



COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2018

WORK SESSION - 2:00 P.M.

The Columbia City Council conducted a Work Session on Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201. The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 2:41 p.m. and the following members of Council were present: The Honorable Sam Davis, the Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine, the Honorable Howard E. Duvall, Jr., and the Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr. The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann joined the meeting remotely at 3:50 p.m. until 5:08 p.m. The Honorable Moe Baddourah was absent. Also present were Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Moore, City Clerk. This meeting was advertised in accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

INVOCATION

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

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION

1. Columbia-Richland Fire Rescue Strategic Plan - Mr. Aubrey Jenkins, Columbia Fire Chief

Mr. Aubrey Jenkins, Columbia Fire Chief presented the five-year strategic plan for Columbia-Richland Fire and Rescue. The Center for Public Safety Excellence assisted with creating the plan, which involved community and internal and external stakeholder feedback and expectations on what's needed to move the department forward. The Columbia Fire Department was organized in 1903 when the first paid firefighters were hired including two African-American drivers. The plan has nine goals and objectives which will establish the strengths, identify weaknesses, provide a clear direction, and address the concerns of the community.

Mayor Benjamin thanked Chief Jenkins for the strategic plan. We look forward to reviewing it and following up with you in the upcoming weeks.



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2. Hampton Street and Calhoun Street Road Diet Concept Reports - Mr. David Beaty, P.E., Program Management Director for HDR

Mr. David Beaty, P.E., Program Management Director for HDR presented the road diet concept for Calhoun Street and Hampton Street. A road diet involves reducing the number and width of lanes. The concept for Calhoun and Hampton Streets includes reducing four lanes to three lanes, expanding 9' lanes to 11', removing 30 parking spaces along the north side of Calhoun Street, and removing 97 parking spaces along the north side of Hampton Street. He sought Council's approval to allow City staff to present the concept to the public on June 28, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 1931 Sumter Street.

Councilor McDowell asked how removing the parking spaces will impact traffic flow.

Mr. David Beaty, P.E., Program Management Director for HDR said the road diet will not impact traffic flow and safety.

Councilor Davis inquired about the selection of Calhoun Street and Hampton Street.

Mr. David Beaty, P.E., Program Management Director for HDR said the streets were included in Richland County 2012 referendum and both routes have been identified in the Walk Bike Columbia Plan. The referendum included 87 potential bike routes throughout the County and City. Now we are being challenge to implement each route.

Councilor Devine asked that the businesses on Calhoun and Hampton Streets be notified about the public meeting.

Mr. David Beaty, P.E., Program Management Director for HDR said we have coordinated with staff to send out letters and media releases. We are also placing additional yard signs along the route to advertise the public meeting.

There was a consensus of the members of Council to allow staff to move forward with conducting a public meeting on June 28, 2018.



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3. Columbia Urban League Science Technology Enrichment Program - Mr. Randy Davis, Parks and Recreation Director

Mr. Randy Davis, Parks and Recreation Director said the Science Technology Enrichment Program (STEP) provides valuable work experience for our youth. Currently, we have 144 participants throughout the City and this program will provide great exposure and career opportunities that will help each youth in the future.

Mr. James T. McLawhorn Jr., President/CEO of the Columbia Urban League thanked the members of Council for supporting the program. The purpose of STEP is to eliminate violence in our neighborhood, connect young individuals to the right resources, promote economic development in our community, and to gain work experience by using technology.

Councilor Devine asked about the age requirements for the program.

Mr. James T. McLawhorn Jr., President/CEO, Columbia Urban League said STEP is a two-week program for youth ages 10-13.

4. Update on the 2018 Summer Camp Program - Mr. Randy Davis, Parks and Recreation Director

Mr. Randy Davis, Parks and Recreation Director gave an update on the 2018 Summer Camp Program. The summer camp is a recreation based camp with a philosophy of play. Through play we can empower children and encourage emotional and physical development. We want to engage children in fun and educational programs that will foster a positive sense of self. Summer Camp is open to children ages 5-12 by June 1, 2018. Two teen camps are available for ages 13-17 years old at Emily Douglas Park and Katheryn M. Bellfield Booker-Washington Heights Cultural Arts Center. He introduced Mr. Carey Rich, Recreation Superintendent and Ms. Christy Wright, Assistant Recreation Superintendent.

Ms. Christy Wright, Assistant Recreation Superintendent presented the department's completed training schedule, which included DSS childcare training, first aid-CPR training, customer service, active shooting training, and summer camp organizational training.



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Mr. Carey Rich, Recreation Superintendent introduced the Parks and Recreation District Coordinators: Ms. Courtney Proctor-Bates, Mr. James McCord, and Ms. Tracy Chatman. The district coordinators duties are to provide oversight and supervise recreation division employees in charge of the recreation centers and neighborhood parks. The department has also hired Ms. Comilla Sampson as the new Safety Coordinator. This position plans, coordinates, implements, oversees, and administers a comprehensive employee safety and compliance program in accordance with the requirements of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Ms. Wanda Austin, Resource Coordinator presented the summer camp staffing schedule, which includes a ratio of 1:12 for ages 5-12 and 1:15 for ages 13-17. The maximum capacity for campers at community centers is 60; for Greenview Park it's 70; and for smaller neighborhood centers it's 25. The hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Councilor Duvall asked about the number of parks opened in 2017.

Ms. Wanda Austin, Resource Coordinator said we have a total of 14 parks.

Councilor Duvall asked about staff supervision.

Ms. Wanda Austin, Resource Coordinator said we have adequate staffing throughout city parks to provide safety for our children.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said we try to balance the load in every district. We re-evaluated our program and training to reassure that the proper procedures are in place to provide the safest environment for our children.

Mr. Rickenmann joined the meeting remotely at 3:50 p.m.

5. Employee and Retiree Health Care Program - Ms. Pamela Benjamin, Human Resources Director and Chief of Staff

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said we know that the subject matter is complicated. We have not tried to breeze over it. We've talked about this on multiple occasions with you all. It is very important that employees and retirees also understand that this discussion matter and the content of it affects individuals very differently. You cannot make blanket statements and assume that your insurance is impacted the same as another. Today, we will go back through the discussion and point out where there are differences. There will not be a vote on health care today. These decisions points affect our budget and there will be a vote on that tonight.



