



COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The Columbia City Council conducted a meeting on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at the Busby Street Community Center, 1735 Busby Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor called the meeting to order at 4:11 p.m. and the following Council members were present: The Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr., The Honorable Will Brennan, Mayor Pro-Tem, The Honorable Aditi Bussells, The Honorable Tina N. Herbert, The Honorable Peter M. Brown, and The Honorable Tyler D. Bailey. 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. led the invocation.

Councilor Bailey took a moment of personal privilege to encourage citizens to pray for the family of Julian Keel, a 16 year old rising senior at Keenan High School, who was killed over the weekend.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. Brown, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda subject to deferring consideration of **Items 25-28** (Appointments).

PUBLIC INPUT

No one appeared at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Council is asked to approve the May 14, 2024 Budget Workshop and May 21, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes.

Upon a motion made by Dr. Bussells and seconded by Mr. Brown, Council voted unanimously to approve the May 14, 2024 Budget Workshop and May 21, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes.



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APPROVAL / PRESENTATION OF HONORARY STREET NAMING RESOLUTION

2. Resolution No.: R-2024-038 - Approving the Honorary Naming of East Chapel Drive “Dr. Ronald L. Rhames Way”

Dr. Ronald L. Rhames, President of Midlands Technical College acknowledged his faculty and staff for surprising him with this recognition. He said the success of our college has to do with these people behind me. There’s no way that one person can have the tremendous success we’ve had at Midlands Technical College. I grew up in Carver Heights and graduated from Keenan High School, so this is my home. Thank you for this extraordinary honor.

Mayor Rickenmann said we have the great honor of designating it, but it was your staff that wanted everything that you’ve done to improve this community to always be there. On behalf of the citizens of Columbia, thank you for your service and for breaking the glass ceiling.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2024-038 - Approving the Honorary Naming of East Chapel Drive “Dr. Ronald L. Rhames Way”.

PRESENTATIONS

3. The Joy of Fatherhood Month Proclamation - The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor

Mr. Karriem Edwards, President of the South Carolina Center for Fathers and Families acknowledged Ms. Cearra Harris, Board Member and Dr. Lawrence Ford, Director of Marketing and Communications. We serve all 46 counties in the state and we have served over 25,000 dads. We’re proud to say the Midlands Fatherhood Coalition has served the Midlands for over 20 years. Thank you all for highlighting fatherhood today.

Mayor Rickenmann and the members of City Council proclaimed June 2024 as The Joy of Fatherhood Month in the City of Columbia.

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



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Mayor Rickenmann said homeownership is something we are striving for every day. Out of 46,237 homes in Columbia, less than 50% of those are owned. Right now, there are over 27,000 units in our community that are rentals. We want to make sure people have the opportunity to own their homes. We're going to continue to work together as a Council in engaging and addressing this issue.

Ms. Felicia Kilgore, Director of Community Development said thank you for recognizing June as Homeownership Month. At Community Development, we work hard to support affordable housing, which is the pillar of building wealth and stabilizing families. We are moving to a new phase as we continue to administer our entitlement dollars. We hope to see more affordable housing units in the City of Columbia, so we can better serve our residents.

Mayor Rickenmann and the members of City Council proclaimed June 2024 as National Homeownership Month in the City of Columbia.

5. Sergeant Major Adrian Nelson Day Proclamation - The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor

Mayor Rickenmann and the members of City Council proclaimed June 4, 2024 as Sergeant Major Adrian Nelson Day in the City of Columbia.

Sergeant Major Adrian Nelson said it has been a long run for 19 years. I've had some bad days, but thankfully and prayerfully most of them were good days. I'm not going home because I'm tired of being a Yellow Shirt, but because I'm 71 years old and it's time to do something else besides work.

Ms. Heather Spires, Vice President of Development and Administration/ Main Street District said we are honored to have this group of men and women that love Columbia, love the Main Street District, and want to keep it clean and welcoming. Every single one of them cares so much about their job and seeing someone like Adrian, who's been with us for 19 years, is really a testament to how great of a team this is.



