



COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2022

The Columbia City Council conducted a meeting on Tuesday, July 26, 2022 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, SC 29201. The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. and the following members of Council were present: The Honorable Howard E. Duvall, Jr., The Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr., Mayor Pro-Tempore, The Honorable William Brennan, The Honorable Aditi Bussells, The Honorable Tina N. Herbert, and The Honorable Joe E. Taylor, Jr. 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. *The minutes are numbered to coincide with the order of the meeting.*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

The Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr., Mayor Pro-Tempore offered the invocation.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda, subject to adding the consideration of Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Hospitality Tax Committee Recommendations and Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Accommodations Tax Committee Recommendations.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Jim Daniel, Wheeler Hill Resident said I would like a deferment of items 29 and 30. The ordinance cited is dated September 2018 but the ordinance was adopted August 2019. The proposed revisions of the protective yard requirement have the wrong section cited and if passed will be invalid. The provisions dealing with vehicular service areas were incorrectly cited in the Planning Commission application. The Planning Commission approval was improper and should be returned for the proper approval. We had two items move very quickly without a great deal of notice to the public, other than a highlight in the newspaper. I would suggest that Council has a session with the interested citizens and go over these things being proposed. We would like to have a discussion dealing with all the issues.



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Mr. John Black, Columbia Council of Neighborhoods President said we held a community neighborhood summit. One of the key things we discussed is there being no accountability or responsibility for stolen firearms. I have received numerous messages in regards to Item 50. I know this is being referred to the Public Safety Committee, but I would respectfully ask for a draft to be distributed to us. This is something our members are very interested in.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Council is asked to approve the March 29, 2022 and May 17, 2022 Budget Workshop Minutes. - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve the March 29, 2022 and May 17, 2022 Budget Workshop Minutes.

PRESENTATIONS

2. Columbia-Richland Fire Department Appreciation Day Proclamation - The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor – *Received as information.*

Mayor Rickenmann said we should be celebrating our heroes every day. Every day, they take care of our community. We try to thank them and work with them the best we can. We don't always agree but one thing we all know is that every day they go to work for the betterment of our community. As first responders, they are usually the first ones on the scene. It doesn't matter if it's an accident, a fire, or another tragedy in our community. It gives me great honor to proclaim today as the Columbia-Richland Fire Department Appreciation Day.

Mayor Rickenmann and the members of City Council proclaimed the day of July 26, 2022 as Columbia-Richland Fire Department Appreciation Day.

Mr. Aubrey Jenkins, Fire Chief said thank you all for this designation. This proclamation is a great collaborative effort of dedicated folks. We want to do everything we can to prevent fires. We had a good time at the conference receiving this designation. Since its inception, we have received it every year. Thank you all. We can't do it without your support. We appreciate every effort that you have put into fire services.



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3. Food Policy Committee Update / Food Access Map Presentation - Ms. Shana Catoe, Committee Chair – *Received as information.*

Ms. Shana Catoe, Food Policy Committee Chair said the committee's vision is a strong, sustainable, and equitable food system for all of Columbia. The mission is to build understanding, relationships, and a collective action to strengthen and support an equitable local food system. We are a coalition of food leaders, City Council appointees, stakeholders, and volunteers driven to ensure healthy, fair, and sustainable food distribution for all Columbia residents. Our 2022 community committee highlights include the GIS map, community food gathering follow-ups, and our college Food Share South Carolina pilot program that we have launched. We worked with the city's GIS Department to create this map for citizens to find local food establishments and access to good food.

Ms. Kimberly Humphrey, MSW, Food Policy Committee Member said in 2019, we created a policy report. After COVID, we wanted to go back to the community and see if those priorities were the same as they were in 2019. We held two different meetings: one virtual and one in-person at Gable Oaks. We had a decent number of community members that were able to attend. We were able to provide gift cards to a grocery store for those virtually and a Food Share box for those that attended in-person. We asked about their current food access concerns and reflected on what we saw in 2019. We noticed there was a big focus on getting certain businesses into their communities that could take care of their food access concerns. We also noticed the importance of transportation moved up in priorities.

Ms. Ashley Page Bookhart, MSW, Food Policy Committee Member said we have been doing a lot of work with Allen University, Benedict College, Columbia College, and the University of South Carolina. We talked about youth hunger and senior hunger. Oftentimes, college students experience hunger at the highest rate out of any age group. We have partnered on a grant from Sisters of Charity and were awarded \$20,000 to help bring Food Share, a produce box program, to these various college campuses. In the fall, all of these institutions will have Food Share rolling out. Boxes typically cost \$15 and this fund is going to help reduce that down to \$5 for students at these institutions. Our next steps include encouraging ARPA and general funds to be applied to initiatives that address food policy recommendations. We know all of us in this room want to see more grocery stores. We want to see more healthy food assets across the city. There are funds coming federally, but there are other opportunities within the budget that we can work with to help allocate resources to help solve that issue. We want to make sure that we are providing you all with updates on the work of the committee on a quarterly basis.



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Councilor Herbert said I want to thank you all for your hard work. I am glad that you all were able to do the video. Thanks to our Public Relations folks for assisting with that. I am looking forward to hearing about your future recommendations. At the appropriate time, I want to hear about other initiatives that you all are considering.

Mayor Rickenmann said I owe you a commitment for a liaison. We will try and get it done on next week's agenda. We do have some follow-up items that we need to talk about in regards to the truck and the trailer and follow-ups with some of the other groups to help provide a third party service. There have been ups and downs and COVID played a role but the map is a great success. The opportunity and the commitment that this committee has made to our city is unbelievable.

Councilor Brennan said thank you for taking the time to make this app. Transportation holds people back from access to food. Councilwoman Herbert is on the COMET board. Any layering that we could bring forward with this wonderful technology you created to pinpoint the bus lines, transportation lines, and how that overlaps with what you have created for food access would be very beneficial.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 4 THROUGH 24

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said the first meeting of the new fiscal year is always full of contracts and consent agenda items. I want to thank you for your patience as I know you all take particular effort in reviewing these items before your consideration. I also want to thank the staff, our procurement staff in particular, and all the departments for working with me. I know you may still have a few questions but I hope we answered the majority. For the benefit of our citizens, the first fiscal year agenda includes all kinds of items that do the work of the city for our citizens and our customers like additional contractors, filling those buckets to get additional work done for backlog of work orders, making sure that we have a force multiplier of our own internal resources, uniforms, and dropping more AMI meters. We have to get those approvals so we can work for the rest of the fiscal year.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve Consent Agenda **Items 4** through **24**.

Mayor Rickenmann said we are spending a lot of funds as contracts are renewed. There are also small contracts that deal with demolition. As you know, we have invested heavily this year in taking down condemned houses and trying to clean up neighborhoods. As we continue to do that, we are going to be pushing plans to increase home ownership through various sources. We are



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applying for multiple grants through HUD and other agencies so that we can leverage the opportunities that the federal government is sending our way. It's tough to spend this much money in one swoop, but it is for the betterment of our community. I want to thank staff and Council for working together.

Councilor Taylor said as we look at these renewals, I encourage our staff to look at those vendors who held their cost increases at reasonable amounts and those that did not and have taken advantage of the situations that we are facing as a country. I hope we look for competing bids between now and next year.

4. Council is asked to approve a Contract for Asbestos Testing Services for Demolitions, as requested by the Columbia Police Department Code Enforcement Division on May 12, 2022. Award to Summit Engineering, Laboratory & Testing, LLC using the SC State Contract in the amount of \$74,880.00. This contractor is located in Charlotte, NC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: ARPA Funds - ARPA Demolition Project - Special Contracts - Demolitions (2619999-ARPA202203-638301). The original budget amount is \$74,880.00.

5. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of DataGard - Backup and Disaster Recovery Services, as requested by the Information Technology Department on June 16, 2022. Award to ThinkGard in the amount of \$154,125.50. This contractor is located in Pelham, AL. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Program Management Office - Maintenance & Service Contract (6218950-638200). The original budget amount is \$154,125.50.

6. Council is asked to approve a Memorandum of Understanding for Indigent Defense in the 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 a Contract to Purchase Class A/B Fire Uniforms, as requested by the Columbia Fire Department on February 25, 2022. Award to Wright Johnston Uniforms, in an amount not to exceed \$81,732.24. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. – *Approved*



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Funding Source: Fire Suppression – Uniforms and Clothing; (1012303 - 624100) \$40,866.12; Fire Administration - County - Uniforms and Clothing; (2082301 - 624100) \$40,866.12. The original budget amount is \$81,732.24.

8. Council is asked to approve a Contract to Purchase a 2023 Pierce Custom Pumper with 6010 Enforcer Cab Fire Truck for the Columbia Fire Department, as requested by the Fleet Services Division on May 25, 2022. Award to Spartan Fire and Emergency, using the HGAC Cooperative Contract in the amount of \$843,347.00. This vendor is located in Roebuck, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Capital Replacement - Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment - Capital (6308972-658500). The original budget amount is \$843,347.00.

9. Council is asked to approve a Contract for the Installation of New Water Meters, as requested by Columbia Water on April 4, 2022. Award to Lake Murray Utility Company, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$142,000.00. This contractor is located in Chapin, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Utilities Water Distribution & Maintenance – Maintenance & Service Contract; (5516203 - 638200). The original budget amount is \$165,600.00.