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Ms. Pamela Benjamin, Human Resources Director and Chief of Staff said this is a reengineering of the presentation that was given a week ago. Health care is very confusing to all employees. I've added additional slides and help people understand the terminology, current benefits, questions, and how we move forward. The Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) encompasses those healthcare benefits that state and local governments provide to their employees and retirees. The Defined Dollar Benefit (DDB) is the amount the City contributes for retirees and their spouses' health insurance coverage. It is capped at \$1,130 per month for retirees and \$840 per month for spouses and dependents. The DDB for post-65 retirees or those who are Medicare eligible is \$300 for the retiree and \$225 for their dependent. We've been talking to Council for several months about the possibility of having a Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) for the DDB distribution. It is an IRS-approved, employer funded health benefit that reimburses employees for out-of-pocket medical expenses and individual health insurance premiums.

Councilor Duvall asked if the HRA is taxable to the retiree.

Ms. Pamela Benjamin, Human Resources Director and Chief of Staff said it depends on how that's structured and how it's distributed. We'll work with a HRA administrator to minimize any tax liability or issue it may cause the retirees. There are IRS regulations that have tax implications. Medicare is the federal health insurance program for people age 65 or older. Part A is the hospital portion that covers inpatient hospital stays, nursing homes, hospice care, and other home health care. Part B is the medical insurance that covers doctors' services, outpatient care, medical supplies, and preventive services. There are other parts to Medicare, but Parts A and B are the biggest portions. The City offers wonderful benefits and we are trying to preserve that as much as possible. The City has three plans: core, base, and buy-up. The premiums, coinsurance, and deductibles vary by plan. The City is self-insured, which means that we assume the burden of all costs associated with providing health care. Blue Cross Blue Shield is our third party administrator and we have the ability to use their network. There are 2,023 employees covered on our health plan. The others are covered by Tricare or their spouse's plans. Each departmental budget is charged a fee for insurance coverage for all employees. Currently, employees hired prior to July 1, 2009 are eligible for retiree health insurance if they have twenty years of service with the City; are employed with the city at the time of retirement; and are eligible with years of service to retire based on PEBA requirements. If employees were hired after July 1, 2009, they must have 25 or 28 years of service with the City; be employed with the city at the time of retirement; and are eligible with years of service to retire based on PEBA requirements. Effective in 2017 when an employee retires, he or she can maintain the coverage level they had when they retired. They cannot add a spouse or participate in a higher tiered plan. They can drop dependents and they can participate in a lower tier. Your years of service and age determine their



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eligibility for retirement. The South Carolina Retirement System has a Class Two membership for members who have earned service credit for a period of service prior to July 1, 2012 and Class Three membership for members who do not currently have earned service prior to July 1, 2012. Police Officers and Firefighters are not subject to the rule of 90. The retirement system has always had a separate set of eligibility rules for retirement pension than the City has for its insurance. If you are a Class Three member of the retirement system and you are a regular retiree who was employed after 2012, you have to reach the Rule of 90. For example, a member who is 56 years old and has at least 34 years of service will be eligible for normal retirement. Your years of service and your age must equal 90. In 2012, we adopted the DDB. Since fiscal year 2017, the City has contributed more than the DDB amount as a result of not increasing retiree premiums and not making plan design changes. This has resulted in an increase of the liability to \$380.9 million. Do we maintain the DDB or not? If yes, we will continue to cap that liability. If no, the OPEB liability will continue to increase. If we don't maintain the DDB going forward, our liability is going to increase by two to four times. We will need to accept the projections of a billion-dollar liability by 2047 and we need to notify our credit rating agencies. If we decide to maintain the DDB, we have to decide who is going to be impacted: actives, retirees, or future hires and what that's going to look like. We can increase the premiums or look into a HRA, HRA Administrator, and health care navigator.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager explained that Council chose not to increase the premiums back in September. To maintain the DDB, the premiums would've been significantly higher and Council chose not to do that at that time. I want to be clear to retirees and employees that there could've been another option before and Council did not take that path. Recognizing that it didn't seem palatable to present those types of premium increases to the retirees, but we are still left with the same liabilities and we are trying to find the option that will work best.

Ms. Pamela Benjamin, Human Resources Director and Chief of Staff said once the decision is made to maintain the DDB we will need to answer questions about who receives the benefit. Last week, we talked about having an 80/20 cost share, which means that the City pays 80% of the cost of coverage and the employee pays 20%. A phased-in approach for increased premiums was proposed. We are making changes to deductibles, out-of-pocket, copays, and Rx tiers. We are proposing an increased tobacco use surcharge from \$50 to \$100 and implementing spousal surcharge for spouses with credible coverage available to them. In order to meet the 80/20 cost share, we propose that we make premium adjustments this year and again next year. Anything done this year will go into effect on January 1, 2019. We also have to determine if we are going to continue to offer benefits to spouses. For future retirees that are current active employees, we must decide whether to offer retiree coverage or not; whether we will discontinue the benefit when the retiree reaches age 65; whether we will offer benefits to the spouses; and whether we



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will add an age eligibility requirement. We must decide what the eligibility for retiree insurance will look like for future employees.

Councilor Devine asked about Medicare.

Ms. Pamela Benjamin, Human Resources Director and Chief of Staff said Medicare has a different set of requirements. We offer a supplement. Anyone age 65 or older qualifies for Medicare and there are resources available to assist them with signing up. Whatever we do, we will have navigators to assist retirees with next steps. If we stop offering supplemental insurance, they would have to secure their own or not have supplement insurance. Most people have some type of supplemental plan. Our employees should decide to take a more active role in their health; utilize the Employee Health Center and wellness incentives; become a better health care consumer; and make healthy lifestyle decisions.

Mayor Benjamin asked how many of those options can we require.

Ms. Pamela Benjamin, Human Resources Director and Chief of Staff said since we are self-employed, we can require all of them. It will be a matter of managing it.

Councilor Devine said the biometric screening is very important. It took us three or four years to implement the tobacco surcharge. We need to require the biometric screening. It will help us with costs and it will help employees live a better life.

Councilor McDowell inquired about the financial impact of providing supplemental insurance.