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6. Quiet Zone One Project Update - Ms. Dana Higgins, Director of Engineering

Ms. Dana Higgins, Director of Engineering said in 2017 the Quiet Zone Committee was created to address trains sounding their horns when they are 15 to 20 seconds out from their crossing. They identified 11 different corridors throughout the city limits. They narrowed down to a priority corridor, which is our Quiet Zone One – Gadsden Street to Beltline Boulevard. That includes 14 different crossings. In February 2020, the City issued a notice of intent. We worked with the railroad to go to each crossing to determine what kind of infrastructure each crossing had. In 2021, we received a preliminary construction estimate of \$3.6 million. There was another estimate of \$3.9 million in May of 2023. The most current one that we are operating under is approximately \$4.4 million. Once we have the funding, we'll bring the agreement with Norfolk Southern forward. We estimate about three months before Norfolk Southern will get their part of that agreement executed. After that, we'll start our infrastructure improvements and that will take between six to nine months. From the date we bring the construction agreement to you for approval, we estimate around 18 months for completing this project.

Mayor Rickenmann said we will continue to monitor what happens at the state and be able to move forward on this long needed project.

BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE FIRST READING

7. Ordinance No.: 2024-043 - To Raise Revenue and Adopt the Budget for the City of Columbia, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2025

Ms. Missy Caughman, Budget and Program Management and Grants Director explained the proposed budget for the general fund. It was outlined at \$188 million, representing a 10.7% increase from the current year budget, with no property tax increase or other rate changes. Revenue sources included property tax, business licenses, and permits, totaling \$155 million, along with \$33 million in transfers from other financing sources. Expenditure highlights included public safety, public works, parks, recreation, and general services, totaling \$188 million. The hospitality tax budget was set at \$15.8 million, reflecting a 7% increase, while the accommodations tax budget stood at \$3.4 million, with a 15% increase. The tourism development fee budget amounted to \$4.7 million, primarily allocated towards attracting and improving services for tourists. The liquor permit rebate budget was \$438,000. The water and sewer fund proposed a budget of \$202 million, reflecting a 1% increase, while the storm water fund budgeted \$19.1 million, with a 5% rate increase. The parking fund budget remained relatively flat at \$10.4 million. The capital improvement program for drinking water, wastewater, and storm water was outlined, totaling \$97 million, with allocations for water quality projects, system expansion, and rehabilitations.



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There was discussion about the budget increase for beautification and appearance, with explanations regarding funding allocations for gateway cleanup, street sweeping programs, and ongoing efforts to enhance the city's appearance and cleanliness.

Council opened the Budget public hearing at 4:48 p.m.

Ms. Meredith Edwards, Columbia International Festival thanked City Council for their support with the Hospitality Tax and Accommodation Tax dollars. It is such a great opportunity to learn about the diverse communities within our city. We love to see it in such a visual way.

Mr. Michael Krigline, Columbia International Festival said this year is the 30th anniversary of the festival. With your help and support, we know it will be bigger and better than ever.

Mr. Bill Sweeny, Columbia International Festival said we get to celebrate the diversity and inclusion of all the people here. I hope you all get to come to the festival.

Council closed the Budget public hearing at 5:08 p.m.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Brennan, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2024-043 - To Raise Revenue and Adopt the Budget for the City of Columbia, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2025.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 8 THROUGH 17

Upon a single motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to approve the **Consent Agenda Items 8 through 17**.

8. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Weapons, as requested by the Columbia Police Department on May 15, 2024. Award to Lawmen's Distribution, LLC, using the SC State Contract in the amount of \$187,034.68. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC.
- *Approved*

Funding Source: Police Administrative Services - Weapons and Firearms (1012402-624500). The original budget amount is \$187,034.68.



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9. Council is asked to approve a new Construction Contract for the Roof Replacement at Fire Station #16, as requested by the Support Services Division on April 16, 2024. Award to Watts & Associates Roofing, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$99,400.00. The contract will take effect upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed with an end date forty-five (45) days from commencement. This contractor is located in Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: General Support Services - Buildings and Fixed Equipment (1011201-659300). The original budget amount is \$162,000.00.

10. Council is asked to approve the Annual Renewal of Finance Enterprise Software Annual Subscription and Maintenance, as requested by the Budget, Program Management and Grants Office on May 6, 2024. Award to CentralSquare Technologies, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$265,356.00. The term of the contract is from May 31, 2024 to May 30, 2025. This firm is located in Lake Mary, FL. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Program Management Office - Cloud Based Software Solutions (6218950-632170). The original budget amount is \$265,356.00.

11. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of a 2025 Western Star 47X Clamshell Truck for the Solid Waste Division, as requested by the Fleet Services Division on May 15, 2024. Award to National Auto Fleet Group, using the Sourcewell Cooperative Contract in the amount of \$372,015.00. This vendor is located in Watsonville, CA. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Capital Replacement - Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment - Capital (6308972-658500). The original budget amount is \$372,015.00.

12. Council is asked to approve additional funding for Liquid Standard Aluminum Sulfate Chemicals for the Canal Water Treatment Plant, as requested by Columbia Water on May 15, 2024. Award to Chemtrade Chemicals US, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$85,936.00. The current term of the contract ends on June 30, 2024. This vendor is located in Parsippany, NJ. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Utilities Columbia Canal Water Treatment Plant - Chemicals (5516206-624800). The original budget amount is \$544,684.00. The budget amount for this increase is \$85,936.00. The total revised budget amount is \$630,620.00.

13. Council is asked to approve additional funding for Chlorine Chemicals for the Columbia Canal Water Treatment Plant, as requested by Columbia Water on May 6, 2024. Award to JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$133,200.00. The current term of the contract ends on June 30, 2024. This vendor is located in Sarasota, FL. – *Approved*



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Funding Source: Utilities Columbia Canal Water Treatment Plant - Chemicals (5516206-624800). The original budget amount is \$555,000.00. The budget amount for this increase is \$133,200.00. The total revised budget amount is \$688,200.00.

14. Council is asked to approve Change Order #1 for Project SS7331; Upper Kinley Creek Sanitary Sewer Improvements, as requested by Columbia Water on May 13, 2024. Award to LAD Construction, LLC, in the amount of \$827,428.00. The current term of the contract ends on September 19, 2024 and this change order extends the contract base period to April 10, 2025. This contractor is located in Swansea, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Water and Sewer Capital Projects - Upper Kinley Creek Improvements Phase 1 - Capital Project Costs (5529999-SS733101-658650). The original budget amount is \$5,258,895.40. The budget amount for this increase is \$827,428.00. The total revised budget amount is \$6,086,323.40.

This is a Columbia Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program project with a 6.5% CDBE goal. With the approval of this change order, the CDBE participation will be 5.47% of the overall CDBE goal. This contract has been reviewed by the Office of Business Opportunities and deemed in compliance with the CDBE program. LAD Construction, LLC is the prime contractor and will provide gravity sewer line installation services at 90.42% (\$748,128.00) of the change order amount.

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

Chao & Associates, Inc., a Minority Business Enterprise and a CDBE located in Columbia, SC, will provide construction staking and as-built services at 0.60% (\$5,000.00) of the change order amount.

Herndon Inc., a Minority Business Enterprise and a DBE located in Lugoff, SC, will provide grassing and erosion control services at 0.42% (\$3,500.00) of the change order amount.

L.A. Barrier & Son, Inc., a Minority Business Enterprise (W) and a CDBE located in Lexington, SC, will provide trucking and stone delivery services at 0.27% (\$2,200.00) of the change order amount.

Ferguson Waterworks, located in Elgin, SC, will provide sewer line materials at 3.11% (\$25,700.00) of the change order amount.

Tindall Corporation, located in Spartanburg, SC, will provide sewer structures at 1.12% (\$9,300.00) of the change order amount.

Bore Company, LLC, located in Dawsonville, Georgia, will provide jack and bore services at 2.61% (\$21,600.00) of the change order amount.

Godwin/Xylem, located in Summerville, SC, will provide bypass piping at 1.45% (\$12,000.00) of the change order amount.



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15. Ordinance No.: 2024-042 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City of Columbia and Brittany Jackson for the sale of property located at 5208 Randall Avenue, Richland County TMS #11701-06-05 – *Approved on second reading.*

First reading approval was given on May 21, 2024.

16. ANNEXATION, FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 103.07 acres B/S Circleview Road and 21.90 acres W/S Circleview Road; TMS# 09203-01-01 and 09203-01-24, and 07415-02-02 – *Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2024-037 - Annexing into the City of Columbia, South Carolina, 103.07 acres B/S Circleview Road and 21.90 acres W/S Circleview Road; TMS# 09203-01-01 and 09203-01-24, and 07415-02-02 and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map – Approved on second reading

Council District: 1

Proposal: Request to annex the property, assign land use classifications of Urban Core Residential Small Lot (UCR-1) and Transitional/Sensitive Lands (T/S), and assign zoning of Residential Single Family Small Lot District (RSF-3); portions within the Floodplain Overlay District (OV-FP) and the Floodway Overlay District (OV-FW), for a pending annexation. The property is currently classified as Mixed Residential (High Density) and zoned AG and R4 by Richland County.

