



## **COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2025**

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Columbia City Council conducted a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at City Hall (Council Chambers), 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201. The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor called the meeting to order at 4:20 p.m. and the following members were present: The Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr., The Honorable Will Brennan, Mayor Pro-Tempore, 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.

### **INVOCATION**

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

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Upon a motion made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Brennan, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda, subject to deferring consideration of **Item 19** (*short-term rental regulations*), **Item 20** (*repealing the moratorium on the issuance of new short-term rental permits*), and **Items 32** through **37** (*appointments to boards and commissions*) and adding **Items 19 and 20** to City Council Committee Referrals, Reports and New Business.

Mayor Rickenmann addressed concerns about short-term rentals, noting that the City has gathered data and community input over the past year. He outlined possible policy changes, including stricter occupancy rules, age limits, and minimum stays. A work session is scheduled for August 5, 2025 to discuss enforcement, staffing, and compliance tools. He emphasized support for compliant hosts and warned of accountability for those violating regulations.

Mayor Rickenmann took a moment of personal privilege to acknowledge the birthday of Ms. Chanique Belton, Legislative Chief of Staff.



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### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Council is asked to approve the May 27, 2025 Special Called Meeting Minutes; June 17, 2025 Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes; and June 24, 2025 Work Session and Special Called Meeting Minutes. – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Bailey, Council voted unanimously to approve the May 27, 2025 Special Called Meeting Minutes; June 17, 2025 Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes; and June 24, 2025 Work Session and Special Called Meeting Minutes.

Ms. Erika Hammond, City Clerk thanked Ms. Levanie Summerville, Assistant City Clerk for her hard work on the minutes.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

2. Columbia Rhinos Rugby National Champions Day Proclamation - The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor

Mayor Rickenmann and the members of City Council proclaimed July 15, 2025 as Columbia Rhinos Rugby National Champions Day in the City of Columbia.

Mr. Dan Barsi, Columbia Rhinos player thanked City Council for the proclamation and their ongoing support. He described the team which was founded in 1973 as a family and brotherhood. He expressed hopes to reach nationals next year and shared that the team is currently seeking a home field.

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

Mayor Rickenmann praised the Parks and Recreation Department's staff for their dedication, passion, and impact on the community. He highlighted their role in making Columbia a welcoming place through daily interactions, events, and programs across the city.

Mayor Rickenmann and the members of City Council proclaimed July 2025 as Parks and Recreation Month in the City of Columbia.



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Mr. Kenya Bryant, Interim Director of Parks and Recreation expressed immense gratitude for the staff, emphasizing that he doesn't take for granted the ground they cover, the people they serve, or the hard work they do. He shared that it is an honor to be part of such a dedicated team.

Councilor McDowell thanked Kenya and the Parks and Recreation team for their vital role in making Columbia a vibrant city. He expressed appreciation for their dedication, including a personal note of pride in his grandson being part of the team.

Councilor Herbert praised Parks and Recreation staff member Mr. Nathaniel Stroman-Adams for his exceptional engagement with children during Game Nights. She shared how deeply moved she was watching him play and interact with the kids for hours.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager expressed her deep appreciation for the Parks and Recreation team, highlighting their dedication and impact across all age groups. She reflected on a recent visit to a summer program at WA Perry Middle School, where students shared how much they enjoy city pools and parks.

### **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 4 THROUGH 17**

Upon a single motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Brennan, Council voted unanimously to approve **Consent Agenda Items 4** through **17**.

4. Council is asked to approve a Contract for Security and Operations at the Transitions Homeless Center located at 2025 Main Street, as requested by the Homeless Services Department. Award to the Midlands Housing Alliance, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$81,250.00. The term of this contract is July 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025. This firm is located in Columbia, SC.  
– *Approved*

*Funding Source: Homeless Services - Special Contracts (1014501-638300). The original budget amount is \$81, 250.00.*

5. Council is asked to approve a Contract for Outreach Services, as requested by the Homeless Services Department. Award to the Midlands Housing Alliance, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$109,500.00. The term of this contract is July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. – *Approved*



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*Funding Source: Homeless Services - Special Contracts (1014501-638300). The original budget amount is \$109,500.00.*