Ms. Pamela Benjamin, Human Resources Director and Chief of Staff said the DDB is \$300 for post 65 retirees and \$225 for dependents per month. We have United Healthcare and the retirees pay slightly over \$200 in addition to what we supplement. We negotiate that plan every year. The group is small, but they have a high level of claims. It is costly and it may be cheaper for individuals to go out and get their own plans. Today, you need to decide if you will maintain the DDB in its current state. Using an HRA and determining who qualifies can be determined at a later date. If you stick with the DDB, we will also need to answer those other questions and make more decisions. We want to be thoughtful and strategic.

Mayor Benjamin asked what maintaining and adhering to the DDB means for our long-term actuarial liability.



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Mr. Jeff Palen, Assistant City Manager / Chief Financial Officer said if we maintain the DDB our total liability is \$190 million. If we don't maintain the DDB it doubles immediately to \$380 million.

Mayor Benjamin said it is compelling. As we look at the continued increase in costs of being self-insured we will have to look at how creative we can be to devise a plan that works for everyone within those boundaries.

Councilor Devine said a lot of cities nationally are not providing coverage to retirees. There are a lot of cities where current employees pay a lot more in premiums. A lot of elected officials knew nothing about GASB. The long-term impact on our employees' wellness should be the prevailing focus and if we keep that in focus, the costs will be in line as well.

Mayor Benjamin opened the meeting for public comment. As we look at the long-term cost of providing non-pension related benefits, every year we have to set aside a certain amount of money to cover that long-term actuarial liability. Your city has been a whole lot more responsible than some cities around the country. We have to figure out how to focus on employee and retiree health and having a sustainable benefits program. A lot of different considerations have been raised. It is clear that we have to start pushing everyone to take advantage of the resources and try to become a bit healthier, because the costs are out of control. We are required to review this every two years and we have to adjust to the shifting sands.

Mr. Roland Smallwood, City of Columbia retiree said through discussion we can come up with ideas that aren't being thought of. Use this time to discuss this further. I am seventy years old, I go to the doctor three times a year, and I don't take any medication. What is United Healthcare doing with all of the money that I am saving?

Mr. Jeff Dickey, Columbia Police Department retiree said this presentation was much more beneficial and should be sent to firefighters and police officers. We were promised free insurance for life twenty to thirty years ago, if we met these requirements. The change needs to be geared towards the future. Our insurance is better than anybody's. The changes are drastic. There has to be balance.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said there are no promises in government or in the entity in which we work. I understand what was implemented at certain periods of time. I acknowledge what you were told and what the rules were then. Rules change. There can be no promises with the Council-Manager form of government. This Council cannot make binding decisions on future Councils. That's not terminology that needs to be used.



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Mr. David Crossland, Columbia Fire Department retiree said a man's word is his bond. The Council that was in place told me that if I fulfill these duties they would look after me and my family. I understand the rising cost of healthcare. It is a way of life with us; it is our income and the welfare of our families. It is an atrocity upon the men and women who have given their lives for the City. I worked for \$12,000 per year and I had to work multiple jobs to make ends meet. I didn't mind it. I loved working for the City. My wife sat right there with me. My wife has pancreatic cancer now and to say that she doesn't matter is an atrocity upon me. I understand that costs may go up, but we depend on this.

Mr. Jacob Eller, President of the Columbia Firefighters Association said I am glad to hear that there will be open lines of communication with the employees. The wellness incentive is huge to me and we are trying to push that. Last year, we talked about forming a committee with active employees and retirees. I would ask that we form a committee to come up with a plan that we can all agree upon.

Ms. Pamela Ferst, City of Columbia retiree said none of you were here in 1989 when I was hired making \$14,000 per year. The City saved money by paying us lower wages and providing us with insurance. That didn't add to our state retirement and now we are paying for insurance out of our state retirement, which is lower. It is taking money away from us. You need to consider the promises that were made at the time we were hired.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager clarified that there would still be a coverage component for retirees. That's what the HRA is. There has been no proposal to eliminate coverage for retirees.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 5:08 p.m. for the discussion of **Items 6 through 8** as outlined. Mayor Benjamin abstained from discussing **Item 7** due to a potential conflict of interest. Mr. Rickenmann did not participate in the Executive Session.

6. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements pursuant to S. C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2)
 - *Homeserve Rate Increase*
 - *Columbia Canal*



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7. Receipt of legal advice relating to a pending, threatened or potential claim – S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)
 - *Wynter Odom, et al. v. City of Columbia*
 8. Receipt of legal advice related to matters covered by attorney-client privilege pursuant to §30-4-70(a)(2)
 - *HUD CDBG Entitlement Funding*
 - *Lorick Place - Columbia Housing Authority Request*

Council ended the Executive Session at 6:07 p.m.



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COUNCIL MEETING - 6:00 P.M.

The Columbia City Council conducted a Meeting on Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201. The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 6:18 p.m. and the following members of Council were present: The Honorable Sam Davis, the Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine, the Honorable Howard E. Duvall, Jr., and the Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr. The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann and the Honorable Moe Baddourah were absent. Also present were Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Moore, City Clerk. This meeting was advertised in accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Master Kalib Barton and Master Jalal Abdul-Hamid, Springdale Elementary School students led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Reverend Dr. Thurmond Bowens, Pastor of Trinity Baptist Church offered the invocation.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted four (4) to one (1) to adopt the agenda, as amended to defer first reading consideration of Item 41 (*Zoning Map Amendment for 1400 Huger Street*) for two weeks. Voting aye were Mr. McDowell, Ms. Devine, Mr. Davis, and Mayor Benjamin. Mr. Duvall voted nay.

PUBLIC INPUT RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Benjamin said some of you were here for the Work Session. We will not be voting on the health care plan tonight. We are going to move forward with the budget and the budget is going to set clear financial parameters that we will have to back into. If we do not maintain a defined dollar benefit, then our long-term actuarial liability will balloon; it will climb to \$380 million, more than double than what it is now. By 2047, it will exceed \$1 billion. It is not sustainable. We also have to step up and start pushing hard and fast requirements around our health and wellness initiatives. We are going to maintain the DDB and ensure that employee premiums are reflective of the 80/20 split that we discussed. We will not be voting on the specifics of the plan tonight. The presentation given today is available online.



