



COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

The Columbia City Council conducted a regular meeting on Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and the following members of Council were present: The Honorable Howard E. Duvall, Jr., The Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr., The Honorable William Brennan, The Honorable Aditi Bussells, The Honorable Tina N. Herbert, and The Honorable Peter M. Brown. Also present were Mr. Jeff M. Palen, Assistant City Manager for Financial Services/Chief Financial Officer and Ms. Erika D. Moore Hammond, City Clerk. This meeting was advertised in accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to amend the agenda to add Ordinance No.: 2023-081 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 14, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, to add Article XII, Drug Paraphernalia for second reading consideration **and** Resolution No.: 2023-069 - Supporting the Effort to Host the 2024 NUSA Conference in Columbia, South Carolina and Richland County.

PUBLIC INPUT RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Sylvia Jenkins spoke in representation of the Burton Heights Standish Acres community in opposition to Item 38 (Temporary Use of Livestock for Clearing Land). She expressed the concerns about goats being used, despite it being against city ordinance. She also expressed concerns about the type of fencing and the smell.

Mr. Jacob Porter, owner of Green Gate Land Management expressed support of Item 38 (Temporary Use of Livestock for Clearing Land). He explained his business operations and responded to comments in regards to the smell, environmental concerns, and pricing. He submitted a letter from a job completed in Columbia and a signed petition with over 270 signatures from people wanting the goats in Columbia.



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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Council is asked to approve the August 1, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to approve the August 1, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes.

PRESENTATIONS

2. Small Business Administration Day Proclamation – The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor

Mayor Rickenmann and the members of City Council proclaimed July 20, 2023 as Small Business Administration Day in the City of Columbia.

Mr. Michael Corp , Deputy District Director of the South Carolina Office of U.S Small Business Administration thanked the Mayor and shared contact information for the Columbia Office.

3. Miss Jada Samuel Day Proclamation - The Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr.

Councilor McDowell said I met Jada some years ago while she was working here in Columbia. She possessed the kind of creativity and work ethic that has gotten her to this point. Jada, we the capital city are proud of you. In the 86 years of the competition, Jada became the fourth African-American to claim this title and I think that's something for Columbia and all of us to be proud of.

Ms. Jada Samuel, Miss South Carolina said I am thrilled to be here in the city of Columbia. This was my home for over eight years of my young adult life. I'm proud to have represented Columbia as Miss Capital City in 2018 and Miss Columbia in 2022.

Mayor Rickenmann and the members of City Council proclaimed August 15, 2023 as Miss South Carolina Jada Samuel Day in the City of Columbia.

Mayor Rickenmann welcomed the Mayor of West Columbia, Tim Miles to Chambers.

Ms. Missy Gentry, Assistant City Manager of Development welcomed the new Director of Community Development, Felicia Kilgore and congratulated the staff of Community Development on all their hard work. She said Felicia comes to us from State Housing, where she spent four years. But the truth is this is her home, she was here many years before she went to



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State Housing. This is week four and she has got her plate full, but she is already showing her leadership, her enthusiasm and her love for Columbia.

Ms. Felicia Kilgore, Director of Community Development said I am excited to be back with the City of Columbia. I've got great staff that I'm working with. She recognized Mr. Adam Scott for 35 years with the City of Columbia. He was shown appreciation for his dedication, resilience and hard work.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 4 THROUGH 16

Upon a single motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve **Consent Agenda Items 4 through 16**.

4. Council is asked to approve a Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Professional Services Agreement for Federal Lobbying Services, as requested by the Office of Governmental Affairs. Award to CapitalEdge Strategies, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$90,000.00. This firm is located in Washington, DC.

Funding Source: Governmental Affairs - Professional Services (1011103-636600). The original budget amount is \$90,000.00.

5. Council is asked to approve a Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Professional Services Agreement for State Lobbying Services, as requested by the Office of Governmental Affairs. Award to Kyle Michel Law Firm, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC.

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

6. Council is asked to approve a Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Professional Services Agreement for State Lobbying Services, as requested by the Office of Governmental Affairs. Award to Jet Corp Consulting Group, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$72,000.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC.

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



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7. Council is asked to approve a Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Professional Services Agreement for State Lobbying Services, as requested by the Office of Governmental Affairs. Award to Due South Advocacy in an amount not to exceed \$72,000.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC.

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

8. Council is asked to approve a new Professional Services Agreement for Project Management Services, as requested by the Budget, Program Management and Grants Office on August 1, 2023. Award to Advanced Automation Consulting, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$86,000.00. The initial term is eleven months with the option to renew for one additional one-year period. This firm is located in Irmo, SC.

Funding Source: Program Management Office - Professional Services (6218950-696600). The original budget amount is \$86,000.00.

9. Council is asked to approve the Annual Contract Renewal for Cornerstone On Demand Automated Recruiting Module, as requested by the Human Resources Department on August 2, 2023. Award to Cornerstone On Demand, Inc., in the amount of \$72,046.29. This is the third annual renewal of a three-year renewal period. This vendor is located in Santa Monica, CA.