6. Council is asked to approve a Memorandum of Understanding for Indigent Defense in Municipal Court, as requested by the Legal Department. Award to the Richland County Fifth Circuit Public Defender's Office in the amount of \$225,000.00. – *Approved*

*Funding Source: Legal Department Public Defender (1018404-638522). The original budget amount is \$225,000.00.*

7. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Maintenance Repair Materials for Project WM4848; Water Main Replacement along Cresthill Drive, as requested by Columbia Water on May 14, 2025. Award to Core and Main LP, in an amount not to exceed \$52,617.38. This vendor is located in Saint Louis, MO. – *Approved*

*Funding Source: Water and Sewer Capital Projects - Water Main along Cresthill Drive - Capital Project Costs (5529999-WM484801-658650). The original budget amount is \$52,617.38.*

8. Council is asked to approve a new Sole Source Contract for Caterpillar Extended Warranties and Inspection of all generators for the Lake Murray Water Treatment Plant, the Columbia Canal Water Treatment Plant, and Remote Sites, as requested by Columbia Water on July 1, 2025. Award to Blanchard Machinery Company, in an amount not to exceed \$112,975.73. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed with an end date on June 30, 2026 and the option to renew for one additional one-year period. This vendor is located in West Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

*Funding Source: Utilities Lake Murray Water Plant - Maintenance and Service Contract (5516207-638200) \$79,670.81 and Utilities Columbia Canal Water Treatment Plant - Maintenance and Service Contract (5516206-638200) \$33,304.92. The original budget amount is \$112,975.73.*

9. Council is asked to approve an Encroachment Permit Agreement for Project SS7337; East Rocky Branch Sewer Improvements (Maxcy Gregg Park), as requested by Columbia Water on June 9, 2025. Award to Norfolk Southern Railway Company in the amount of \$63,850.00. This firm is located in Atlanta, GA. – *Approved*



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*Funding Source: Water and Sewer Capital Projects - Unforeseen and Miscellaneous Projects - Capital Project Costs (5529999-658650). The original budget amount is \$63,850.00*

10. Council is asked to approve an Encroachment Permit Agreement for Project SS7337; East Rocky Branch Sewer Improvements (USC Band Practice Field), as requested by Columbia Water on June 9, 2025. Award to Norfolk Southern Railway Company in the amount of \$63,850.00. This firm is located in Atlanta, GA. – *Approved*

*Funding Source: Water and Sewer Capital Projects - Unforeseen and Miscellaneous Projects - Capital Project Costs (5529999-658650). The original budget amount is \$63,850.00*

11. Council is asked to approve a new Construction Contract for the Resurfacing of Lost Creek Court, as requested by the Public Works Department on May 15, 2025. Award to Armstrong Contractors, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$98,400.00, which includes contingency. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed with an end date thirty (30) days from commencement. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

*Funding Source: Street Resurfacing Capital Project - Lost Creek Court - Capital Project Costs (4079999-SR915601-658650). The original budget amount is \$98,400.00.*

12. Council is asked to approve a new Construction Contract for the Resurfacing of the 2600 Block of Colonial Drive, as requested by the Public Works Department on May 16, 2025. Award to Armstrong Contractors, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$147,060.00, which includes contingency. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed with an end date thirty (30) days from commencement. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

*Funding Source: Street Resurfacing Capital Project - Colonial Drive - Capital Project Costs (4079999-SR915501-658650). The original budget amount is \$147,060.00.*

*Armstrong Contractors, LLC, is the prime contractor and will provide paving/concrete services at 89.31% (\$109,450.00) of the total contract amount.*

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

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*J. Moore Electrical Contractors, Inc., located in Swansea, SC, will provide traffic loop services at 3.26% (\$4,000.00) of the total contract amount.*

*Peek Pavement Marking, LLC, located in Columbus, GA, will provide temporary paint and thermoplastic services at 7.43% (\$9,100.00) of the total contract amount.*

13. Council is asked to approve the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Renewal of the Excess Workers Compensation Insurance Policy, as requested by the Safety and Risk Management Department on July 1, 2025. Award to Safety National/Atlantic Intermediaries in the amount of \$285,763.00. This vendor is located in Burlington, NC. – *Approved*