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No one appeared at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 9 THROUGH 29

Upon a single motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve the **Consent Agenda Items 9 through 29**.

9. Council is asked to approve an Agreement for Consulting Services for a Comprehensive Plan: Transportation Element, as requested by the Planning and Development Services Department. Award to Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$91,111.61. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: 1014101-636600. The original budgeted amount is \$92,000.00. - Approved*

Sub-consultant 4D Engineering, LLC, a Minority Business Enterprise (Woman) of Lexington, SC will provide traffic impact studies, roadway design, and long range planning services at 10% (\$9,111.61) of the contract value.

10. Council is asked to approve an Agreement for a Comprehensive Plan: Housing Element, as requested by the Planning and Development Services Department. Award to Clarion Associates, LLC, in the amount of \$106,880.00. This firm is located in Chapel Hill, NC. *Funding Source: Professional Services 1014101-636600 - The original budgeted amount is \$108,000. - Approved*

Brown, Bortze, and Coddington a firm located in Denver, CO will assist in analysis of housing markets and strategic housing plans at 23% (\$24,850.00) of the contract value. ACP/Greene & Associates, LLC a firm located in Columbus, Ohio will assist in public engagement at 5% (\$5,000.00) of the contract value.

Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. a firm located in Charlotte, NC will assist in transportation planning at 2% (\$2,500.00) of the contract value.

11. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Kronos Workforce and Telestaff Upgrade Services, as requested by the Information Technology Services Department. Award to Kronos Inc., in the amount of \$272,042.68. This vendor is located in Lowell, MA. *Funding Sources: General Admin Information Tech - Computer License 6218950-627510 and General Admin Information Tech - Professional Services 6218950-636600. The original budgeted amount is \$300,000.00. - Approved*



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12. Council is asked to approve an Agreement for Installation of a Payment System for Multiple City Garages, as requested by the Parking Services Department. Award ITR of Georgia, Inc., in the amount of \$551,323.00. This firm is located in Tucker, GA. *Funding Source: Parking Imp Project Control – Capital Project Costs - 5329999-PG101701-658650. The original budgeted amount is \$551,323.00. – Approved*
13. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Bypass Pumps for Wastewater Maintenance, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Xylem Dewatering Solutions, Inc., doing business as Godwin Pumps of America, using the General Services Administration Contract in the amount of \$88,289.78. This firm is located in Summerville, SC. *Funding Source: 5516205-638400 2015 October Flood Recovery. The original budgeted amount is \$90,000.00. – Approved*
14. Council is asked to ratify Contract Amendment #1 for Project SS6857; Agreement for Engineering Services for the Olympia Sub Basin (Divisions I & II) Sewer Rehabilitation and Replacement. Award to WK Dickson, in the amount of \$152,150.00. This firm has headquarters in Charlotte, NC and a local office in Columbia. *Funding Source: 5529999-658650. The original budgeted amount is \$500,000.00. - Approved*

This is a Clean Water 2020 Program Project and a Mentor Protégé Program Project.

HPG and Company, Inc., a Small Business Enterprise of Columbia, SC is the protégé and will provide design and construction services at 9% (\$13,200.00) of the contract value.

15. Council is asked to approve an Agreement for Project SS7447; Garden Springs Sanitary Sewer Services, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Hazen and Sawyer in the amount of \$259,992.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Water and Sewer Capital Projects–Garden Springs Sewer Service – Capital Projects Cost – 5529999-SS744701-658650. - Approved*

This is a Clean Water 2020 Program Project and a Mentor Protégé Project. Palmetto Consulting Engineering Group Inc., a Minority Business Enterprise (Woman) of Chapin, SC is the Protégé and will provide preliminary design, surveying, easement, exhibits, permitting, and site inspections services at 24.5% (\$63,625.00) of the contract value.

F&ME of Columbia, SC will provide geotechnical services at 1.92% (\$5,000.00) of the contract value.



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16. Council is asked to approve Contract Amendment #1 and #2 for Project SS7284; Liquid Train One Upgrades at the Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to AECOM Technical Services Inc., in the total amount of \$1,169,500.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Water and Sewer Budget; 5529999-SS7284-658650. The original budgeted amount is \$1,385,000.00 (encompassing both amendments).* - Approved

This is a Clean Water 2020 Program Project. The following sub consultants will provide additional services:

Howard Engineering of Marietta, SC, a Minority Business Enterprise (Woman), will provide Electrical Engineering Services at 42.0% (\$10,000.00) of the value of Contract Amendment 1 and 3.2% (\$36,320.00) of the value of Contract Amendment 2.

K&P Engineering of Lexington, SC, a Minority Business Enterprise, will provide Structural Engineering Services at 39.9% (\$9,500.00) of the value of Contract Amendment 1 and .7% (\$8,500.00) of the value of Contract Amendment 2.

Felkel and Hastings, a Minority Business Enterprise, will provide Mechanical Engineering Services at 9.7% (\$2,300.00) of the value of Contract Amendment 1 and .3% (\$3,500.00) of the value of Contract Amendment 2.

Terracon of Columbia, SC, will provide Geotechnical Services at 1.6% (\$18,000.00) of the value of Contract Amendment 2.

17. ANNEXATION, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 2916 Colonial Drive; TMS# 11503-06-30 – *First reading approval was given on May 15, 2018. - Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2018-020 - Annexing and Incorporating 2916 Colonial Drive, Richland County TMS# 11503-06-30 into the Plan Columbia Land Use Plan Putting the Pieces Together adopted by Ordinance No.: 2015-014 on February 17, 2015 – *First reading approval was given on May 15, 2018. - Approved on second reading.*



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Council District: 2

Proposal: Request to annex, assign land use classification of Urban Core Community Activity Center (UCAC-2) and assign zoning of General Commercial (C-3). The property is currently classified as Mixed Residential-High Density and zoned GC by Richland County.

Applicant: WAT Properties Inc. of Columbia

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 03/05/2018; Approval (5-0)

18. ANNEXATION, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT - 638 Bluff Road (p); TMS# 11203-05-04(p) – *First reading approval was given on May 15, 2018. - Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2018-019 - Annexing and Incorporating 638 Bluff Road (portion), Richland County TMS# 11203-05-04(p) into the Plan Columbia Land Use Plan Putting the Pieces Together adopted by Ordinance No.: 2015-014 on February 17, 2015 – First reading approval was given on May 15, 2018. - Approved on second reading.