10. Council is asked to approve a Professional Services Agreement for Project SS7607; Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant and Pump Station Professional Maintenance Support Services, as requested by Columbia Water on May 19, 2022. Award to Kemp Construction, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$700,000.00. This contractor is located in Sherrills Ford, NC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Utilities Metro Wastewater Plant - Maintenance and Service Contracts (5516208-638200) (\$350,000) and Utilities Metro Wastewater Plant - Special Contracts Water/Sewer, Stormwater (5516208-638305) (\$350,000). The original budget amount is \$700,000.00.

11. Council is asked to approve a Contract for Project SS7517, SS7518, and SS7519; Combined Sewer Repair Projects - Vine Street, Ansel Street, and Woodlake Drive, as requested by Columbia Water on December 17, 2021. Award to McClam & Associates, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$746,936.85, which includes contingency. This contractor is located in Little Mountain, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Engineering - Water and Sewer Improvements (5529999-SS7517, SS7518, SS7519-658650). The original budget amount is \$746,936.85.



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This is a Columbia Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (CDBE) program project with a 21% CDBE goal. The CDBE goal was exceeded at 29.87%. McClam & Associates, Inc. is the prime contractor and will provide sewer repair services at 65.01% (\$441,438.50) of the total contract amount.

The following subcontractors will provide additional services:

Smoak Construction, LLC, a Minority Business Enterprise (W) and a CDBE of Little Mountain, SC, will provide open cut services at 25.03% (\$169,955.00) of the total contract amount.

SCA Underground, LLC, a Minority Business Enterprise (W) and a CDBE of West Columbia, SC, will provide CCTV and sewer cleaning services at 4.28% (\$29,040.00) of the total contract amount.

Chao & Associates, Inc., a Minority Business Enterprise and a CDBE of Columbia, SC, will provide surveying services at 0.56% (\$3,800.00) of the total contract amount.

First CIPP, LLC of Matthews, NC will provide CIPP services at 5.12% (\$34,800.00) of the total contract amount.

12. Council is asked to approve a Contract for Project WM4547; Bitternut Pump Station Improvements, as requested by Columbia Water on August 23, 2021. Award to Stutts & Williams, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$1,034,112.20, which includes contingency. This contractor is located in Lexington, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Engineering - Water & Sewer Improvements (5529999-WM454701-658650). The original budget amount is \$1,034,112.20.

This is a Columbia Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (CDBE) program project with an 11% CDBE goal. The CDBE goal for this project has been exceeded at 22.01%. Stutts & Williams, LLC is the prime contractor and will provide rehabilitation services at 19.0% (\$170,774.00) of the total contract amount.

The following subcontractors will provide additional services:

Ferguson Waterworks of Elgin, SC will provide waterline materials at 2.0% (\$18,000.00) of the total contract amount.

Knights Companies of Summerville, SC will provide pump cans at 1.72% (\$15,500.00) of the total contract amount.

AOS Specialty Contractors Inc., a Minority Business Enterprise (W) and a CDBE of Lexington, SC will provide asphalt concrete services at 8.56% (\$77,000.00) of the total contract amount.

Heyward Inc. of Charlotte, NC will provide SCADA and pumps at 21.91% (\$197,000.00) of the total contract amount.



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West Electrical Contractors of Newberry, SC will provide electrical services at 10.18% (\$91,500.00) of the total contract amount.

Jack Moore & Associates, Inc. of Lancaster, SC will provide valve rebuild services at 2.61% (\$23,500.00) of the contract total amount.

RCG Construction, a Minority Business Enterprise (W) and a CDBE of Irmo, SC, will provide generator and gas services at 13.45% (\$120,954.00) of the total contract amount.

Hammerhead Utilities, LLC of Chapin, SC will provide pump station construction services at 20.57% (\$185,000.00) of the total contract amount.

13. Council is asked to approve a Contract for Project WM4545; Canal and Lake Murray Filter Rehabilitation, as requested by Columbia Water on October 5, 2021. Award to M.B. Kahn Construction Co., Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$6,267,470.00, which includes contingency. This contractor is located in Columbia, SC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Engineering - Water & Sewer Improvements (5529999-WM454501-658650). The original budget amount is \$6,267,470.00.

This is a Columbia Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (CDBE) program project with an 11% CDBE goal. The CDBE percentage is currently 0.45%. M.B. Kahn Construction Co, Inc. is the prime contractor and will provide rehabilitation services at 40.93% (\$2,331,837.00) of the total contract amount.

The general contractor was not able to meet the Columbia Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (CDBE) participation goal for this project, but did fulfill all of the good faith effort requirements to solicit CDBE participation and was deemed to be in compliance with the City's CDBE policy. Following the bid, staff from Columbia Water, the Department of Procurement and Contracts and the Office of Business Opportunities met with the contractor to discuss options for increasing the CDBE participation as the project is executed. The contractor committed to continuing to seek opportunities to utilize CDBE subcontractors throughout the construction period.

The following subcontractors will provide additional services:

Heyward Incorporated of Charlotte, NC will provide actuators at 17.15% (\$977,123.00) of the total contract amount.

EW2 Environmental, Inc. of Charlotte, NC will provide filter bottoms and media services at 18.32% (\$1,044,000.00) of the total contract amount.

Corley Construction, LLC, a Minority Business Enterprise and a CDBE of Columbia SC, will provide hauling services at 0.45% (\$25,740.00) of the total contract amount.



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MR Systems, of Columbia, SC will provide integration services at 14.92% (\$850,000.00) of the total contract amount.

Gregory Electric Co. of Columbia, SC will provide electrical services at 5.04% (\$287,000.00) of the total contract amount.

Harrelson Painting, LLC of Swansea, SC will provide material coating services at 3.19% (\$182,000.00) of the total contract amount.

14. Council is asked to approve Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Miscellaneous contract renewals. Award to the following vendors in the total amount of \$507,432.25. – *Approved*

Item	Vendor and Location	Description	Renewal or Extension
a.	Scott & Company LLC Columbia, SC	Auditing Services	1st Renewal of 2 options to renew (7/1/2022 - 6/30/2023) - <i>No increase</i>
<i>Funding Source: Accounting - Audit Costs (1011401-635600) and Finance Water Administration - Audit Costs (5511409- 635600) for a total amount of \$140,350.00.</i>			
b.	Wright Johnston Uniforms Columbia, SC	Columbia Police Department Uniforms	3 rd Renewal of 3 options to renew (7/1/2022 - 6/30/2023) - <i>No increase</i>
<i>Funding Source: Police Administrative Services - Uniforms and Clothing (1012402-624100) - \$225,000.00</i>			
c.	American Facility Services Alpharetta, GA	Janitorial Services	Extension (7/1/2022 – 09/30/2022) - <i>No increase</i>
<i>Funding Source: Support Service Public Building – Maintenance & Service Contract (5511219-638200) \$25,451.25; General Support Services - Maintenance & Service Contract (1011201-638200) \$16,845.00; Utilities Columbia Canal Water Treatment Plant - Maintenance & Service Contract (5516206-638200) \$6,213.00; Police Administrative Services - Maintenance & Service Contract (1012402-638200) \$14,913.00; Emergency Communications - Maintenance & Service Contract (1012701-638200) \$1,950.00; Streets Storm Drains - Maintenance & Service Contract (5534203-638200) \$11,865.00; Purchasing Maintenance & Service Contract (6228959-638200) \$5,535.00 for a total amount of \$82,772.25.</i>			
d.	HOTEP Sports Columbia, SC	Officials, Umpires and Scorekeepers	1 st Renewal of 1 option to renew (7/1/2022 – 6/30/2023) - <i>No increase</i>
<i>Funding Source: Recreation Program – Professional Services (1015106-636600) - \$59,310.00</i>			



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15. Council is asked to approve Fiscal Year 2022/2023 contract renewals for Software/Program Management Services. Award to the following vendors in the total amount of \$1,421,732.32. – *Approved*

Item	Vendor and Location	Description	Renewal or Extension
a.	Tyler Technologies, Inc. Duluth, GA	Energov Maintenance & Support	2 nd Renewal of Continuous Annual Options to Renew (7/1/2022 - 6/30/2023) - 3.83% increase
<i>Funding Source: Development Services-Maintenance Service Contract (1014101-638200) \$20,857.20; Engineering Administration-Maintenance & Service Contract (5511701-638200) \$58,560.69; Police Administrative Services - Maintenance & Service Contract (1012402-638200) \$23,967.63; Engineering Stormwater Improvements - Maintenance & Service Contract (5534202-638200) \$1,038.20; Business Licenses-Maintenance & Service Contract (1011403-638200) \$25,890.75 for a total amount of \$130,314.59</i>			
b.	Advanced Automation Consulting, Inc. Irmo, SC	Program/Project and Business Process Management	1 st Renewal of 1 Renewal (7/1/2022 - 6/30/2023) - No increase
<i>Funding Source: Program Management Office - Professional Services (6218950-636600) - \$165,800.00</i>			
c.	Hansen Banner, LLC Allentown, PA	Utility Billing Annual Maintenance and Support Annual Renewal	Annual Renewal (7/1/2022-6/30/2023) - No increase
<i>Funding Source: Program Management Office - Maintenance & Service Contracts (6218950-638200) - \$136,394.95</i>			
d.	Mythics Virginia Beach, VA	Oracle Support – IFAS and Banner database system support	Omnia Partners Cooperative Agreement - Annual Renewal (8/1/2022 - 7/31/2023) - 3.85% increase
<i>Funding Source: Information Technology - Maintenance & Service Contracts (1011120-638200) - \$194,532.87</i>			
e.	SHI International Dallas, TX	Microsoft Enterprise Agreement	State Contract - Annual Renewal (8/1/2022 - 7/31/2023) - No increase
<i>Funding Source: Information Technology - Maintenance & Service Contracts (1011120-638200) - \$650,930.82</i>			
f.	Presidio Networked Solutions, LLC Chapin, SC	SmartNet – Hardware/Software maintenance and support of network equipment	State Contract - Annual Renewal (8/1/2022 - 7/31/2023) - 41.52% increase
<i>Funding Source: Information Technology - Maintenance & Service Contracts (1011120-638200) - \$143,759.09</i>			
Total: \$1,421,732.32			