*Funding Source: Worker's Compensation Administration - Insurance and Bonding (6098939-636200). The original budget amount is \$285,763.00.*

14. Council is asked to approve the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Renewal of Property Insurance Policies for Citywide Buildings and the Columbia Canal Hydroelectric Facility, as requested by the Safety and Risk Management Department 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 \$526,434.00. – *Approved*

*Funding Source: Premiums and Policies (6058935-644100). The original budget amount is \$526,434.00.*

15. Council is asked to approve Contract Amendment #2 for Project PK005608; Finlay Park Revitalization and Construction Services, as requested by the Parks and Recreation Department on June 6, 2025. Award to Mashburn Construction Company, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$401,865.12. The current term of the contract ends on September 13, 2025. This contractor is located in Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

*Funding Source: General Capital Projects - Finlay Park Rehabilitation - Capital Project Costs (4039999-PK005608-658650). The current budget amount is \$23,850,000.00. The budget amount for this amendment is \$401,865.12. The revised budget amount is \$24,251,865.12.*

*Mashburn Construction Company, Inc., is the prime and will provide general contractor services at 1.04% (\$4,165.56) of the total amendment amount.*

*The following subcontractors will provide additional services:*



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*Chapin Concrete Contractors, Inc., located in Chapin, SC, will provide concrete services at 7.70% (\$30,961.56) of the total amendment amount.*

*JRAM, LLC Klockner Group and Chain Reps, located in Columbia, SC, will provide structural and miscellaneous steel services at 3.52% (\$14,158.16) of the total amendment amount.*

*Carolina Power, Inc., located in West Columbia, SC, will provide electrical services at 20.03% (\$80,510.27) of the total amendment amount.*

*Most Dependable Fountains, Inc., located in Arlington, TN, will provide drinking fountains at 3.21% (\$12,844.71) of the total amendment amount.*

*Aqua Seal Manufacturing and Roofing, Inc., located in Cayce, SC, will provide roofing services at 5.48% (\$22,026.75) of the total amendment amount.*

*Watertight Systems, Inc., located in Lexington, SC, will provide waterproofing services at 18.62% (\$74,823.23) of the total amendment amount.*

*Forever Lawn Charleston located in Charleston, SC, will provide artificial turf at 24.56% (\$98,717.61) of the total amendment amount.*

*Epic Outdoor Cinema, located in Fort Lauderdale, FL, will provide programming materials at 15.84% (\$63,657.27) of the total amendment amount.*

16. Council is asked to approve Contract Change Order #2 for Project SS7350-03; Crane Creek Lower North Branch Phase I Capacity Upgrade, as requested by Columbia Water on June 3, 2025. Award to Chandler Construction Services, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$193,959.25. The current term of the contract ends on November 10, 2025 and this change order extends the contract to January 9, 2026. This firm is located in Ninety Six, SC. – *Approved*

*Funding Source: Water and Sewer Grants - Crane Creek Lower North Branch - Capital Project Costs (5589999-DCSS735003-658650). The current budget amount is \$3,828,091.25. The budget amount for this change order is \$193,959.25. The revised budget amount is \$4,022,050.50.*

17. Council is asked to approve Change Order #1 for Project SD8448; Portobello Road Wall Extension and Repair, as requested by Columbia Water on June 4, 2025. Award to Construction Resource Group, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$345,433.47. The current term of the contract ends on October 28, 2025 and this change order extends the contract to December 28, 2025. This firm is located in Union, SC. – *Approved*



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*Funding Source: Storm Water Improvements Capital Project Control - Portobello Road Wall Extension - Capital Project Costs (5549999-SD844801-658650). The current budget amount is \$305,560.00. The budget amount for this change order is \$345,433.47. The revised budget amount is \$650,993.47.*

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

*No one appeared at this time.*

### **CONSIDERATION OF BIDS, CONTRACTS AND CHANGE ORDERS**

18. Council is asked to approve the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Guaranteed Maximum Price Amendment #2 for Project CP901201; a Construction Manager At-Risk (CMAR) Project for the City of Columbia Public Safety Complex at 400 Laurel Street, as requested by General Services on July 3, 2025. Award to Reeves Young, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$16,958,927.00, which includes contingency. This firm is located in Buford, GA. – *Approved*