Council District: 3

Proposal: Request to annex, assign land use classification of Urban Core Neighborhood Activity Center (UCAC-1) and assign zoning of General Commercial District (C-3). The property is currently classified as Mixed Residential-High Density and zoned General Commercial (GC) by Richland County.

Applicant: 638 Bluff Road, LLC

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 03/05/2018; Approval (5-0)



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19. ANNEXATION, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT CASE SUMMARY - 1321 Piney Grove Road; TMS# 06200-01-15 – *First reading approval was given on May 15, 2018. - Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2018-018 - Annexing and Incorporating 1321 Piney Grove Road, Richland County TMS# 06200-01-15 into the Plan Columbia Land Use Plan Putting the Pieces Together adopted by Ordinance No.: 2015-014 on February 17, 2015 – *First reading approval was given on May 15, 2018. - Approved on second reading.*

Council District: 1

Proposal: Request to annex, assign land use classification of Urban Edge Mixed Residential (UEMR) and assign zoning of General Residential District (RG-2). The property is currently classified as Mixed Residential-High Density/Mixed Use Corridor and zoned GC by Richland County.

Applicant: Jimmy Love Land, LLC

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 04/09/2018; Approval (6-0)

20. MAJOR AMENDMENT TO A PUD-R - 2.16 acres S/S Caughman Road; TMS# 19100-02-10 – *First reading approval was given on May 15, 2018. - Approved on second reading.*

Council District: 4

Proposal: Request to make a Major Amendment to a PUD-R

Applicant: Southeast Church of Christ

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 04/09/2018; Approval (6-0)



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21. ZONING MAP & TEXT AMENDMENT - Seminary Ridge Historic District – *First reading approval was given on May 15, 2018. - Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2018-021 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Land Development and Zoning, Article V, Historic Preservation and Architectural Review, Division 3, Landmarks and Design Protection Districts, Sec. 17-681 Districts identified, (b) Architectural conservation district to delete (8) and amend (c) Protection area district to add (7) – *First reading approval was given on May 15, 2018. - Approved on second reading.*

Council District: 1

Proposal: Amend the text of the City of Columbia's Code of Ordinances to delete §17-681(b)(8) (Districts Identified, Architectural Conservation District) and modify §17-681(c) (Districts identified, Protection Area District) to add §17-681(c)(7) and amend the City of Columbia's Official Zoning Map to modify the map label from "Seminary Ridge Architectural Conservation District" to "Seminary Ridge Protection Area".

Applicant: Sam Davis, City of Columbia Council Member

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 04/09/2018; Approval (6-0)

D/DRC Recommendation: 04/12/2018; Approval (5-2)



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22. ZONING MAP AMENDMENTS - 700 Gervais Street, TMS# 08916-11-02 – *First reading approval was given on May 15, 2018. - Approved on second reading.*

Council District: 2

Proposal: Request to rezone the parcel from M-1, M-2, -DD, -ID and -DP to MX-2, -ID and -DP

Applicant: Ben Arnold, Southern Realty Development Corp.

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 04/09/2018; Approval (6-0)

23. ZONING MAP AMENDMENT & TEXT AMENDMENT - Modification of Innovista Design District & Guidelines, and Rezoning of 1100 Wayne Street, TMS#08916-11-04A – *First reading approval was given on May 15, 2018. - Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2018-015 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Land Development and Zoning, Article III, Zoning, Division 8, District Descriptions; Use and Dimensional Regulations, Sec. 17-291 --ID Innovista design; Division 9, Supplementary District Regulations, Sec. 17-325 - -ID Innovista design district, (b) Supplemental district regulations – First reading approval was given on May 15, 2018. - Approved on second reading.

Council District: 2

Proposal: Rezone a portion of 1100 Wayne Street from Mixed-Use Urban District (MX-2), -Design/Development Area (-DD), -Innovista Design District (-ID) and -Design and Preservation Area (-DP) to Mixed-Use Urban District (MX-2), -Innovista Design District (-ID) and -Design and Preservation Area (-DP); Amend Innovista Design District Guidelines to reflect proposed changes to the boundaries and height requirements in the buffer areas; Amend the City of Columbia's Official Zoning Map to extend the boundaries of the -ID zoning district and remove the -DD zoning district from the same area; Amend City of Columbia's Code of Ordinances §17-291 (-ID Innovista design) and §17-325 (-ID Innovista design district) to reflect proposed changes to the Innovista Design District Guidelines and the Official Zoning Map.



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Applicant: Krista Hampton, City of Columbia Planning and Development

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 04/09/2018; Approval (5-1)

24. ZONING MAP AMENDMENT - 42.31 acres N/S Padgett Road, TMS# 22012-01-01 –
First reading approval was given on May 15, 2018. – Approved on second reading.

Council District: 4

Proposal: Request to rezone the parcel from PUD-R to RS-3

Applicant: John Stephenson, Manchester Investment Group, LLC

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 04/09/2018; Approval (6-0)

25. Resolution No.: R-2018-034 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at Ladies of Lady Street in the 600 block of Lady Street on Friday, June 29, 2018, with a rain contingency of Friday, July 14, 2018 - *Approved*
26. Resolution No.: R-2018-043 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at the South Carolina Carnival in the 1800 block of Main Street between Laurel Street and Richland Street on Saturday June 9, 2018 - *Approved*
27. Resolution No.: R-2018-049 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at the Palmetto Tasty Tomato Festival on August 11, 2018 - *Approved*
28. Resolution No.: R-2018-053 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only within Boyd Plaza adjacent to the Columbia Museum of Art for Arts and Draughts on Friday, June 8, 2018 - *Approved*
29. Resolution No.: R-2018-058 Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at the Make Music Day Happy Hour in the Amphitheater Area of the Riverfront Park on Thursday, June 21, 2018 - *Approved*
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PRESENTATIONS

30. Recognition of Mr. Robert Harris as the Richland School District One Teacher of the Year - The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine

Councilor Devine said she couldn't let the school year end without recognizing Mr. Harris. He is the Richland One Teacher of the Year and a finalist for the State Teacher of the Year. Although he did not bring that recognition back to Columbia, we are lucky to have Mr. Harris teaching our students in Richland One. He is an innovative teacher at Hand Middle School and a rising star in this state. He is framing the minds of our young leaders and we couldn't be more proud. She presented Mr. Robert Harris with an award.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager presented Mr. Harris with a plaque for his accomplishments and efforts that are also in line with the Envision Columbia strategic goals.