Funding Source: Program Management Office - Cloud Based Software Solutions (6218950-632170). The original budget amount is \$72,046.29.

10. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of 2,496 Green 96 Gallon Refuse Roll Carts, as requested by the Public Works Department on July 7, 2023. Award to Toter, LLC, using the OMNIA Cooperative Contract in the amount of \$160,545.22. This vendor is located in Charlotte, NC.

Funding Source: Solid Waste Recycling - Roll Carts and Recycle Bins (1014407-627600). The original budget amount is \$160,542.22.

11. Council is asked to approve the purchase of a Kenworth T880 Hoist Truck, as requested by the Fleet Services Division for Columbia Water on July 11, 2023. Award to Carolina Environmental Systems using the Sourcewell Cooperative Contract in the amount of \$301,806.00. This vendor is located in Greenville, SC.



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Funding Source: Utilities Wastewater Maintenance - Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment - Capital (5516205-658500). The original budget amount is \$301,806.00.

12. Council is asked to approve new Sole Source Agreements, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to the following vendors in the total amount of \$399,327.36.

Item	Vendor and Location	Description	Term	Amount
a.	IDEXX Distributors Westbrook, ME	Laboratory Supplies as needed at the Columbia Canal and Lake Murray Water Plant Labs, as requested by Columbia Water on July 24, 2023.	8/2/2023-6/30/2024	\$52,500.00
<i>Funding Source: Water Compliance – Laboratory Supplies (5516230-625000)</i>				
b.	Jet-Vac Equipment, LLC Sumter, SC	Maintenance and Service Repairs for the Harben Unit Trucks, Rapid IBAK Camera System, and Rigid Sewer Equipment, as requested by Columbia Water on July 12, 2023.	8/2/2023-6/30/2024	\$74,918.52
<i>Funding Source: Utilities Wastewater Maintenance - Equipment Repair/Service Supply (5516205-631800)</i>				
c.	Bross Group Lakewood, CO	2023/2024 Contract Renewal for SharePoint Hosting and Maintenance Services, as requested by Columbia Water on July 26, 2023.	8/2/2023-6/30/2024	\$207,783.84
<i>Funding Source: Engineering Administration – Special Contracts (551701-638300)</i>				
d.	Bearing Distributors, Inc. Columbia, SC	Mars/1200 Combo Wastewater Drive Left Hand Orientation, as requested by Columbia Water on July 27, 2023.	8/2/2023-6/30/2024	\$64,125.00
<i>Funding Source: Utilities Metro Wastewater Plant - Machinery and Equipment-Capital (5516208-658300)</i>				

13. Council is asked to approve a new Contract to Purchase Aggregate Materials, as requested by Columbia Water on May 11, 2023. Award to Vulcan Construction Materials in the amount of \$542,125.00. This firm is located in Atlanta, GA.

Funding Source: Utilities Water Distribution & Maintenance - Paving and Asphalt Supplies (5516203-623500). The original budget amount is \$542,125.00.



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14. Council is asked to approve a new Professional Services Agreement for Project SS7623; Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant Dewatering Roll-off Receiving Station Design Services, as requested by Columbia Water on June 29, 2023. Award to Black and Veatch Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$273,843.00. The term of the agreement is seventeen months with two additional one-year renewal periods. This firm is located in Columbia, SC.

Funding Source: Water and Sewer Capital Projects - Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant Dewatering Roll-off Rec - Capital Project Costs (5529999-SS762301-658650). The original budget amount is \$273,483.00.

This is a Mentor Protégé Program project. Black and Veatch Corporation is the mentor and will provide design, permitting, and construction phase services at 66.84% (\$183,043.00) of the total contract amount.

Chao and Associates, a Minority Business Enterprise located in Columbia, SC, is the protégé and will provide structural design surveying and geotechnical investigation services at 33.16% (\$90,800.00) of the total contract amount.

15. Council is asked to approve a new Contract for Project SS7464; Crane Creek 02 & 04 Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Survey (SSES) Rehabilitation Project, as requested by Columbia Water on April 2, 2023. Award to North American Pipeline Management, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$12,067,951.50, which includes contingency. This contractor is located in Greenville, SC.

Funding Source: Engineering - Water and Sewer Improvements (5529999-SS746401-658650). The original budget amount is \$13,548,653.58.

This is a Columbia Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (CDBE) program project with a 14% CDBE goal. The CDBE percentage is currently at 7.00%. This contract has been reviewed by the Office of Business Opportunities and deemed in compliance with the CDBE program. North American Pipeline Management, Inc. is the prime contractor and will provide sewer rehabilitation services at 54.66% (\$5,996,795.00) of the total contract amount.

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

LA Barrier & Son, a Minority Business Enterprise (W) and a CDBE located in Lexington, SC, will provide trucking services at 1.61% (\$176,961.00) of the total contract amount.