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16. Council is asked to approve Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Sole Source Renewals. Award to the following vendors in the total amount of \$3,381,395.84. – *Approved*

Item	Vendor and Location	Description	Renewal or Extension
a.	Blanchard Machinery West Columbia, SC	Caterpillar sales, services, parts repair maintenance and warranty, extended service coverage on all CAT/CAT branded generators/engines and UPS products	Sole renewal option for 2 nd year; (7/1/2022 - 6/30/2023) - No increase
<i>Funding Source: Utilities Metro Wastewater Plant - Machinery & Equipment-Capital (5516208-658300); Utilities Lake Murray Water Plant - Maintenance and Service Contract (5516207-638200); and Utilities Wastewater Maintenance Plant - Maintenance and Service Contract (5516205-638200) for a total amount of \$119,060.00.</i>			
b.	C & C Boiler Sales & Service Charlotte, NC	Labor, parts and services for 3 Clever Brooks Boilers, and HAWK 100 Boiler Control Package	Sole renewal option for 2 nd year; (7/1/2022 - 6/30/2023) - No increase
<i>Funding Source: Utilities Metro Wastewater Plant-Maintenance and Service Contract (5516208-638200) - \$110,000.00</i>			
c.	Charles Underwood Inc. Sanford, NC	Grundfos-Yeomans, PACO, Chicago, and Morris Pumps labor, parts, and services	Sole renewal option for 2 nd year; (7/1/2022 - 6/30/2023) - No increase
<i>Funding Source: Utilities Metro Wastewater Plant-Machinery and Equipment-Capital (5516208-658300) - \$250,000.00</i>			
d.	Evoqua Water Technologies, LLC C/O Heyward Incorporated Waukesha, WI	Envirex Jet-Tech, Aqua Lator System, Upper/Lower Bearing Assemblies, External Lift Screw Pump	Sole renewal option for 2 nd year; (7/1/2022 - 6/30/2023) - No increase
<i>Funding Source: Utilities Metro Wastewater Plant-Machinery and Equipment-Capital (5516208-658300) - \$200,000.00</i>			
e.	Heyward-Charlotte Inc. Charlotte, NC	VAG USA Engineered & Distribution Valves, Butterfly Plug Valves, Morris Pumps, Control Panels, VFDs, Rotork Electrical Valves, Actuators, Control Systems, Seepex, labor, parts, inspections, and maintenance	Sole renewal option for 2 nd year; (7/1/2022 - 6/30/2023) - No increase
<i>Funding Source: Utilities Metro Wastewater Plant - Machinery and Equipment-Capital 5516208-658300 and Utilities Lake Murray Water Plant - Machinery and Equipment-Capital (5516207-658300) - \$200,000.00</i>			
f.	Jet Vac Equipment Company Sumter, SC	Maintenance and repairs for the division's Harben Unit Trucks, Rapid View IBAK Camera System, and Ridged Sewer Equipment	Sole renewal option for 2 nd year; (7/1/2022 - 6/30/2023) - No increase



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<i>Funding Source: Utilities Wastewater Maintenance - Equipment Repair/Service Supply (5516205-631800) - \$50,000.00</i>			
g.	JWC Environmental Inc. Costa Mesa, CA	Muffin/Channel/Auger/ Washer/Honey Screening/Separation Systems repair services, parts products installation and routine/preventative and emergency maintenance	Screenings Monster Sole renewal option for 2 nd year; (7/1/2022 - 6/30/2023) - <i>No increase</i>
<i>Funding Source: Utilities Metro Wastewater Plant - Machinery Equipment-Capital (5516208-658300) - \$270,000.00</i>			
h.	Polydyne Inc. Riceboro, GA	Flo-Foam 476 (Anaerobic Digester De- Foamer)	Sole renewal option for 2 nd year; (7/1/2022 - 6/30/2023) - 58.63% increase
<i>Funding Source: Utilities Metro Wastewater Plant - Chemicals (5516208-624800) - \$99,735.84</i>			
i.	Premier Magnesia LLC West, PA	Magnesium Hydroxide-Thioguard and Thioguard Omega S Technical Grade Magnesium Hydroxide Slurry product	Sole renewal option for 2 nd year; (7/1/2022 - 6/30/2023) - 8.5% increase
<i>Funding Source: Utilities Metro Wastewater Plant - Chemicals (5516208-624800) - \$1,722,600.00</i>			
j.	Water Solutions Azure Water Services LLC West Haven, CT	Purate (Sodium Chroate / Hydrogen Peroxide)	Sole renewal option for 2 nd year; (7/1/2022 - 6/30/2023) - 55% increase
<i>Funding Source: Utility Lake Murray Water Plant - Chemicals (5516207-624800) - \$310,000.00</i>			
k.	Precision Sidewalk Safety Oscala, FL	Removing sidewalk trip hazards	Sole renewal option for 2 nd year; (7/1/2022 - 6/30/2023) - <i>No increase</i>
<i>Funding Source: Streets Street and Sidewalk Repair - Professional Services (1013201- 636600) - \$50,000.00</i>			

17. Council is asked to approve Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Columbia Water renewals and extensions. Award to the following firms in the total amount of \$5,213,186.00. – *Approved*

Item	Vendor and Location	Description	Renewal or Extension
a.	Hazen and Sawyer Columbia, SC	Wastewater Collection System Hydraulic Modeling SS7613	1 st Renewal of 2 options to renew (7/1/2022 - 6/30/2023) - <i>No increase</i>
<i>Funding Source: Wastewater System Improvement-Special Contracts Water/Sewer, Stormwater (5516221-638305) - \$206,202.00</i>			
b.	Vaughn and Melton Columbia, SC	Wastewater Collection System Manhole Survey SS7581	Extension (7/1/2022 - 6/30/2023) - <i>No increase</i>
<i>Funding Source: Wastewater System Improvements Special Contracts Water/Sewer, Stormwater (5516221-638305) - \$76,250.00</i>			



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c.	Hydrostructures Columbia, SC	Wastewater Collection System Manhole Survey SS7582	Extension (7/1/2022 - 6/30/2023) - <i>No increase</i>
<i>Funding Source: Wastewater System Improvements Special Contracts Water/Sewer, Stormwater (5516221-638305) - \$257,500.00</i>			
d.	Mead and Hunt Columbia, SC	Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant Project Management Services SS7601	1 st Renewal of 3 options to renew (7/1/2022 - 6/30/2023) - 3% increase
<i>Funding Source: Utilities Metro Wastewater Plant-Professional Services (5516208-636600) - \$150,000.00</i>			
e.	Black & Veatch Corporation Columbia, SC	Water Quality Consulting WM4263	1 st Renewal of 1 option to renew (7/1/2022 - 6/30/2023) - <i>No increase</i>
<i>Funding Source: Water Compliance-Consultant Fees Contract (5516230-636700) - \$75,000.00</i>			
f.	Michael Baker International Columbia, SC	Project Management SS7592	1 st Renewal of 2 options to renew (7/1/2022 - 6/30/2023) - <i>No increase</i>
<i>Funding Source: Wastewater System Improvements Special Contracts Water/Sewer, Stormwater (5516221-638305) - \$154,000.00</i>			
g.	AECOM Columbia, SC	Project Management SS7594	1 st Renewal of 2 options to renew (7/1/2022 - 6/30/2023) - 3.02% increase
<i>Funding Source: Utilities Wastewater Maintenance-Special Contracts Water/Sewer, Stormwater (5516205-638305) - \$135,000.00</i>			
h.	Hazen and Sawyer Columbia, SC	Capacity Assurance Program Technical Support SS7595	1 st Renewal of 2 options to renew (7/1/2022 - 6/30/2023) - 4.35% increase
<i>Funding Source: Wastewater System Improvements Special Contracts Water/Sewer, Stormwater (5516221-638305) - \$120,000.00</i>			
i.	Superior Lawn & Yard, LLC Prosperity, SC	Grounds Maintenance for Columbia CWTP & Remote Sites	1 st Renewal of 4 options to renew (7/01/2022 -6/30/2023) - <i>No increase</i>
<i>Funding Source: Utilities Canal Water Treatment Plant – Special Contracts (5516206-638300) and Utilities Lake Murray Plant – Special Contracts (5516207-638300) - \$105,000.00</i>			
j.	Superior Lawn & Yard, LLC Prosperity, SC	Grounds Maintenance at the Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant, Lift Stations, and Levee	1 st Renewal of 1 option to renew (7/01/2022 – 6/30/2023) - <i>No increase</i>
<i>Funding Source: Utilities Metro Wastewater Plant – Maintenance & Service Contract (5516208-638200) - \$96,864.00</i>			
k.	CITI, Inc. Charlotte, NC	Instrumentation & SCADA System Maintenance	1 st Renewal of 2 options to renew (7/01/2022 – 6/30/2023) - <i>No increase</i>
<i>Funding Source: Utilities Metro Wastewater Plant – Maintenance & Service Contract (5516208-638200) - \$312,725.00</i>			