Mr. Robert Harris, 2017-2018 Richland One Teacher of the Year / Hand Middle School Family and Consumer Sciences & FCCLA Adviser and Head Girls Basketball Coach thanked City Council for the recognition. On behalf of Richland School District One, I'd like to thank you all for your hard work, commitment, and dedication to education in Columbia and Richland County.

31. Recognition of Need-A-Lift Transportation Services, LLC as the Business Spotlight Honoree - Ms. Melissa Lindler, Director of the Office of Business Opportunities

Ms. Melissa Lindler, Director of the Office of Business Opportunities recognized Need-A-Lift Transportation Services as the 2018 Quarterly Business Spotlight Honoree. We recognized Ms. Lasenta Lewis-Ellis on May 3, 2018 during the Small Business Conference. Need-A-Lift Transportation Services has been in existence since March 2007. She has been providing safe, reliable transportation services to the school districts and families. She does great community outreach, provide in-kind services, and she sponsored forty families to participate in the Warrior Warehouse Project. We are excited that she is here today. She presented a video of Need-A-Lift.

Ms. Lasenta D. Lewis-Ellis recognized the Need-A-Lift Family. I believe that teamwork makes the dream work. We are grateful to serve the families in our community along with non-profits and other agencies.

Councilor Devine said they also provide Gift-A-Lift where people can provide lifts to parents and senior citizens through gifts.



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32. Recognition of the W. J. Keenan Girls Basketball Class 2A State Championship Team - The Honorable Sam Davis – *This presentation was deferred.*
 33. Recognition of Caughman Road Elementary School as the 2018 Spring Clean Stream Columbia Award Recipient - Ms. Dana Higgins, Engineering Director for Columbia Water

Mr. Mike Jaspers, Stormwater Manager for Columbia Water presented the 2018 Spring Clean Stream Columbia Award to Caughman Road Elementary School. They're installing an interactive children's garden that includes a vegetable garden and composting area. They are using rain barrels to harvest rainwater for watering the plants. We encourage this, because it reduces storm water runoff and erosion. He presented the award to Ms. Shawn Hall, Principal; Ms. Karen Ogen, Assistant Administrator; and Ms. Amber Melbourne, Parent Volunteer.

BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said at this time we will move into a budget public hearing. Ms. Missy Caughman will do an initial presentation. I'm incorporating into these items and first reading, the effort to maintain the DDB and keep the 80/20 cost share reflective of health insurance. At the appropriate time, I will read Item 34 into the record.

Ms. Melisa Caughman, Budget and Program Management Director presented the 2018/2019 proposed budget for the City of Columbia. The operating budget is \$346 million and it comprises the general fund, parking fund, storm water fund, water and sewer fund, hospitality tax fund, and the accommodations tax fund. This represents a 5% increase over the current year's budget. The budget development goals for this year included being resilient, which means that services will continue and the City will operate within its means. This also means re-evaluating priorities and programs in order to free-up and reallocate resources as well as identifying new resources to launch new programs to help tackle emerging challenges and to enhance current programs. Sustainability is our next goal and that's moving beyond a budget that is balanced. A balanced budget is required by law. A sustained budget is a choice and seeks to establish spending and reserve practices that are sustainable. Providing high quality municipal services, efficiently, effectively, and responsively is the basis for why we are here. This also means that we invest in our employees and infrastructure and maximize the overall organizational efficiency. The \$346 million operating budget for the City builds on the City's efforts to responsibly meet the residents' basic needs for municipal services while at the same time introducing creative and innovative ways to deliver services to meet the goals of Envision Columbia strategic plan. This budget includes services for over 133,000 residents, over 5,000 businesses, and 2,400 employees.



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It also includes our water and wastewater operations, our two water plants, our wastewater plant along with other infrastructure and many other facilities. Our budget development is influenced by the seven focus areas and five goals. The general fund budget is in balance at \$148 million, which is a 4% increase. It is being proposed without a property tax increase. The general fund revenues total \$129 million, which is an increase of 2%. The water and sewer operating fund is \$161.9 million, which is a 6% increase over the current year. It includes a 9.76% increase and those revenues will be used to fund operational and capital obligations. It also seeks to maintain the target debt service coverage ratio of 2.0. The storm water operating budget is proposed at \$13.4 million, which is a 6.6% increase over the current year. The revenues primarily come from the storm water fee. The impact of the utility increase on a residential customer is about \$5.36 per month based on an average use of 6,000 gallons per month. Our existing and proposed water and sewer rates are some of the lowest in the region. It reflects the continued rate increases for the aggressive storm water program that was adopted last year. The increase is \$.74 per equivalent residential unit per month on a residential property. The Capital Improvement Program is \$11.3 million. The contract for a storm water program manager was awarded in March. The first \$50 million storm water bond issuance was approved in April. The parking fund budget is proposed at \$8.6 million, which is a 9% increase over the current year. The proposed budget for the hospitality tax fund is \$12.1, which is a 5% increase over the current year and is in line with prior year collections. This does not include the allocations to agencies. The accommodations tax budget is at \$2.6 million, which is a 4% increase over 16/17 actuals. We are being more aggressive with projections than in prior years, but we are in line with prior year actual collection rates. The 18/19 CIP for water and wastewater is \$120 million of which \$80 million is for sewer and \$40 million is for water. The CIP projects are included on a map and attached to the budget ordinance. We want to thank City Council, City management, City staff, and the citizens.

Councilor Devine said we are doing phases two and three of AMI this year. When will citizens start seeing that?

Mr. Clint Shealy, Assistant City Manager for Columbia Water said we anticipate bringing a contract to Council in September and start changing meters out early next year. It is a three-year process and at the end of three-years we will have a communications network, meters will be replaced, and we will be rolling out the application.