Applicant: Contender Property Holdings, LLC; Jacob Epstein; BGNI Investments, LLC; and DMH Equities, LLC; City of Columbia

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 11/9/2023; Approval (7-0)

First reading approval was given on May 21, 2024.

17. ANNEXATION, FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 4012 Farrow Road, TMS# 11606-05-27 – *Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2024-036 - Annexing 4012 Farrow Road, TMS# 11606-05-27 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map – Approved on second reading

Council District: 2

Request to annex the property, assign land use classification of Urban Core Neighborhood Activity Center



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(UCAC-1) and assign zoning of Neighborhood Activity Center/Corridor District (NAC) for a pending annexation. The property is currently classified as Mixed Residential (High Density) and zoned General Commercial (GC) by Richland County.

Applicant: Capitol City Lodge #47, Prince Hall, Free and Accepted Mason

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 4/11/2024; Approval (7-0)

First reading approval was given on May 21, 2024.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS, CONTRACTS AND CHANGE ORDERS

18. Council is asked to approve a new Construction Contract for Project SS7560; Lower Crane Creek Equalization Storage Facility, as requested by Columbia Water on December 21, 2023. Award to Ruby-Collins, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$69,192,614.40, which includes contingency. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed with an end date seven hundred thirty (730) days from commencement. This contractor is located in Smyrna, GA. – *Approved*

Funding Source: South Carolina Department of Commerce Grant in the amount of \$25,108,181.25; South Carolina Infrastructure Improvement Grant in the amount of \$10,000,000.00; and Water and Sewer Capital Projects (5529999-SS756001-658650) in the amount of \$34,084,433.15.

Ruby Collins, Inc. is the prime contractor and will provide sewer construction services at 77.44% (\$51,027,041.00) of the total contract amount.

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

Gregory Electric Co., Inc., located in Columbia, SC, will provide electrical services at 4.58% (\$3,020,503.00) of the total contract amount.

Exceletech Coatings & Applications, located in Clermont, FL, will provide coatings at 1.30% (\$854,670.00) of the total contract amount.

Lindler's Construction, LLC, a Minority Business Enterprise (W) located in Newberry, SC, will provide hauling services at 4.93% (\$3,248,823.00) of the total contract amount.

Precon Corporation, located in Newberry, FL, will provide a pre-stressed tank at 10.42% (\$6,867,500.00) of the total contract amount.

CITI, Inc., located in Charlotte, NC, will provide Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) services at 0.67% (\$443,834.00) of the total contract amount.



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Engineered Systems, Inc., located in Duncan, SC, will provide a bridge crane at 0.66% (\$435,357.00) of the total contract amount.

Mr. Clint Shealy, Assistant City Manager for Columbia Water provided insights into the project, highlighting its significance in addressing wastewater capacity needs in the Northeast and Smith Branch areas, as well as relieving peak wet weather flow from the main trunk line serving the Rocky Branch Basin in downtown Columbia. The project entails the construction of an 8 million gallon wet weather equalization storage tank and a 25 million gallon pump station. He emphasized that over half of the project's funding is sourced from grant dollars, with additional support from the State Rural Infrastructure Authority and Wastewater Capital Improvement Projects.

There was discussion about the number of subcontractors involved, and the return on investment regarding Scout Motors' water usage, with estimates suggesting a significant impact on water consumption.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Brown, Council voted unanimously to approve new Construction Contract for Project SS7560; Lower Crane Creek Equalization Storage Facility, as requested by Columbia Water on December 21, 2023. Award to Ruby-Collins, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$69,192,614.40, which includes contingency. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed with an end date seven hundred thirty (730) days from commencement. This contractor is located in Smyrna, GA.

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

19. Ordinance No.: 2024-040 - Consenting to the Inclusion of Property in a Multi-County Industrial/Business Park (Silver Hills Huger, LLC, formerly referred to as Project Silver Hills, Richland County TMS #08912-13-02) - *Approved for first reading.*

Endorsed by the Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee on February 20, 2024.

Upon a motion made by Dr. Bussells and seconded by Mr. Brown, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2024-040 - Consenting to the Inclusion of Property in a Multi-County Industrial/Business Park (Silver Hills Huger, LLC, formerly referred to as Project Silver Hills, Richland County TMS #08912-13-02).