*Funding Source: General Capital Projects - 400 Laurel Street - Professional Services (4039999-CP901201-636600). The current budget amount is \$4,443,399.00. The budget amount of this amendment is \$16,958,927.00. The total budget amount for all phases, including soft and hard costs for the project remains at \$29,854,636.00.*

Mayor Rickenmann expressed excitement about the new public safety complex at 400 Laurel Street. He explained that the project will bring cohesiveness to the Columbia Police Department. He highlighted it as a strong investment for the city. It will allow the consolidation of operations, the disposal of other properties, and improved community safety.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to approve the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Guaranteed Maximum Price Amendment #2 for Project CP901201; a Construction Manager At-Risk (CMAR) Project for the City of Columbia Public Safety Complex at 400 Laurel Street, as requested by General Services on July 3, 2025. Award to Reeves Young, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$16,958,927.00, which includes contingency. This firm is located in Buford, GA.



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### **ORDINANCES - FIRST READING**

19. Ordinance No.: 2025-064 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 5, Buildings and Building Regulations, Article IX, Short-term rental regulations - *Deferred*
20. Ordinance No.: 2025-063 - Repealing Ordinance No.: 2025-054 that Established a Moratorium on the Issuance of New Permits in Residential Areas Pursuant to Columbia's Short-Term Rental Ordinance at Columbia Code Section 5-400 et seq., as amended - *Deferred*
21. Ordinance No.: 2025-056 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute a License Agreement between M.B. Kahn and the City of Columbia for a laydown area at the corner of Drayton Street and North Main Street for Palmetto Citizens Headquarters - *Approved on first reading.*

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager clarified that the property in question is already owned by the City and that input was sought from neighborhood leaders. While the land has often been used for events, the City made efforts to keep the community informed through due diligence.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2025-056 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute a License Agreement between M.B. Kahn and the City of Columbia for a laydown area at the corner of Drayton Street and North Main Street for Palmetto Citizens Headquarters.

22. Ordinance No.: 2025-060 - Consenting to the Inclusion of Property in a Multi-County Industrial/Business Park (Project Momentum, Richland County Portion of TMS # R11501-01-25) - *Approved on first reading.*

*Endorsed by the Economic Development & Infrastructure Committee on June 17, 2025.*

Mayor Rickenmann expressed excitement over the project coming to Columbia.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2025-060 -



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Consenting to the Inclusion of Property in a Multi-County Industrial/Business Park (Project Momentum, Richland County Portion of TMS # R11501-01-25).

### **PUBLIC HEARING & FIRST READING FOR ZONING / PLANNING MATTERS**

**Council opened the public hearing at 4:58 p.m.**

23. ANNEXATION, FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 283 Jacobs Mill Pond Road a/k/a 180 Golf View Bend, TMS# 28900-01-19 – *Approved on first reading.*

*Ordinance No.: 2025-057 - Annexing 283 Jacobs Mill Pond Road, Richland County TMS# 28900-01-19 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map – Approved on first reading.*

*Proposal: Request to annex the property, assign the land use classification of Urban Edge Residential Large Lot (UER-2) and assign zoning of Planned Development District (PD) for a pending annexation. The property is currently classified as Neighborhood (Medium Density) and zoned Planned Development (PD) by Richland County.*

*Council District: 4*

*Applicant: The Woodcreek Club, LLC*

*Staff Recommendation: Approval*

*PC Recommendation: 06/12/2025; Approval (5-0)*

*No one appeared at this time.*

Mayor Rickenmann announced that this will be location of the 2026 Korn Ferry Tour, a Professional Golfer's Association event.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Brennan, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Annexation, Future Land Use Map Amendment, and Zoning Map Amendment for 283 Jacobs Mill Pond Road a/k/a 180 Golf View Bend, TMS# 28900-01-19 **and** Ordinance No.: 2025-057 - Annexing 283 Jacobs Mill Pond Road, Richland County TMS# 28900-01-19 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map.