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l.	Vulcan Materials Company Columbia, SC	Concrete and Crush Stone	4 th Renewal of 4 options to renew (7/01/2022 – 6/30/2023) – <i>Increases range from 8%-15% on various materials.</i>
<i>Funding Source: Utilities Wastewater Maintenance – Paving and Asphalt Supplies (5516205-623500) - \$400,325.00</i>			
m.	Waste Management of SC Elgin, SC	Landfill Services for Disposal of Materials (Solid Waste)	1 st Renewal of 4 options to renew (7/01/2022 – 6/30/2023) – <i>3.5% increase</i>
<i>Funding Source: Solid Waste Disposal – Solid Waste Tipping Fee(6208955-631900) - \$440,040.000</i>			
n.	Waste Management of SC Elgin, SC	Screenings, Grit and Sludge Hauling & Container Rental Services (Metro)	Extension (7/01/2022 – 12/31/2022) - <i>3.5% increase</i>
<i>Funding Source: Utilities Metro Wastewater Plant – Maintenance & Service Contract (5516208-638200) - \$658,260.00</i>			
o.	Waste Management of SC Elgin, SC	Screenings, Grit and Sludge Landfill Disposal (Metro)	Extension (7/01/2022 – 12/30/2022) - <i>3.5% increase</i>
<i>Funding Source: Utilities Metro Wastewater Plant – Maintenance & Service Contract (5516208-638200) - \$790,740.00</i>			
p.	Central Carolina Technical College Sumter, SC	Memorandum of Agreement for Apprenticeship Program Training	1 st Renewal of 9 options to renew (7/01/2022 – 6/30/2023) - <i>9.3% increase</i>
<i>Funding Source: Utilities Metro Wastewater Plant – Employee Training & Professional Development (5516208-631200) \$41,500.00; Utilities Water Distribution & Maintenance – Employee Training & Professional Development (5516203-631200) \$51,600.00; and Utilities Lake Murray Water Plant – Employee Training & Professional Development \$10,000.00 for a total amount of \$145,400.00</i>			
q.	Martin, Edwards & Assoc. Erwin, NC	Compost Grinding and Screening Services	1 st Renewal of 2 options to renew (7/01/2022 – 6/30/2023) – <i>0.59% increase</i>
<i>Funding Source: Solid Waste Compost – Special Projects (1014406-638500) - \$160,000.00</i>			
r.	Laser Print Columbia, SC	Bill Printing and Mailing Postage	Extension (7/01/2022 - 6/30/2023) - <i>3% Increase</i>
<i>Funding Source: Customer Service – Special Contracts (551407-638300) and Customer Service – Postage and Delivery (551407-631100) - \$929,880.00</i>			

18. Council is asked to approve Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Extensions for Water and Wastewater Treatment Chemicals. Award to the following vendors in the total amount of \$3,370,834.28. – *Approved*



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Item	Vendor and Location	Description	Extension
a.	Cabot Norit Americas, Inc. Marshall, TX	Activated Carbon	Extension (7/1/2022 - 12/31/2022) - 40.69% rate increase
	<i>Funding Source: Utilities Columbia Canal WTP - Chemicals (5516206-624800) \$250,000.00 and Utilities Lake Murray WTP -Chemicals (5516207-624800) \$500,000.00 for a total of \$750,000.00</i>		
b.	Carus, LLC Peru, IL	Blended Phosphate	Extension (7/1/2022 - 12/31/2022) - 40% rate increase
	<i>Funding Source: Utilities Columbia Canal WTP - Chemicals (5516206-624800) \$80,000.00 and Utilities Lake Murray WTP -Chemicals (5516207-624800) \$70,900.00 for a total amount of \$150,900.00.</i>		
c.	Chemtrade Chemicals US, LLC Parsippany, NJ	Aluminum Sulfate	Extension (7/1/2022 - 12/31/2022) - 30.22% rate increase
	<i>Funding Source: Utilities Columbia Canal WTP - Chemicals (5516206-624800) \$275,000.00 and Utilities Lake Murray WTP -Chemicals (5516207-624800) \$220,000.00 for a total amount of \$495,000.00</i>		
d.	International Dioxide, Inc. North Kingstown, RI	Sodium Chlorite	Extension (7/1/2022 - 12/31/2022) - 9.39% rate increase
	<i>Funding Source: Utilities Columbia Canal WTP - Chemicals (5516206-624800) - \$200,000.00</i>		
e.	JCI Jones Chemical Sarasota, FL	Chlorine	Extension (7/1/2022 - 12/31/2022) - 35% rate increase
	<i>Funding Source: Utilities Columbia Canal WTP - Chemicals (5516206-624800) \$140,000.00; Utilities Lake Murray WTP -Chemicals (5516207-624800) \$140,000.00 for a total amount of \$280,000.00</i>		
f.	JCI Jones Chemical Sarasota, FL	Sodium Hypochlorite 12% or Sodium Hypochlorite 15%	Extension (7/1/2022 - 12/31/2022) - 21.07% rate increase
	<i>Funding Source: Metro Wastewater Plant - Chemicals (5516208-624800) - \$338,040.00</i>		
g.	Polydyne Riceboro, GA	Liquid Polymer	Extension (7/1/2022 - 12/31/2022) - 38.21% rate increase
	<i>Funding Source: Utilities Columbia Canal WTP - Chemicals (5516206-624800) \$20,000.00 and Utilities Lake Murray WTP -Chemicals (5516207-624800) \$35,000.00 for a total amount of \$55,000.00.</i>		
h.	Polydyne Riceboro, GA	Polymer	Extension (7/1/2022 - 12/31/2022) - 38.21% rate increase
	<i>Funding Source: Utilities Metro Wastewater Plant - Chemicals (5516208-624800) - \$543,986.28</i>		
i.	Polytec Mooresville, NC	Liquid Lime (Calcium Hydroxide)	Extension (7/1/2022 - 12/31/2022) - No increase



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	<i>Funding Source: Utilities Columbia Canal WTP - Chemicals (5516206-624800) \$75,000.00 and Utilities Lake Murray WTP - Chemicals (5516207-624800) \$110,000.00 for a total amount of \$185,000.00.</i>		
j.	Southern Ionics, Inc. West Point, MS	Sodium Bisulfite	Extension (7/1/2022 - 12/31/2022) - 74.05% rate increase
	<i>Funding Source: Utilities Metro Wastewater Plant - Chemicals (5516208-624800) - \$172,908.00</i>		
k.	Tanner Industries, Inc. Southampton, PA	Anhydrous Ammonia	Extension (7/1/2022 - 12/31/2022) - 47.59% rate increase
	<i>Funding Source: Utilities Columbia Canal WTP - Chemicals (5516206-624800) \$25,000.00 and Utilities Lake Murray WTP - Chemicals (5516207-624800) \$40,000.00 for a total amount of \$65,000.00.</i>		
l.	Univar Spartanburg, SC	Fluoride / Fluorsilicic Acid / Liquid	Extension (7/1/2022 - 12/31/2022) - 31.94% rate increase
	<i>Funding Source: Utilities Columbia Canal WTP - Chemicals (5516206-624800) \$30,000.00 and Utilities Lake Murray WTP - Chemicals (5516207-624800) \$30,000.00 for a total amount of \$60,000.00.</i>		
m.	Univar Spartanburg, SC	Sodium Hydroxide / Caustic	Extension (7/1/2022 - 12/31/2022) - 126.16% rate increase
	<i>Funding Source: Utilities Columbia Canal WTP - Chemicals (5516206-624800) \$35,000.00 and Utilities Lake Murray WTP - Chemicals (5516207-624800) \$40,000.00 for a total amount of \$75,000.00.</i>		

19. Council is asked to approve Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Indefinite Delivery Contract (IDC) renewals for Asphalt, Concrete Repair, and Restoration Services. Award to the following firms in the total amount of \$1,500,000.00. Project specific administration shall be required, executed, and issued for each asphalt and concrete repair or restoration project awarded under the approved IDC. – *Approved*

Vendor and Location	Renewal
AOS Specialty Contractors, Inc. Lexington, SC	1 st Renewal of 2 Renewal Options (7/29/2022 - 7/28/2023) \$650,000.00
C.R. Jackson, Inc. Columbia, SC	1 st Renewal of 2 Renewal Options (7/30/2022 - 7/29/2023) \$650,000.00
North American Pipeline Management, Inc. Columbia, SC	1st Renewal of 2 Renewal Options (7/30/2022 - 7/29/2023) \$100,000.00
Southern Roots Landscape Management, LLC Columbia, SC	1st Renewal of 2 Renewal Options (7/30/2022 - 7/29/2023) \$100,000.00
<i>Funding Source: Engineering Water System Improvements - Special Projects (5516220-638500) - No increase to cumulative total / awarded amount from previous fiscal year.</i>	



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20. Council is asked to approve the Indefinite Delivery Contracts (IDC's) for Waterline/Hydrant Leak Restoration Services, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to the following firms in the total amount of \$1,600,000.00. Project specific administration shall be required, executed, issued for each waterline/hydrant leak restoration service project awarded under the approved IDC. – *Approved*

