sanitary Sewer Easement along Richland County TMS#05003-01-27 Identified as 150 Centrum Drive; CF#184-10 and CF#DPI-2024-06-0035.

48. Resolution No.: R-2026-050 - Authorizing Release and Abandonment of Portions of the City's Existing 15' and 50' Sanitary Sewer Easements near the Olympia Quarry along Richland County TMS#08816-09-16 and TMS#08814-01-07 to Vulcan Lands, Inc.; CF#48-144, CF#98-100, & CF#250-692

Upon a motion made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Ms. Herbert, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2026-050 - Authorizing Release and Abandonment of Portions of the City's Existing 15' and 50' Sanitary Sewer Easements near the Olympia Quarry along Richland County TMS#08816-09-16 and TMS#08814-01-07 to Vulcan Lands, Inc.; CF#48-144, CF#98-100, & CF#250-692.

49. Resolution No.: R-2026-045 - Approval for Acceptance of Garners Mill Phase 1B Sanitary Sewer Lift Station containing 0.09 acre; Richland County TMS#19007-01-01 and a portion of TMS#19007-01-02; CF#DPI-2023-09-0035

Upon a motion made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Ms. Herbert, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2026-045 - Approval for Acceptance of Garners Mill Phase 1B Sanitary Sewer Lift Station containing 0.09 acre; Richland County TMS#19007-01-01 and a portion of TMS#19007-01-02; CF#DPI-2023-09-0035.

50. Resolution No.: R-2026-049 - Certifying One (1) building site as an Abandoned Building Pursuant to the South Carolina Abandoned Buildings Revitalization Act of 2013, Title 12, Chapter 67, Section 12-67-100 et seq., of the Code of Laws of South Carolina (1976), as amended, regarding property located at 911 Gervais Street, Columbia, South Carolina, and having Richland County Tax Map No. R09013-11-13

Upon a motion made by Ms. Herbert and seconded by Mr. Brown, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2026-049 - Certifying One (1) building site as an Abandoned Building Pursuant to the South Carolina Abandoned Buildings Revitalization Act of 2013, Title 12, Chapter 67, Section 12-67-100 et seq., of the Code of Laws of South Carolina (1976), as amended, regarding property located at 911 Gervais Street, Columbia, South Carolina, and having Richland County Tax Map No. R09013-11-13.

51. Resolution No.: R-2026-047 - Authorizing execution of the First Amendment to Service Agreement for Third Party Administration of the City of Columbia's Self-Insurance Workers' Compensation Program with Planned Administrators, Inc.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Brown, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2026-047 — Authorizing execution of the First Amendment to Service Agreement for Third Party Administration of the City of Columbia's Self-Insurance Workers' Compensation Program with Planned Administrators, Inc.

52. Resolution No.: R-2026-048 - Authorizing execution of the First Amendment to Service Agreement for Third Party Administration of the City of Columbia's Self-Insurance Tort Liability Program with Planned Administrators, Inc.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Herbert and seconded by Mr. Johnson, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2026-048 — Authorizing execution of the First Amendment to Service Agreement for Third Party Administration of the City of Columbia's Self-Insurance Tort Liability Program with Planned Administrators, Inc.

Event Resolution Items

53. Resolution No.: R-2026-051 - Authorizing consumption of beer, wine and liquor at 803 Day at 1329 Blanding Street on Monday, August 3, 2026

Upon a motion made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Bailey, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2026-051 — Authorizing consumption of beer, wine and liquor at 803 Day at 1329 Blanding Street on Monday, August 3, 2026.

Appointments

54. Climate Protection Advisory Committee

Upon a motion made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Ms. Herbert, Council voted unanimously to appoint Ms. Sarah Khan, Ms. Betsey Newman, and Ms. Tania Shelley and to reappoint Mr. David Voyles and Mr. Dennis Wiehl to the Climate Protection Advisory Committee for a three-year term.

55. Midlands Authority for Conventions, Sports, and Tourism

Upon a motion made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Brown, Council voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Douglas O' Flaherty as a hotel industry representative and to reappoint Mr. Andrew Lucas, Dr. Rich Harrill, and Ms. Janice Marshall to the Midlands Authority for Conventions, Sports, and Tourism for a three-year term.

Other Matters

56. Council is asked to approve a funding request from the Antioch Senior Center for its Senior Program and Operations in the amount of \$150,000.00.

Funding Source: Community Promotions - Antioch Senior Center (1014307-683401).

Upon a motion made by Ms. Herbert and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to approve a funding request from the Antioch Senior Center for its Senior Program and Operations in the amount of \$150,000.00.

57. Council is asked to approve a funding request from the Midlands Community Development Corporation for the Dream Keepers Senior Program in the amount of \$150,000.00.

Funding Source: Community Promotions - Dream Keeper Senior Program (1014307-683402).

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Bailey, Council voted unanimously to approve a funding request from the Midlands Community Development Corporation for the Dream Keepers Senior Program in the amount of \$150,000.00.

58. Council is asked to approve the installation of two speed humps on Bernardin Avenue between Laurel Street and Forest Drive, as requested by MUSC Health.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Johnson, Council voted unanimously to approve the installation of two speed humps on Bernardin Avenue between Laurel Street and Forest Drive, as requested by MUSC Health.

Councilor Johnson recognized Mr. David Adams, former Richland County Treasurer, who was present on behalf of MUSC.

City Council Committee Reports, Referrals and New Business

59. Council is asked to refer a presentation from the City of Columbia Art Center to the Arts, Historic Preservation and Philanthropy Committee, as requested by the Honorable Tyler D. Bailey.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Johnson, Council voted unanimously to refer a presentation from the City of Columbia Art Center to the Arts, Historic Preservation and Philanthropy Committee, as requested by the Honorable Tyler D. Bailey.

60. Council is asked to refer a presentation from Harvest Hope Food Bank to the Health, Social and Environmental Affairs Committee, as requested by the Honorable Sam P. Johnson.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Bailey, Council voted unanimously to refer a presentation from Harvest Hope Food Bank to the Health, Social and Environmental Affairs Committee, as requested by the Honorable Sam P. Johnson.

Public Input

Individuals are allotted up to three minutes to address Columbia City Council about matters not on the agenda. Items requiring a public hearing cannot be addressed at this time.

Mama G announced her retirement from the Parks and Recreation Department.

Mr. Joshua Croffie spoke on behalf of the Palmetto Pride Youth Ambassador Program to promote litter cleanup in the City of Columbia.

Upon a motion made by Sam Johnson and seconded by Peter Brown, Council voted unanimously to refer the presentation to the Health, Social, and Environmental Affairs Committee.

Mr. Joseph Phillips, Artistic Director of Columbia Classical Ballet, announced the opening of their new dance studio at 610 Harden Street.

Ms. Carmen Pendergrass expressed concerns about conditions at the Transitions Women's Emergency Shelter and recurring breakdowns of COMET buses.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Erika D. Moore Hammond, MMC, CPM
City Clerk