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24. ANNEXATION, FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 1703 Atlas Road, TMS# 16301-02-04 – *Approved on first reading.*

*Ordinance No.: 2025-058 - Annexing 1703 Atlas Road, Richland County TMS #16301-02-04 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map – Approved on first reading.*

*Proposal: Request to annex the property, assign the land use classification of Industrial (IND) and assign zoning of Heavy Industrial District (HI) for a pending annexation. The property is currently classified as Economic Development Center/Corridor and zoned Light Industrial (M-1) by Richland County.*

*Council District: 3*

*Applicant: 1703 Atlas, LLC*

*Staff Recommendation: Denial of Zoning Classification*

*PC Recommendation: 06/12/2025; Approval (4-1)*

Mr. George McCutchen, owner of 1703 Atlas, LLC spoke in support of expanding an existing business on Atlas Road that has operated for eight years and now needs additional truck parking. The property is currently zoned light industrial in the county, but city zoning requires heavy industrial for the proposed use. He emphasized that adjacent land is already zoned for truck parking, noted community support through letters of recommendation, and offered to add deed restrictions to prevent undesirable heavy industrial uses.

There was discussion about access to the road and significant driveway upgrades.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Brennan, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Annexation, Future Land Use Map Amendment, and Zoning Map Amendment for 1703 Atlas Road, TMS# 16301-02-04 **and** Ordinance No.: 2025-058 - Annexing 1703 Atlas Road, Richland County TMS #16301-02-04 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map.



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25. ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 1801 Smith Street (portion), TMS# 16301-02-06 (portion) and 16301-02-12 (portion) – *Approved on first reading.*

*Ordinance No.: 2025-059 - Amending the Official Zoning Map to modify the zoning for 1801 Smith Street (portion), Richland County TMS # 16301-02-06 (portion) and 16301-02-12 (portion) – Approved on first reading.*

*Proposal: Request to rezone the property from Light Industrial District (LI) to Heavy Industrial District (HI).*

*Council District: 3*

*Applicant: George McCutchen*

*Staff Recommendation: Denial*

*PC Recommendation: 06/12/2025; Approval (4-1)*

Mr. Daniel Brooks of 1817 Smith Street expressed concerns about how the original zoning of light industrial district has impacted himself and his neighbors, so much so that they are worried about it changing to heavy industrial.

Mayor Rickenmann suggested holding second reading until Mr. Brooks, Mr. McCutchen and the neighbors can have a conversation about their concerns and review the deed restrictions.

Councilor Brennan expressed interest in encouraging his neighborhood to annex into the City of Columbia. He offered to visit and present the benefits and services the city provides, emphasizing a desire to welcome the community into the city limits.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. Brown, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Zoning Map Amendment for 1801 Smith Street (portion), TMS# 16301-02-06 (portion) and 16301-02-12 (portion) **and** Ordinance No.: 2025-059 - Amending the Official Zoning Map to modify the zoning for 1801 Smith Street (portion), Richland County TMS # 16301-02-06 (portion) and 16301-02-12 (portion).



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**Council closed the public hearing at 5:09 p.m.**

### **RESOLUTIONS**

26. Resolution No.: R-2025-038 - Authorizing acceptance and dedication of streets known as a portion of Fetterbush Road, Fetterbush Court, and a portion of Bramble Road, located in Woodcreek Farms Development, Phase A9-3; Richland County TMS# 28903-08-01; CF# 222-22H – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Dr. Bussells and seconded by Mr. Brown, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2025-038 - Authorizing acceptance and dedication of streets known as a portion of Fetterbush Road, Fetterbush Court, and a portion of Bramble Road, located in Woodcreek Farms Development, Phase A9-3; Richland County TMS# 28903-08-01; CF# 222-22H.

27. Resolution No.: R-2025-039 - Authorizing acceptance and dedication of streets known as a portion of Fetterbush Road, Lost Dog Court, and Deer Crossing Road, located in Woodcreek Farms Development, Phase A9-2; Richland County TMS# 28903-08-01; CF#222-22H – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Dr. Bussells and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2025-039 - Authorizing acceptance and dedication of streets known as a portion of Fetterbush Road, Lost Dog Court, and Deer Crossing Road, located in Woodcreek Farms Development, Phase A9-2; Richland County TMS# 28903-08-01; CF#222-22H.