Vendor and Location	Funding Allocation Period
Lake Murray Utility Company Chapin, SC	7/1/2022 - 6/30/2022 \$400,000.00
LAD Construction Swansea, SC	7/1/2022 - 6/30/2022 \$400,000.00
G. H. Smith Construction Columbia, SC	7/1/2022 - 6/30/2022 \$400,000.00
Carolina Tap and Bore, Inc. West Columbia, SC	7/1/2022 - 6/30/2022 \$400,000.00
<i>Funding Source: Utilities Water Distribution & Maintenance-Special Projects (5516203-638500) - No increase.</i>	

21. Ordinance No.: 2022-053 - Granting an encroachment for the use of the right of way area of the 1800 block of Catawba Street for the installation and maintenance of a brick wall, landscaping and irrigation adjacent to 1808 Catawba Street, Richland County TMS# 11307-08-02 - *First reading approval was given on June 21, 2022 - Approved on second reading.*
22. Ordinance No.: 2022-055 - Granting an encroachment to SC State Credit Union for the use of the right of way areas of the 800 block of Huger Street, the 500 block of College Street and the 800 block of Pulaski Street for the installation and maintenance of sidewalks, landscaping, irrigation, and parking spaces adjacent to 800 Huger Street and 816 Pulaski Street, Richland County TMS#08911-04-01 and 08915-14-01 - *First reading approval was given on June 21, 2022 – Approved on second reading.*
23. Ordinance No.: 2022-056 - Granting an encroachment to Gusco, LLC for the use of the right of way area of the 2100 block of Senate Street for the installation and maintenance of landscaping and irrigation adjacent to 1030 Harden Street, Richland County TMS#11405-05-01 - *First reading approval was given on June 21, 2022 – Approved on second reading.*
24. Ordinance No.: 2022-057 - Granting an encroachment to Lady Street Redevelopment, LLC for the use of the right of way area of the 1300 block of Lady Street for the installation and maintenance of landscaping and irrigation adjacent to 1310 Lady Street, Richland County TMS#11491-01-01 and 11491-06-01 - *First reading approval was given on June 21, 2022 – Approved on second reading.*



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PUBLIC HEARING & FIRST READING FOR ZONING / PLANNING MATTERS

Council opened the public hearing at 4:33 p.m.

25. Annexation, Future Land Use Map Amendment and Zoning Map Amendment for 3428 Park Street; TMS#09107-13-01 – *Approved on first reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2022-070 - Annexing 3428 Park Street, Richland County TMS# 09107-13-01 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map – Approved on first reading.

Council District:1

Proposal: Request to annex the property and assign a land use classification of Urban Core Residential Small Lot (UCR-1) and assign zoning of Residential Mixed District (RM-2) and Historic Preservation Overlay District (OV-HP) at the time of annexation. The property is currently classified as Mixed Residential (High Density) and zoned RM-HD by Richland County.

Applicant: Daniel Cannella and Megan Forest

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 05/12/2022; Approval (4-0)

No comments were received at this time.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Ms. Herbert, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Annexation, Future Land Use Map Amendment and Zoning Map Amendment for 3428 Park Street; TMS#09107-13-01 **and** Ordinance No.: 2022-070 - Annexing 3428 Park Street, Richland County TMS# 09107-13-01 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map.

26. Zoning Text Amendment to Amend Chapter 17, Appendix D (Historic Sub-District Boundaries, Earlewood Protection Area, Area A) to add TMS# 09107-13-01 (3428 Park Street) – *Approved on first reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2022-069 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17 (Unified Development Ordinance), Appendix D: Historic Sub-District Boundaries, Earlewood Protection Area to add TMS #09107-13-01 (3428 Park Street) – Approved on first reading.



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Proposal: Amend Chapter 17, Appendix D: Historic Sub-District Boundaries; request to add TMS# 09107-13-01 (3428 Park Street) to Chapter 17, Appendix D: Historic Sub-District Boundaries (Earlewood Protection Area, Area A) at the time of the property's annexation.

Pertinent Sections: Chapter 17, Appendix D: Historic Sub-District Boundaries, Earlewood Protection Area, Area A

Applicant: Krista Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 05/12/2022; Approval (4-0)

No comments were received at this time.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Herbert and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2022-069 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17 (Unified Development Ordinance), Appendix D: Historic Sub-District Boundaries, Earlewood Protection Area to add TMS #09107-13-01 (3428 Park Street).

27. Annexation, Future Land Use Map Amendment and Zoning Map Amendment for 0.10 acre portion B/S Jacobs Mill Pond Road; TMS # 28900-01-19(p) – *Approved on first reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2022-073 - Annexing a 0.10 acre portion of B/S Jacobs Mill Pond Road, Richland County TMS# 28900-01-19(p) into the City of Columbia, South Carolina, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map – Approved on first reading.

Council District: 4

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

Applicant: Woodcreek Development, LLC

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 06/09/2022; Approval (6-0)

No comments were received at this time.



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Upon a motion made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Annexation, Future Land Use Map Amendment and Zoning Map Amendment for 0.10 acre portion B/S Jacobs Mill Pond Road; TMS # 28900-01-19(p) **and** Ordinance No.: 2022-073 - Annexing a 0.10 acre portion of B/S Jacobs Mill Pond Road, Richland County TMS# 28900-01-19(p) into the City of Columbia, South Carolina, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map.

28. Annexation, Future Land Use Map Amendment and Zoning Map Amendment for 79.05 acres N/S Percival Road, 4407 Percival Road and 0.775 acres E/S Newland Road; TMS# 25600-03-04 and 25600-03-30 – *Approved on first reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2022-063 - Annexing 79.05 acres N/S Percival Road, 4407 Percival Road and 0.775 acres E/S Newland Road, Richland County TMS# 25600-03-04 and TMS# 25600-03-30 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina Columbia, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map – Approved on first reading.

Council District: 4

Proposal: Request to annex the property and assign a land use classification of Urban Edge Residential Small Lot (UER-1) and Urban Edge Community Activity Center (UEAC-1) and assign zoning of Residential Mixed District (RM-1) and Light Industrial District (LI) at the time of annexation. The property is currently classified as Neighborhood (Medium Density) and zoned M-1 by Richland County.

Applicant: C. Ray Miles and VWV, LLC

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 06/09/2022; Approval (6-0)

No comments were received at this time.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Annexation, Future Land Use Map Amendment and Zoning Map Amendment for 79.05 acres N/S Percival Road, 4407 Percival Road and 0.775 acres E/S Newland Road; TMS# 25600-03-04 and 25600-03-30 **and** Ordinance No.: 2022-063 - Annexing 79.05 acres N/S Percival Road, 4407 Percival Road and 0.775 acres E/S Newland Road, Richland County TMS# 25600-03-04 and TMS# 25600-03-30 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina Columbia, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map.



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29. Amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance for Drive - Through Facility –
Approved on first reading.

Ordinance No.: 2022-071 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17 (Unified Development Ordinance), Article 4, Use Regulations, Sec. 17-4.3, Accessory Uses and Structures – Approved on first reading.

Proposal: Request to amend Table 17-4.3(B)(5) of the Columbia Code of Ordinances to add the accessory use of "Drive-through facility - Personal Service/Retail Sales", revise the existing accessory use "Drive-through facility" to add "Other", and amend Sec. 17-4.3(d)(2)b to remove the drive-through reference for Automated Teller Machines (ATM's).

Applicant: Hope Hasty, Zoning Administrator

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 06/09/2022; Approval (6-0)

Ms. Krista Hampton, Planning and Development Services Director said currently bank drive-through facilities are not permitted as an accessory use in certain zoning districts in our code. This will allow them as a conditional use. There are conditions associated with each of these drive-throughs with regard to stacking, where they may be located, and the building being up towards the front. Where they are currently not permitted, they will be permitted in certain districts. It is for a specified amount of uses like banks and retail.

Mr. Jim Daniel, Wheeler Hill Resident said again, I request that this matter be deferred. There are numerous deficiencies. In particular, one that is citing the incorrect section or the date of the city code. It was passed in 2019 not in 2018. If this gets passed it is an invalid approval because the wrong code has been cited. That is the same issue with Item 21.

Mayor Rickenmann asked staff to correct any misinformation so we are all on the same page about what the code says and how it was worded.

Ms. Krista Hampton, Planning and Development Services Director said the ordinance is referencing the 1998 code of ordinances. All of our ordinances adopting land use or other type matters refer to the entire code of ordinances, not just chapter 17.



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Upon a motion made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Ms. Herbert, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2022-071 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17 (Unified Development Ordinance), Article 4, Use Regulations, Sec. 17-4.3, Accessory Uses and Structures.

30. Amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance for Non-Conforming Sites – *Approved on first reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2022-068 Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17 (Unified Development Ordinance), Article 5: Development Standards, Sec. 17-5.3, Landscaping and Sec. 17-7.6, Nonconforming Site Features – Approved on first reading.

Proposal: Request to amend Chapter 17 of the Columbia Code of Ordinances to eliminate or reduce requirements that require loss of parking and modify requirements related to non-conforming site features.