Mayor Benjamin said we have a budget with no tax increase and continued investment in clean drinking water, storm water, and wastewater improvements.



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Council opened the Public Hearing at 6:58 p.m.

No one appeared at this time.

Council closed the Public Hearing at 6:58 p.m.

34. Ordinance No.: 2018-026 - To Raise Revenue and Adopt the Budget for the City of Columbia, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2019 - *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2018-026 - To Raise Revenue and Adopt the Budget for the City of Columbia, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2019 and to maintain the Defined Dollar Benefit (DDB) for health care coverage as well as the 80/20 cost share.

35. Ordinance No.: 2018-025 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 15, Parks and Recreation, Sec. 15-5, User fees (a) Definitions, (3); (d) Parks, (3) Ensor Keenan House, (4) Earlewood Community Building and (5) Eau Claire Print Building; (i) Athletics, Fee (4) Swimming; (j) Classes/camps/programs, and to add (l) Event vendor fees - *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2018-025 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 15, Parks and Recreation, Sec. 15-5, User fees (a) Definitions, (3); (d) Parks, (3) Ensor Keenan House, (4) Earlewood Community Building and (5) Eau Claire Print Building; (i) Athletics, Fee (4) Swimming; (j) Classes/camps/programs, and to add (l) Event vendor fees.



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36. Ordinance No.: 2018-027 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 23, Utilities and Engineering, Article V, Water and Sewer Rates, Sec. 23-143 Water service rates and Sec. 23-149 Sewer service rates (a) and (b) - *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2018-027 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 23, Utilities and Engineering, Article V, Water and Sewer Rates, Sec. 23-143 Water service rates and Sec. 23-149 Sewer service rates (a) and (b).

PUBLIC HEARING

37. Resolution No.: R-2018-037 - In Support of the issuance by the South Carolina Jobs-Economic Development Authority of its Revenue Bonds or Notes (Columbia International University) in one or more series in one or more years, pursuant to the provisions of Title 41, Chapter 43 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, in the aggregate principal amount of not exceeding \$10,000,000 - *Approved*

Council opened the Public Hearing at 7:01 p.m.

No one appeared at this time.

Council closed the Public Hearing at 7:01 p.m.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2018-037 - In Support of the issuance by the South Carolina Jobs-Economic Development Authority of its Revenue Bonds or Notes (Columbia International University) in one or more series in one or more years, pursuant to the provisions of Title 41, Chapter 43 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, in the aggregate principal amount of not exceeding \$10,000,000.

ORDINANCE - SECOND READING

38. Ordinance No.: 2018-022 - Consenting to the Inclusion of Property in a Multi-County Industrial/Business Park (Project Reign, 1087 and 1115 Shop Road – TMS # R11210-01-13 and R11210-01-01) - *First reading approval was given on May 15, 2018. – Approved on second reading.*



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Councilor Duvall said I am opposed to this, because it is another start of tax breaks for student housing in the City of Columbia. This one gives a 33% tax rate cut. I think we struggle to balance our budget each year and if we continue to give tax breaks to people that will come here without the tax break we will never get out of this hole. This developer brought the property, had the property annexed into the City and we didn't hear anything about a tax break until two weeks ago. We should not continue down this road.

Mayor Benjamin said I respectfully disagree. Prior to the incentive we put on the table a few years ago, there was only one deal. We've had \$250,000 in investment into that space that over the next twenty years is going to send \$100 million to Richland School District One. This is a move in the right direction.

Councilor Devine said I've publicly stated a similar position to Mr. Duvall's. When we sunset it, I wasn't planning to support any future student housing incentives. However, the County is very interested in this project and in light of us working together, I will support it. I asked Ms. Wilson, Ms. Knox, and Ms. Saeed to meet with me in the coming weeks. I plan to bring forward proposals for similar incentives for affordable housing, mixed use housing, or affordable housing within our city. I am going to support this in anticipation that we will do the same for other areas of our city and citizens who need quality workforce housing.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted three (3) to two (2) to give second reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2018-022 - Consenting to the Inclusion of Property in a Multi-County Industrial/Business Park (Project Reign, 1087 and 1115 Shop Road – TMS # R11210-01-13 and R11210-01-01). Voting aye were Ms. Devine, Mr. Davis, and Mayor Benjamin. Voting nay were Mr. McDowell and Mr. Duvall.

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

39. Ordinance No.: 2018-023 - Granting and encroachment to the East Lake Home Owners Association for installation and maintenance of a wooden privacy fence within the right of way of the 100 block of Fountain Lake Way adjacent to properties located at 124 Pine Mast Court, 128 Pine Mast Court, 132 Pine Mast Court, 136 Pine Mast Court, 140 Pine Mast Court, 144 Pine Mast Court, 148 Pine Mast Court, 152 Pine Mast Court, and 156 Pine Mast Court, Richland County TMS#16310-05-70, 16310-05-71, 16310-05-72, 16310-05-73, 16310-05-74, 16310-05-75, 16310-05-76 and 16310-05-77 - *Approved on first reading.*



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Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2018-023 - Granting and encroachment to the East Lake Home Owners Association for installation and maintenance of a wooden privacy fence within the right of way of the 100 block of Fountain Lake Way adjacent to properties located at 124 Pine Mast Court, 128 Pine Mast Court, 132 Pine Mast Court, 136 Pine Mast Court, 140 Pine Mast Court, 144 Pine Mast Court, 148 Pine Mast Court, 152 Pine Mast Court, and 156 Pine Mast Court, Richland County TMS#16310-05-70, 16310-05-71, 16310-05-72, 16310-05-73, 16310-05-74, 16310-05-75, 16310-05-76 and 16310-05-77.

40. Ordinance No.: 2018-028 Granting an encroachment to the City Center Partnership for installation and maintenance of a steel bicycle repair stand within the right of way area of the 1300 block of Main Street adjacent to 1339 Main Street, Richland County TMS #09013-05-02 - *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2018-028 Granting an encroachment to the City Center Partnership for installation and maintenance of a steel bicycle repair stand within the right of way area of the 1300 block of Main Street adjacent to 1339 Main Street, Richland County TMS #09013-05-02.