28. Resolution No.: R-2025-040 - Certifying Building Site as an Abandoned Building Pursuant to the South Carolina Abandoned Buildings Revitalization Act, Title 12, Chapter 67, Section 12-67-100 et seq., of the South Carolina Code of Laws (1976), as amended, regarding property located at 1301 Laurel Street, Columbia, South Carolina, Richland County Tax Map# R09015-09-19 – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Brennan, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2025-040 - Certifying Building Site as an Abandoned Building Pursuant to the South Carolina Abandoned Buildings Revitalization Act, Title 12, Chapter 67, Section 12-67-100 et seq., of the South Carolina Code of Laws (1976), as amended, regarding property located at 1301 Laurel Street, Columbia, South Carolina, Richland County Tax Map# R09015-09-19.



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29. Resolution No.: R-2025-041 - Certifying Building Site as an Abandoned Building Pursuant to the South Carolina Abandoned Buildings Revitalization Act, Title 12, Chapter 67, Section 12-67-100 et seq., of the South Carolina Code of Laws (1976), as amended, regarding property located at 1717 Laurel Street, Columbia, South Carolina, Richland County Tax Map# R11403-03-04 – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Dr. Bussells and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2025-041 - Certifying Building Site as an Abandoned Building Pursuant to the South Carolina Abandoned Buildings Revitalization Act, Title 12, Chapter 67, Section 12-67-100 et seq., of the South Carolina Code of Laws (1976), as amended, regarding property located at 1717 Laurel Street, Columbia, South Carolina, Richland County Tax Map# R11403-03-04.

30. Resolution No.: R-2025-048 - Certifying Building Site as an Abandoned Building Pursuant to the South Carolina Abandoned Buildings Revitalization Act, Title 12, Chapter 67, Section 12-67-100 et seq., of the South Carolina Code of Laws (1976), as amended, regarding property located at 1777 St. Julian Place, Columbia, South Carolina, Richland County Tax Map# R11513-07-04 – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Brennan, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2025-048 - Certifying Building Site as an Abandoned Building Pursuant to the South Carolina Abandoned Buildings Revitalization Act, Title 12, Chapter 67, Section 12-67-100 et seq., of the South Carolina Code of Laws (1976), as amended, regarding property located at 1777 St. Julian Place, Columbia, South Carolina, Richland County Tax Map# R11513-07-04.

### **EVENT RESOLUTIONS**

31. Resolution No.: R-2025-045 - Authorizing consumption of beer, wine, and liquor at the Palmetto Peanut Boil Fundraiser in the 2900 block of Devine Street on Saturday, September 20, 2025 with a rain contingency date of Saturday, September 27, 2025 – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Dr. Bussells and seconded by Mr. Brennan, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2025-045 - Authorizing consumption of beer, wine, and liquor at the Palmetto Peanut Boil Fundraiser in the 2900 block of



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Devine Street on Saturday, September 20, 2025 with a rain contingency date of Saturday, September 27, 2025.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

- 32. Board of Zoning Appeals – *Deferred*
- 33. Columbia Tree and Appearance – *Deferred*
- 34. Food Policy Committee – *Deferred*
- 35. Greater Columbia Community Relations Council – *Deferred*
- 36. Parks and Recreation Foundation – *Deferred*
- 37. Planning Commission – *Deferred*

### **OTHER MATTERS**

- 38. Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Special Revenue Allocations - Ms. Missy Caughman, CPM, MPA, Assistant City Manager / Strategic Initiatives & Innovation
  - *Hospitality Tax Advisory Committee Recommendations - Ms. Kelly Glynn, Committee Chair*
  - *State Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee Recommendations - Mr. Hal Stevenson, Committee Chair*
  - *Line-Item Agencies - Ms. Missy Caughman, CPM, MPA, Assistant City Manager / Strategic Initiatives & Innovation*

Mr. Hal Stevenson, State Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee Chair approached the podium to answer any questions that Council had about the recommendations.

Ms. Kelly Glynn, Hospitality Tax Advisory Committee Chair thanked the committee members for their hard work and dedication in reviewing 73 applications over four intensive days. She noted the in-person interviews with minimal breaks, and highlighted the effort involved. She expressed gratitude for the opportunity to present recommendations for 61 of those applicants.