Applicant: Krista Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 06/09/2022; Approval (6-0)

Ms. Elizabeth Marks, Robert Mills Historic District resident said what I was going to say is related to an email that I sent each of you regarding a very simple change to the ordinance as opposed to all of these piecemeal tiny repetitive changes that have been put in it. It's a very simple process and I hope that you will go back and read my email. The Columbia Compass and the UDO was a transparent process. We spent three years on that, went to public hearings, answered questionnaires, and went to meetings. This item on the parking and landscaping buffer showed up at Planning Commission last week and all of a sudden it's on the City Council agenda. We have not had time to study it in depth. We would like to bring in our own experts. We feel that planning has significantly let us down by not including us in this process and that we have not had a chance to speak to this. Yes, we do have many bad parking lots and we also have significant runoff and flooding. The buffers of green spaces and trees will make a difference in that. I suggest that you all go back and look at the 2013 Consent Decree with the EPA, which requires you to complete a stormwater repair process for all of the watersheds in Columbia by 2025. Not only is this about neighborhoods, buffers, privacy, and livability but it is also about stormwater and the beautification of the city. I don't think you can make an argument that the beat up parking lots in old buildings are more important than trees, oxygen, and doing something about rainwater and stormwater. We do ask you to defer this.



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Ms. Kathryn Fenner, Esq., University Hill Neighborhood Association said I believe there has been some questions raised about whether or not we have adequately gotten the approval of our various associations and I assure you that as an attorney who read the bylaws quite thoroughly, yes, I got the approval of my fellow executive council pursuant to said bylaws. I am concerned because parking spaces are extremely important here apparently but not according to the provisions passed in the Planning Commission meeting a few weeks ago. University Hill suffers from stormwater runoff problems. It is impossible to get out of our neighborhood during a flash flood except through one route. There is literally no way to get east of town. We are completely surrounded by little holes where there is stormwater runoff. If in fact, what you are trying to do is protect required parking spaces and not just all parking spaces, I think we need to say that instead and modify Section 17-5.3 to provide for alternative relief and only be applied if it would result in the loss of a required parking space.

Ms. Denise Wellman, President of Cottontown said I want to affirm that I do have the vote of the entire board of Cottontown. As it is written, we oppose this proposal. The mayor recently said we want to be more connected, we want to be pedestrian friendly, and do the right things to make our city more livable downtown. Cottontown could not agree with you more. We moved from the suburbs to come downtown because we wanted to enjoy the lovely tree lined streets. We enjoy the opportunity to walk and when necessary drive to small businesses and large. The way this proposal is written raises far too many questions than answers. We have been blessed with redevelopment of small businesses, but we have only been blessed because we have benefited from the protection of alternative landscape plans like fences and walls that were put up to protect property that abuts to it. As the current ordinance is written, it mitigates the effect of those contiguous differing land uses. The way this is written does not make that clear. We would love to have more information about this proposal. We too want to develop Cottontown, especially along the Main Street corridor but this has been very confusing and hard to understand. We have spent the last two weeks tirelessly trying to figure this out, and we get different answers every time we turn around. We have residential and commercial that are right next to each other, and there is no protection for the value and the privacy of our land. We don't clearly see that this change has something in place to protect our property. That is why we oppose it.

Ms. Elizabeth Perkins, Vice President of the Earlewood Community Citizens Organization said I have been asked to read a letter that we submitted earlier today. To summarize, we also agree that there are too many questions and we would like a delayed vote. We basically want to explore alternative solutions that address the need for flexibility and redevelopment in the surrounding communities. We want changes that can encourage and incentivize redevelopment of properties around the city that still address canopy cover, stormwater localized flooding,



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parking, and neighboring property buffer concerns. We would like to see short and long-term planning that moves us toward a more walkable and accessible city. The amendment as drafted, eliminates protections without finding middle ground incentives or alternative solutions. We ask for a delayed vote. We don't support the amendment as drafted. We are concerned about stormwater management and canopy cover.

Councilor Duvall said I would like for the Council to have first reading on this ordinance and hold it until we have the 7,500 rule ordinance in front of us because I think they are linked to some of the restrictions or lessor restrictions. This also may be impacted by what we do with the 7,500 sq. ft. ordinance that is going to come forward.

Councilor McDowell asked what is being eliminated.

Ms. Krista Hampton, Planning and Development Services Director said if a buffer requirement such as planting a tree or landscaping would result in the loss of a parking space, that particular part of the buffer requirement would be eliminated.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said what staff and I do is meant to be in direct alignment with the policy direction from Council and the policies set forth in committees. I would encourage us to be open about these ideas coming forward from committees on what we are doing holistically from a policy perspective. This is in direct alignment with press conferences we had and other information that has been put out. If you ask us to move things forward in an efficient and timely manner, then that is what we will do.

Mayor Rickenmann said I support moving forward. I am also going to personally commit to sit down and have conversations so that everybody can understand it. I will take the time and effort to do that in a productive conversation where we are talking about exactly what is on the table. My suggestion to Council is that we give it first reading and take the time to sit down and meet with folks between the readings and see where we are. I don't want anybody to feel like they don't understand something, but I do believe we need to move forward on the first reading. We have had several discussions about this. This didn't just creep up yesterday or the day before. It's very important for people to understand that we are listening and we are moving the city forward to benefit all folks.

Councilor Herbert said I heard Ms. Wilson say this is the direction that Council asked to go in. I don't remember us asking. I thought this was something that Ms. Hampton requested. Ms. Hampton is this a recommendation that you have made or your department has made as a result of what you believe needs to be done as we are implementing this code?



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Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said Krista can speak to her professional recommendation and I will certainly allow her to do that. The issues that I am raising are from the discussions at Council retreats and discussions on the structure that this Council has established out of committees and acted upon. I am trying to always make sure everybody has the same information. This was in the Economic and Community Development Committee. There was a list of things that were to encourage inherently what is going on with this particular item. I am trying to get clarity on what we are doing going forward. There are other items that will come forward with action that is necessary. If in fact the Council is taking an approach now to not exacerbate other protections, but to make it a business friendly environment to encourage redevelopment or whatever it might be then I defer to Krista to answer if she thinks this does that. The discussion amongst the staff is yes, we think it does that in the context of what this Council said through the committee process, the press conference, and other things that directed us to move forward with these individual items.

Councilor Herbert said I am on the Economic and Community Development Committee. I think we have to get back to the basics and follow the process. Based on that, even if it comes from committee, the committee members need to have the full discussion with Council. I think we are moving a little bit too fast. It should have been fully discussed in committee and then discussed in a work session.

Councilor Taylor said the minutes from the Economic and Community Development Committee from May 17, 2022 attending Joe Taylor, William Brennan, and Tina Herbert state that there was consensus of the committee to move forward with the changes to the landscape requirements by eliminating buffer and street protective requirements for parking lots associated with the redevelopment of existing buildings. It was over two and a half months ago. It has been very transparent and we followed the proper process. After our committee, we asked the planning group to go back and look at how to do it. This has worked absolutely the way it was supposed to work procedurally.

Councilor Brennan said I am supportive of the path we are taking. As we move forward with continued conversations with our business and community leaders, I would like to get the input of our Columbia Water team on the stormwater impacts of this and also hear from our Public Works Department and the Forestry Division. I would like to know exactly how many properties staff thinks this might affect. I look forward to having that layer of conversation included.



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Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Taylor, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2022-068 Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17 (Unified Development Ordinance), Article 5: Development Standards, Sec. 17-5.3, Landscaping and Sec. 17-7.6, Nonconforming Site Features.

Second reading consideration is scheduled for August 16, 2022.

Councilor Duvall said there is danger when the committee takes up a subject that has not been brought to the Council table. I am business friendly but I am also neighborhood friendly. We need to do everything we can to balance the needs of being open for business and having a quality of life in our neighborhoods. When staff gets together to weigh the options of doing these business friendly things, we need to be weighing the impact on neighborhoods, buffers, and stormwater.

Councilor Taylor said I thought that land issues that come up in committee go to the Planning Commission or DDRC for vetting. Then they come to us with feedback to reject or pass. I did not know you had to vet suggestions at a public council meeting before going to the Planning Commission.

Councilor Duvall said according to the clerk, you can't take something that came out of committee until it crossed this table.

Councilor Herbert said I don't think it has to come to Council for a vote. A discussion of the subject at a work session will be helpful so we are all on the same page.

Mayor Rickenmann said from now on, we will have a special called work session every month to discuss any open items that come out of all committees before they move forward so there is no confusion about what we are doing and it doesn't put staff or anybody else in a bad position.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said what has been the practice that I and Attorney Knox have encouraged is that even if you have an item in committee you are going to refer things from your committee discussion back to the full Council and report what the committee talked about and the direction of the committee. I think that happened with these business friendly items because there are minutes. If you want us to have a special called work session to talk about things that have come out of any committee, that is fine. What you have always done is also okay.



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31. Zoning Map Amendment for 5609 Farrow Road, TMS# 11612-03-02 – *Deferred*

Ordinance No.: 2022-067 - Amending the Official Zoning Map to modify the zoning for 5609 Farrow Road, Richland County TMS# 11612-03-02 – Approved on first reading.

Council District: 1

Proposal: Request to rezone the property from Community Activity Center/Corridor District (CAC) to General Commercial District (GC).

Applicant: John C. Sims

Staff Recommendation: Denial

PC Recommendation: 05/12/2022; Approval (4-1)

No comments were received at this time.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Herbert and seconded by Mr. Brennan, Council voted unanimously to defer first reading approval of Ordinance No.: 2022-067 - Amending the Official Zoning Map to modify the zoning for 5609 Farrow Road, Richland County TMS# 11612-03-02.