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20. Ordinance No.: 2024-041 - Granting an encroachment to Richard Ladson for the use of the right of way area of the 700 block of Abelia Road for the installation and maintenance of a reinforced concrete bollard adjacent to 3827 Devine Street, Richland County TMS# 13808-10-11 – *Approved for first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2024-041 - Granting an encroachment to Richard Ladson for the use of the right of way area of the 700 block of Abelia Road for the installation and maintenance of a reinforced concrete bollard adjacent to 3827 Devine Street, Richland County TMS# 13808-10-11.

21. Ordinance No.: 2024-048 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 22, Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places, Article III, Obstructions, Sec. 22-71, Prohibited; removal, Adding Sec. 22-75, Signs in the Right-of-Way, Sec. 22-76, Signage Removal, Sec. 22-77, Appeals and Amending Article IV, Banners Over Streets and Right-of-Way, Sec. 22-108, Application for Approval and Sec. 22-109, Administration and enforcement; appeals; exceptions – *Approved for first reading.*

Endorsed by the Public Safety Committee on May 21, 2024.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Ms. Herbert, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2024-048 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 22, Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places, Article III, Obstructions, Sec. 22-71, Prohibited; removal, Adding Sec. 22-75, Signs in the Right-of-Way, Sec. 22-76, Signage Removal, Sec. 22-77, Appeals and Amending Article IV, Banners Over Streets and Right-of-Way, Sec. 22-108, Application for Approval and Sec. 22-109, Administration and enforcement; appeals; exceptions.

RESOLUTIONS

22. Resolution No.: R-2024-036 - Approval for Release and Abandonment of a Portion of Existing City of Columbia Sanitary Sewer Main Easements for Pointe Grand Columbia Apartments (25 Technology Circle); Richland County TMS#17200-02-11 & TMS#17200-02-30; CF#355-40 – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Brennan, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2024-036 - Approval for Release and Abandonment of a Portion of Existing City of Columbia Sanitary Sewer Main Easements for



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Pointe Grand Columbia Apartments (25 Technology Circle); Richland County TMS#17200-02-11 & TMS#17200-02-30; CF#355-40.

23. Resolution No.: R-2024-037 - Approval for Release and Abandonment of a Portion of Existing City of Columbia Water Main Easement for Pointe Grand Columbia Apartments (25 Technology Circle); Richland County TMS#17200-02-10 & 30; CF#355-40 – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2024-037 - Approval for Release and Abandonment of a Portion of Existing City of Columbia Water Main Easement for Pointe Grand Columbia Apartments (25 Technology Circle); Richland County TMS#17200-02-10 & 30; CF#355-40.

EVENT RESOLUTION

24. Resolution No.: R-2024-026 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only within the 2700 block of Devine Street between Woodrow Street and Maple Street at Craft and Draft's 10th Anniversary on Saturday, July 13, 2024, with a rain contingency date of Saturday, July 20, 2024 – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2024-026 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only within the 2700 block of Devine Street between Woodrow Street and Maple Street at Craft and Draft's 10th Anniversary on Saturday, July 13, 2024, with a rain contingency date of Saturday, July 20, 2024.

APPOINTMENTS

25. Design Development Review Commission - *Deferred*
26. Minority Business Advisory Council - *Deferred*
27. Planning Commission - *Deferred*
28. Richland Lexington Airport District Commission - *Deferred*

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS, REFERRALS, AND NEW BUSINESS



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Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. Brown, Council voted unanimously to ask the City Manager to develop a proposal for DreamKey to work with the City of Columbia's Development Corporations to help get open projects going, funded, and built. City Council will consider the proposal in the near future.

There was consensus of Council to conduct a Work Session on Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Ms. Herbert, Council voted unanimously to refer a review of options to expand the current curfew for minors during the summer to the Public Safety Committee with assistance from the City's Legal Department, Columbia Police Department and the Office of Violent Crime Prevention.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Herbert and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to refer the exploration of partnerships with banks and their Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) plans to the Arts, Historic Preservation and Philanthropy Committee in collaboration with the Minority Business Council.

PUBLIC INPUT

Dr. Germon Miller announced there will be a Garden Rededication Ceremony hosted by the Office of Violent Crime Prevention and The R.I.C.H Program on June 20, 2024 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Pacific Park.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Erika D. Moore Hammond, CMC
City Clerk