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Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. Bailey, Council voted unanimously to approve the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Hospitality Tax Advisory Committee recommendations, as amended to provide additional funding from the reserve fund subject to the eligibility of expenditures.

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| Black Pages International                                        | \$15,000              |
| Columbia Classical Ballet                                        | \$25,000              |
| Columbia College                                                 | \$10,000              |
| Columbia Fashion Week                                            | \$10,000              |
| Columbia Music Festival Association (Homes for the Holiday Tour) | \$1,500               |
| Dapper and Distinguished                                         | \$30,000              |
| Devine Street                                                    | \$20,000              |
| First Thursday                                                   | \$10,000              |
| Hoopology                                                        | \$3,500               |
| NOMA (North Main Street)                                         | \$20,000              |
| SC Afterschool Alliance                                          | \$5,000               |
| Trustus                                                          | \$100,000 for capital |
| WOW Performing Arts Center                                       | \$19,500              |
| CPD Public Safety Initiative                                     | \$80,000              |
| Special Olympics                                                 | \$10,000              |

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Brennan, Council voted unanimously to approve the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 State Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee recommendations. Dr. Bussells abstained from voting due to a potential conflict of interest.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Ms. Herbert, Council voted unanimously to approve Fiscal Year 2025/2026 funding allocations for the following line-item agencies.

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|------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Columbia Museum of Art                   | \$1,200,000 |
| Columbia Music Festival Association      | \$260,000   |
| Columbia Parks and Recreation Foundation | \$75,000    |
| EdVenture, Inc.                          | \$550,000   |
| Columbia SC 63 (Historic Columbia)       | \$250,000   |
| Historic Columbia                        | \$800,000   |
| One Columbia for Arts and History        | \$110,000   |



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Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. Bailey, Council voted unanimously to approve the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 funding allocation in the amount of \$3 million to the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center from the Tourism Development Fee. Dr. Bussells abstained from voting due to a potential conflict of interest.

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

39. Council is asked to refer the establishment of a process for supporting State/Low Income Housing Tax Credit Projects to the Community Development Committee, as requested by City Administration. – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Ms. Herbert, Council voted unanimously to refer the establishment of a process for supporting State/Low Income Housing Tax Credit Projects to the Community Development Committee, as requested by City Administration.

40. Council is asked to move the discussion of short-term rentals out of the Community Development Committee and refer Item 19 (Short-Term Rental Regulations) and Item 20 (Repealing the Moratorium on the Issuance of New Short-Term Rental Permits) to a City Council Work Session to be held on August 5, 2025. – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to approve the movement of the discussion of short-term rentals out of the Community Development Committee and refer **Item 19** (Short-Term Rental Regulations) and **Item 20** (Repealing the Moratorium on the Issuance of New Short-Term Rental Permits) to a City Council Work Session to be held on August 5, 2025.

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

Ms. Diane Wiley expressed concerns about the Stagecoach bus stop on Beltline Boulevard. She cited ongoing issues with trash, loitering, and inappropriate activity. She expressed frustration over the lack of notice before its installation and its impact on the neighborhood. She highlighted broader frustrations with zoning decisions, a lack of community resources like parks and restaurants, and rising insurance rates.



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Mr. Wade Fulmer expressed concerns over a 22-month delay in resolving his issue, citing a lack of accountability and an unanswered Freedom of Information Act request from April 1, 2025. He contrasted it with a 2007 case resolved within two weeks and blamed systemic issues rather than individual staff.

Mayor Rickenmann acknowledged Mr. Fulmer's right to address Council, committed to investigating the FOIA request, and refuted claims of a cover-up, stating the City already had reviewed the matter thoroughly.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 5:46 p.m. for the discussion of **Item 41** and negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements pursuant to SC Code §30-4-70(a)(2) – *Columbia-Richland 911 Communications*. (Refer to the July 15, 2025 Work Session agenda, item 4.)

41. Receipt of legal advice relating to a pending, threatened or potential claim pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2)

- *Carena and Bernard Jones v. City of Columbia*
- *Estate of Kevin Bolden v. City of Columbia*

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Erika D. Moore Hammond, CMC, CPM  
City Clerk