32. Zoning Map Amendment for 4921 Broad River Road (p), TMS# 06200-01-07(p) – *Approved on first reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2022-062 - Amending the Official Zoning Map to modify the zoning for 4921 Broad River Road (p), Richland County TMS# 06200-01-07 (p) – Approved on first reading.

Council District: 1

Proposal: Request to rezone the property from Residential Mixed District (RM-2) to Community Activity Center/Corridor District (CAC).

Applicant: J.T. Stephenson, III, Harbison Grove JV, LLC

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 06/09/2022; Approval (6-0)

No comments were received at this time.



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Upon a motion made by Ms. Herbert and seconded by Mr. Taylor, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2022-062 - Amending the Official Zoning Map to modify the zoning for 4921 Broad River Road (p), Richland County TMS# 06200-01-07 (p).

33. Future Land Use Map Amendment Confirmation for 1.229 acre portion of 181 Newland Road; TMS# 25600-03-15(p) – *Approved on first reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2022-064 - Amending the Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 Map to confirm the future land use classification for a 1.229 acre portion of 181 Newland Road; Richland County TMS# 25600-03-15(p); annexed by Ordinance No 2022-027 enacted April 19, 2022 – Approved on first reading.

Council District: 4

Proposal: Request to confirm the future land use classification of Urban Edge Community Activity Center (UEAC-1). The property is currently assigned interim future land use classification of Urban Edge Community Activity Center (UEAC-1).

Applicant: American Container Services, Inc.

Staff Recommendation: Approval

No comments were received at this time.

34. Zoning Map Amendment for 1.229 acre portion of 181 Newland Road; TMS# 25600-03-15 (p) – *Approved on first reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2022-072 - Amending the Official Zoning Map to confirm the zoning for 1.229 acres 181 Newland Road, Richland County TMS# 25600-13-15(p); annexed by Ordinance No.: 2022-027 enacted April 19, 2022 – Approved on first reading.

Council District: 4

Proposal: Request to confirm the zoning of Light Industrial (LI). The property currently has interim zoning of Light Industrial (LI).

Applicant: American Container Services, Inc.

Staff Recommendation: Approval

No comments were received at this time.



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Upon a single motion made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Future Land Use Map Amendment Confirmation, Ordinance No.: 2022-064 - Amending the Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 Map to confirm the future land use classification for a 1.229 acre portion of 181 Newland Road; Richland County TMS# 25600-03-15(p); annexed by Ordinance No 2022-027 enacted April 19, 2022, **and** Ordinance No.: 2022-072 - Amending the Official Zoning Map to confirm the zoning for 1.229 acres 181 Newland Road, Richland County TMS# 25600-13-15(p); annexed by Ordinance No.: 2022-027 enacted April 19, 2022.

35. Future Land Use Map Amendment Confirmation for 28.24 acres E/S Riding Grove Road and 0.07 acres SE/S Riding Grove Road; TMS# 28908-03-01 and 28904-01-16 – *Approved on first reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2022-065 - Amending the Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 Map to confirm the future land use classification for 28.24 acres E/S Riding Grove Road and 0.07 acres SE/S Riding Grove Road; Richland County TMS# 28908-03-01 and 28904-01-16; annexed by Ordinance No 2022-028 enacted April 19, 2022 – Approved on first reading.

Council District: 4

Proposal: Request to confirm the future land use classification of Urban Edge Residential Large Lot (UER-2). The property is currently assigned interim future land use classification of Urban Edge Residential Large Lot (UER-2).

Applicant: Premium Development, LLC and Woodcreek Development, LLC

Staff Recommendation: Approval

No comments were received at this time.

36. Zoning Map Amendment Confirmation for 28.24 acres E/S Riding Grove Road and 0.07 acres SE/S Riding Grove Road; TMS# 28908-03-01 and 28904-01-16 – *Approved on first reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2022-066 - Amending the Official Zoning Map to confirm the zoning for 28.24 acres E/S Riding Grove Road and 0.07 acres SE/S Riding Grove Road, Richland County TMS# 28908-03-01 and TMS# 28904-01-16 – Approved on first reading.

Council District: 4



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Proposal: Request to confirm the zoning of Planned Development District (PD), a portion within the Floodplain Overlay District (OV-FP). The property currently has interim zoning of Planned Development District (PD), a portion within the Floodplain Overlay District (OV-FP).

Applicant: Premium Development, LLC and Woodcreek Development, LLC

Staff Recommendation: Approval

No comments were received at this time.

Upon a single motion made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mayor Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Future Land Use Map Amendment Confirmation, Ordinance No.: 2022-065 - Amending the Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 Map to confirm the future land use classification for 28.24 acres E/S Riding Grove Road and 0.07 acres SE/S Riding Grove Road; Richland County TMS# 28908-03-01 and 28904-01-16; annexed by Ordinance No 2022-028 enacted April 19, 2022, **and** Ordinance No.: 2022-066 - Amending the Official Zoning Map to confirm the zoning for 28.24 acres E/S Riding Grove Road and 0.07 acres SE/S Riding Grove Road, Richland County TMS# 28908-03-01 and TMS# 28904-01-16.

Council closed the public hearing at 5:48 p.m.

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

37. Ordinance No.: 2022-048 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 23, Utilities and Engineering, Article VII, Stormwater Management, Sec. 23-205 Stormwater service charge rates (b) – *Approved on first reading.*

Councilor Taylor said there is no price increase for this year.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Herbert and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2022-048 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 23, Utilities and Engineering, Article VII, Stormwater Management, Sec. 23-205 Stormwater service charge rates (b).



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38. Ordinance No.: 2022-061 - Granting an encroachment to Woodcreek Farms Homeowners Association for the use of the right of way area of the 100 block of Beaver Lake Drive for the installation and maintenance of a community sign adjacent to 100 and 101 Beaver Lake Drive, Richland County TMS#28901-03-03 and 28901-01-02 – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Taylor, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2022-061 - Granting an encroachment to Woodcreek Farms Homeowners Association for the use of the right of way area of the 100 block of Beaver Lake Drive for the installation and maintenance of a community sign adjacent to 100 and 101 Beaver Lake Drive, Richland County TMS#28901-03-03 and 28901-01-02.

39. Ordinance No.: 2022-074 - Granting an encroachment to the University of South Carolina for the use of the right of way area of the 700 block of Sumter Street for the installation and maintenance of six concrete flumes with solid steel plate covers adjacent to 1300 Greene Street, Richland County TMS#11303-04-01 – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2022-074 - Granting an encroachment to the University of South Carolina for the use of the right of way area of the 700 block of Sumter Street for the installation and maintenance of six concrete flumes with solid steel plate covers adjacent to 1300 Greene Street, Richland County TMS#11303-04-01.

RESOLUTIONS

40. Resolution No.: R-2022-056 - Certifying Building Site as Abandoned Buildings 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 1527 Gervais Street, Richland County TMS # 11401-05-10, 11401-05-09, 11401-05-08, and 11401-05-07 – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Ms. Herbert, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2022-056 - Certifying Building Site as Abandoned Buildings 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 1527 Gervais Street, Richland County TMS # 11401-05-10, 11401-05-09, 11401-05-08, and 11401-05-07. Mr. Brennan did not vote due to a conflict of interest.



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41. Resolution No.: R-2022-057 - Authorizing Construction and Improvements by the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) of South Main Street (S-3054) and associated intersections for the South Main Street Streetscape, from Blossom Street (US 1) to Pendleton Street (S-174); Project (P039718) – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Ms. Herbert, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2022-057 - Authorizing Construction and Improvements by the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) of South Main Street (S-3054) and associated intersections for the South Main Street Streetscape, from Blossom Street (US 1) to Pendleton Street (S-174); Project (P039718).

42. Resolution No.: R-2022-058 - Authorizing Construction and Improvements by the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) of Interstate 26 and associated Ramps for the Carolina Crossroads, Phase 3 – I-20/I-26, I-26/I-126, St. Andrews Road at I-26 and Bush River Rd at I-20 Interchange Improvements; Road/Routes: I-20, I-26, I-126, St. Andrews Road (S-32-30/S-40-42), Bush River Road (S-32-273/S-40-31), Browning Road (S-40-2892), Burning Tree Drive (S-32-1841/ S-40-2893), Burnette Drive (S-40-1382), Rockland Road (S-32-1214), Zimalcrest Drive (S-40-1241), Berryhill Road (S-32-1551), Jamil Road (S-32-1791), Fernandina Road (S-32-1842/S-40-2893), Frontage Road (S-40-2891), Lawand Drive (S-40-1019), Gale Drive (S-40-2905), Fairhaven Drive (S-40-1384), Luster Lane (S-40-1383), Morninghill Drive (S-40-1276), Woodland Hills Road (S-32-1302); Design-Build Project (P039718) – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Dr. Bussells and seconded by Ms. Herbert, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2022-058 - Authorizing Construction and Improvements by the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) of Interstate 26 and associated Ramps for the Carolina Crossroads, Phase 3 – I-20/I-26, I-26/I-126, St. Andrews Road at I-26 and Bush River Rd at I-20 Interchange Improvements; Road/Routes: I-20, I-26, I-126, St. Andrews Road (S-32-30/S-40-42), Bush River Road (S-32-273/S-40-31), Browning Road (S-40-2892), Burning Tree Drive (S-32-1841/ S-40-2893), Burnette Drive (S-40-1382), Rockland Road (S-32-1214), Zimalcrest Drive (S-40-1241), Berryhill Road (S-32-1551), Jamil Road (S-32-1791), Fernandina Road (S-32-1842/S-40-2893), Frontage Road (S-40-2891), Lawand Drive (S-40-1019), Gale Drive (S-40-2905), Fairhaven Drive (S-40-1384), Luster Lane (S-40-1383), Morninghill Drive (S-40-1276), Woodland Hills Road (S-32-1302); Design-Build Project (P039718).