ZONING / PLANNING MATTERS - FIRST READING

41. ZONING MAP AMENDMENT - 1400 Huger Street, TMS# 09009-11-04 – *The Public Hearing was held on May 15, 2018. Consideration of this item was deferred on May 15, 2018 and June 5, 2018.*

Council District: 2

Proposal: Request to rezone the parcel from C-1, -DD to M-1, -DD

Applicant: Brad Wolfe, 908 Group Holdings, LLC

Staff Recommendation: Denial

PC Recommendation: 02/05/2018; Approval (7-2)



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RESOLUTIONS

42. Resolution No.: R-2018-044 - Certifying the Robinson Building as an Abandoned Building Pursuant to the South Carolina Abandoned Buildings Revitalization Act, Title 12, Chapter 67, Section 12-67-100 et seq., of the South Carolina Code of Laws (1976), as amended, regarding the property located at 1619-1621 Main Street, Richland County TMS #09014-10-12 - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2018-044 - Certifying the Robinson Building as an Abandoned Building Pursuant to the South Carolina Abandoned Buildings Revitalization Act, Title 12, Chapter 67, Section 12-67-100 et seq., of the South Carolina Code of Laws (1976), as amended, regarding the property located at 1619-1621 Main Street, Richland County TMS #09014-10-12.

43. Resolution No.: R-2018-045 - Certifying the Marks Building as an Abandoned Building Pursuant to the South Carolina Abandoned Buildings Revitalization Act, Title 12, Chapter 67, Section 12-67-100 et seq., of the South Carolina Code of Laws (1976), as amended, regarding the located at 1623-1625 Main Street, Richland County TMS #09014-10-11 - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2018-045 - Certifying the Marks Building as an Abandoned Building Pursuant to the South Carolina Abandoned Buildings Revitalization Act, Title 12, Chapter 67, Section 12-67-100 et seq., of the South Carolina Code of Laws (1976), as amended, regarding the located at 1623-1625 Main Street, Richland County TMS #09014-10-11.

APPOINTMENTS

44. Council is asked to approve the appointment of two (2) individuals to the Columbia Museum of Art Commission.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Mr. Wendell Brown and Ms. Brenda Wheeler to the Columbia Museum of Art Commission for five-year terms.



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45. Council is asked to approve the appointment of Municipal Court Judges.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Ms. Gail Jabber and Mr. Michael McMullen as Associate Municipal Judges for four year terms; the appointment of Mr. Bryan Jeffries as a Substitute Associate Municipal Judge for a two year term; the reappointment of Ms. Kristi Grafton Goldberg as an Associate Municipal Judge for a four year term; and the reappointment of Mr. Richard Morgan as a Substitute Associate Municipal Judge for a two year term. All appointments are effective July 1, 2018.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Judge J. Steedley Bogan as the Chief Administrative Judge for Municipal Court for a term beginning on July 1, 2018.

46. Council is asked to approve the appointment of four (4) individuals to the Planning Commission.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Mr. Brian Dolphin and Ms. Isabelle Mandell to the Planning Commission for three-year terms and the reappointment of Ms. April James and Mr. Richard Cohn to the Planning Commission for second and final three-year terms.

Councilor Devine reiterated the concerns raised regarding our land use boards. The new members go through training. We need to send all members back through training. It needs to be communicated to all of the land use boards that they are representing the City of Columbia. They need to hear people out, be respectful, and follow the law.

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS DISCUSSED DURING THE WORK SESSION

No matters were considered at this time.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS / REFERRALS

No committee reports or referrals were made at this time.



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APPEARANCE OF THE PUBLIC

Mr. Ted Holzmänn appeared before the members of Council to express concerns about the City's funding to the Columbia International Festival. In April of next year, the 24th annual event will be held. It is South Carolina's largest international event. Raj Aluri asked me to voice his grave concern over the low value that this body has assigned to the festival. Last year it was granted \$22,500, placing it below the 40th most important recipient of hospitality tax grant funding. This seems far out of proportion for an event which uniquely portrays and promotes cultural awareness and mutual appreciation between South Carolina's native and foreign born visitors and citizens. When the time comes to make Council allocations, Raj asks that we please put our hospitality tax grant wallet where our mouth is. Assign a dollar value that is commensurate to the value you place on us as a community with all its rich cultural, ethnic, and linguistic diversity.

Mr. Mustafa, Vice President of the Columbia Local Organizing Committee appeared before the members of Council to express concerns about racial profiling and code enforcement. On May 27th, I was a victim of racial profiling. I went through all the protocols. I had a meeting today with your Chief and I wasn't pleased. There is an issue with young men driving Dodge Chargers. They are being targeted. Also we have an issue with the Code Enforcement Division with regards to poor people not being able to renovate their houses and their houses being taken away as a result. When you look into the Traffic Court the reflection looks like us. That's profiling. There has been a history of the Police Department terrorizing our community over 100 years and we don't really have good relations. We had a meeting with Senator Scott in regards to the Booker T. Washington area and over in the Colony in regards to building a community center. Senator Scott stated that he gave the City three hundred thousand dollars to start this particular community center. We want that community center in that particular area. There are plenty of complaints about the police officers coming to the Colony and breaking up groups of young men when they are walking together. That's our culture. Why can't they walk together? So these are complaints coming from the community. Again, we're grassroots and we want to be at the table in regards to this particular issue. And I'd like to get with you in regards to my personal issue with racial profiling so we won't have to bring public attention all the way from Seattle, Washington.



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Mayor Benjamin said they are welcome to come from Seattle. We are always willing to listen to anyone's complaint. I have incredible confidence in the Police Chief and the City of Columbia Police Department. They are staffed with hundreds of women and men, who are human beings and will make mistakes sometimes. They have been trained well and they also understand the accountability measures that we have in place and hold them to. Some of the issues are historical issues regarding law enforcement and people of color in this country and some of them are quite true. We probably need to spend some time talking about the factual data regarding diversity at the department, because we work closely with the community, members on our volunteer boards, and the Columbia Urban League to aggressively diversify our staff. I think you'd be impressed with some of the work we've done in terms of transparency, accountability, and training. I'd be happy to share those with you in the interest of transparency. Yes, Senator Scott did help to secure some funding from the State of South Carolina to help address some of our comprehensive plans for the Beltline corridor and I'd love to share those with you.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Moore, CMC
City Clerk