43. Resolution No.: R-2022-060 - Supporting the Housing Authority of the City of Columbia engaging in the Disposition of a portion of S/S Pickens Street, TMS #11212-23-01 – *Approved*
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Mayor Rickenmann said this is procedural. The Housing Authority is a separate entity.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Ms. Herbert, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2022-060 - Supporting the Housing Authority of the City of Columbia engaging in the Disposition of a portion of S/S Pickens Street, TMS #11212-23-01.

44. Resolution No.: R-2022-061 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Housing Authority of the City of Columbia, SC and City of Columbia for Review of Environmental Assessments – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2022-061 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Housing Authority of the City of Columbia, SC and City of Columbia for Review of Environmental Assessments.

EVENT RESOLUTIONS

45. Resolution No.: R-2022-052 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only within Boyd Plaza adjacent to the Columbia Museum of Art for Family Fun Night on Friday, August 12, 2022 – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2022-052 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only within Boyd Plaza adjacent to the Columbia Museum of Art for Family Fun Night on Friday, August 12, 2022

OTHER MATTERS

46. Council is asked to approve a Contract for High-Tech, High-Growth Entrepreneurship and Business Creation Support, as requested by the Economic Development Department. Award to GrowCo in the amount of \$60,000.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Economic Development Special Contracts (5511301-638300).



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Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Taylor, Council voted unanimously to approve a Contract for High-Tech, High-Growth Entrepreneurship and Business Creation Support, as requested by the Economic Development Department. Award to GrowCo in the amount of \$60,000.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC.

47. Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Hospitality Tax Committee Recommendations - Ms. Terry Davis, Committee Chair – *Approved as amended.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Ms. Herbert, Council voted unanimously to approve the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Hospitality Tax Committee Recommendations with the following amendments:

- Increase Vista Guild allocation by \$115,000 for Clean and Safe Program;
- Increase Five Points Association allocation by \$55,000 for Clean and Safe Program;
- Increase Devine Street Merchants Association allocation by \$20,000;
- Increase Black Pages allocation by \$10,000; and
- Reserve 10% of the surplus for workshops on leveraging financial resources.

48. Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Accommodations Tax Line Item Agencies – *Approved as amended.*

Upon a motion made by Mayor Rickenmann and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Accommodations Tax funding allocations to Line Item Agencies with the following amendments:

- Fund all line item agencies at fiscal year 2021/2022 funding levels.
- Allocate \$300,000 to the Columbia Museum of Art for the final year of capital funding commitment.
- Review applications for later consideration of increased funding requests.

49. Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Accommodations Tax Committee Recommendations - Mr. Hal Stevenson, Committee Chair – *Approved as amended.*

Upon a motion made by Mayor Rickenmann and seconded by Ms. Herbert, Council voted unanimously to approve the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Accommodations Tax Committee Recommendations with the following amendments:



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- Fund Capital City/Lake Murray Country at \$375,487.50.
 - Fund the Conventions and Visitor's Bureau at \$1,600,000.
 - Hold remaining balance for future consideration of allocations by City Council.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager highlighted the City of Columbia Community Development-All Access Home Ownership Workshop; Columbia-Richland Fire Department – 2022 Fire-Rescue Conference & Staffing Update; and the Columbia Police Department Transient Citizen Criminal Activity & Pathways Unit Monthly Report for June 2022. She recognized City of Columbia Retiree Raymond “Ray” Williams for 29 ½ years of service and Mrs. Doris Harris, Lead Administrative Assistant for 43 years of service.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REFERRALS, REPORTS AND NEW BUSINESS

50. Council is asked to refer a proposed Lost/Stolen Firearm Reporting Ordinance to the Public Safety Committee, as requested The Honorable Aditi Bussells. – *Approved*

Councilor Bussells said through some of our communications, we have been exploring an ordinance that would require private citizens within 24 hours to report a lost or stolen firearm. This is data driven in the sense that our Columbia Police Department has shared that we have some of the highest rates of crimes associated with a lost or stolen firearm. We believe that this would be another tool in the toolbox that would allow us to prevent some of the gun violence that has been plaguing our communities. For the sake of understanding the ordinance and ensuring that we are all on the same page, given some of our discussions about the process, I will formally refer this ordinance and the draft as it is currently written to the Public Safety Committee and ask the committee to review and provide their feedback in the form of an email or during a work session no later than August 23, 2022. This will allow us to hopefully have our first reading in September.

Councilor McDowell asked for the discussion of ghost guns to be included in the referral.

Upon a motion made by Dr. Bussells and seconded by Ms. Herbert, Council voted unanimously to refer a proposed Lost/Stolen Firearm Reporting Ordinance and discussion of ghost guns to the Public Safety Committee.



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51. Administrative Policy Committee June 28, 2022 Meeting Report - The Honorable Edward McDowell Jr. – *Received as information.*

Councilor McDowell said the Administrative Policy Committee has met several times and discussed four particular items. We have been talking about the health initiative. Instead of a large health initiative board of directors, we talked about focusing on the biggest health issues within our city. We talked about having a walk for life in partnership with DHEC and the South Carolina Diabetes Council to help folks understand the importance of the health issues. We are looking at November as being a launch date because it is National Diabetes Month. As part of that initiative, we would make resources available for persons who are in those particular crisis situations. We also took a look at the Columbia Clean Initiative. We were able to bring in Clint Shealy and Robert Anderson to talk about how we can best approach this within the confines of our city. This is something we want to do and have to do for the sake of our city. Right now we are on target to go forward. The third emphasis was with boards and commissions. There needs to be some understanding of the functions of our boards and commissions. We talked about the process of putting together a spreadsheet to understand term limits. We are continuing to talk about this. Lastly, last year we developed the ACE equity index study. Part of that equity index study was referred to the Administrative Policy Committee. One of the things we suggested to our committee was to allow the equity index study to be given to the Community Relations Council. They will analyze it and bring it back to us for recommendations.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to refer the proposed printing and distribution of "No Concealed Weapons" signs for businesses to the Public Safety Committee.

52. Affordable Housing Task Force July 12, 2022 Meeting Report - The Honorable Tina N. Herbert – *Received as information.*

Councilor Herbert said in our first meeting, we took the time to go over priorities we had from last year. We narrowed them down and changed the committee structure. We had five or six subcommittees, now we only have development and advocacy subcommittees. The development committee's number one issue is financing. The advocacy committee along with the development committee said the number one issue is "Not in my Backyard". How we define affordable housing is very critical. We want to look at doing a campaign for educating the public on all types of affordable housing and have discussions with all of our communities about how much housing we need and why we need affordable housing.



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53. Task Force to Prevent and End Homelessness June 29, 2022 Meeting Report - The Honorable Aditi Bussells – *Received as information.*

Councilor Bussells said although the task force meets once a month, there has been a lot of work going on behind the scenes meeting with providers, staff, the Main Street District, the Five Points Association and others. We want to really understand how we can address this problem that has been top of mind for so many of our constituents. The task force meeting on June 29, 2022 was great. We had a good representation of folks in the business community, neighborhoods, as well as some of our public defenders and those that work with those experiencing homelessness. The task force focused on who we call the chronically homeless or the chronically unsheltered. That is the definition used by HUD. Homelessness obviously expands beyond that, but we know that we can't solve everything. What we can do is focus on what we can control and that is the chronic homeless population that we have consistently seen an increased presence of throughout our city. There aren't any services in the city after 5:00 p.m. and that leads to law enforcement being the first line of defense. We talked a lot about what it would look like to have a system in which the police were not the first folks that we called. We need to make sure that we have options after 5:00 p.m. We also talked about feedings and how there are many groups that feed that often don't talk to each other. This has made it very difficult for us to understand the best ways in which we can streamline some of those services. In the past, there was a permit process, as well as a schedule of these feedings. But since COVID, that is no longer the case. We need to work together to understand ways in which we can provide services to those experiencing homelessness, but not in a way that is all over the place. We had a presentation from our research consultant from Inspire Real Change who provided us with a catalog of services in the greater Richland County area. There are over a hundred programs dedicated to preventing and ending homelessness in Richland County. There are also four pages worth of faith based community groups that feed the homeless in our city. This tells us that it is not that Columbia doesn't care, it is that we are not talking to each other in a way that is able to address the root cause of the problem. As we move forward with the task force, we are looking at ways in which we can ensure that our dollars are being used in a way that have measurable outcomes for the different populations that are affected by homelessness and considering ways in which we can work better with some of the providers that have traditionally worked with the city.

54. Update on the Office of Gun Violence Prevention - The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor – *Deferred*



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Upon a motion made by Ms. Herbert and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to refer the review of the State Accommodations Tax allocations to the Economic and Community Development Committee.

PUBLIC INPUT

No one appeared at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Ms. Herbert, Council voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 6:45 p.m. for the discussion of **Items 55 through 57**.

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

Linda Haralson v. City of Columbia and Dominion Energy

56. Discussion of the employment of an employee pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a) (1)

Municipal Court

57. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a) (2)

*Busted Plug
Gadsden Street Property
Homeless Services*

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Erika D. Moore Hammond, CMC
City Clerk