Curly Contracting Acquisition LLC, a Minority Business Enterprise (W) and a DBE located in Winchester, IN, will provide manhole rehabilitation at 5.39% (\$591,000.00) of the total contract amount.

BLD Services, LLC, located in Kenner, LA, will provide lateral cured in place pipe lining at 17.23% (\$1,890,300.00) of the total contract amount.



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AM-Liner East, Inc., located in Berryville, VA, will provide mainline cured in place pipe lining at 21.02% (\$2,305,809.00) of the total contract amount.

Dennis Corporation, located in Columbia, SC, will provide surveying at 0.09% (\$10,000.00) of the total contract amount.

16. Ordinance No.: 2023-088 - Granting an encroachment to Capital City Financial Partners, care of Michael Norris and Josh Bradley, for the use of the right of way area of the 6200 block of Garners Ferry Road for the installation and maintenance of landscaping and irrigation adjacent to 6208 Garners Ferry Road, Richland County TMS# 16404-09-10

First reading approval was given on August 1, 2023.

PUBLIC HEARING & FIRST READING FOR ZONING / PLANNING MATTERS

Council opened the public hearing at 4:37 p.m.

17. AMENDMENT TO THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE - Personal Services Uses – *Approved on first reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2023-096 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17 (Unified Development Ordinance), Article 4: Use Regulations, Sec. 17-4.2, Principal Uses, d. Personal Services Uses – Approved on first reading.

Proposal: Amendment to the text of Chapter 17 of the Columbia Code of Ordinances entitled “Unified Development Ordinance of the City of Columbia, South Carolina”

Applicant: Peter Brown, City Council District IV Representative

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 7/13/23; Approval (5-0)

No one appeared at this time.

Ms. Krista Hampton, Director of Planning & Development Services said this is a request to remove the spacing requirement from Fort Jackson. The spacing requirement from the other establishments and from residential districts will remain. We did contact Fort Jackson and they did not have any concerns. This was a vestige of Army-based regulations. However, the Army is now hosting tattoo establishments on base so we no longer determine this to be necessary.



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Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2023-096 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17 (Unified Development Ordinance) Article 4: Use Regulations, Sec 17-4.2, Principal Use, d. Personal Services Uses.

18. **ZONING MAP AMENDMENT** for 34.4 Acres S/S of I-20 at Spears Creek Church Road; TMS#28800-06-05 (portion) – *Approved on first reading*

Ordinance No.: 2023-094 - Amending the Official Zoning Map to modify the zoning for 34.4 Acres S/S of I-20 at Spears Creek Church Road, Richland County TMS# 28800-06-05 (portion) – Approved on first reading

Council District: 4

Proposal: Request to rezone the property from General Commercial District (GC) to Residential Mixed District (RM-1).

Applicant: Madison Pickrel, HVP3 Development, LLC

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 07/13/2023; Approval (5-0)

No one appeared at this time.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Zoning Map Amendment for 34.4 Acres S/S of I-20 at Spears Creek Church Road; TMS#28800-06-05 (portion) **and** Ordinance No.: 2023-094 - Amending the Official Zoning Map to modify the zoning for 34.4 Acres S/S of I-20 at Spears Creek Church Road, Richland County TMS# 28800-06-05 (portion).

19. **ZONING MAP AMENDMENT CONFIRMATION** for 800 Dutch Square Boulevard; TMS# 07401-07-21 – *Approved on first reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2023-095 - Amending the Official Zoning Map to confirm the zoning for 800 Dutch Square Boulevard, Richland County TMS# 07401-07-21; annexed by Ordinance No.: 2023-050 enacted May 16, 2023- Approved on first reading

Council District: 2

Proposal: Request to confirm the zoning of Community Activity Center/Corridor (CAC). The property currently has interim zoning of Community Activity Center/Corridor (CAC).



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Applicant: The Midlands Housing Alliance, Inc.

Staff Recommendation: Approval

Annexation

PC Recommendation: 04/13/2023; Approval (5-0)

First Reading: 05/02/2023; Approved

Second Reading: 05/16/2023; Approved

FLU, ZMA Confirmation

PC Recommendation: 07/13/2023; Approval (5-0)

20. FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT CONFIRMATION for 800 Dutch Square Boulevard; TMS#07401-07-21 – *Approved on first reading*

Ordinance No.: 2023-090 - Amending the Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 Map to confirm the future land use classification for 800 Dutch Square Boulevard; Richland County TMS# 07401-07-21; annexed by Ordinance No 2023-050 enacted May 16, 2023 – Approved on first reading

Council District: 2

Proposal: Request confirmation of the future land use classification of Urban Core Community Activity Center (UCAC-2). The property is currently assigned an interim future land use classification of Urban Core Community Activity Center (UCAC-2).

Applicant: The Midlands Housing Alliance, Inc.

Staff Recommendation: Approval

Annexation

PC Recommendation: 04/13/2023; Approval (5-0)

First Reading: 05/02/2023; Approved

Second Reading: 05/16/2023; Approved

FLU, ZMA Confirmation

PC Recommendation: 07/13/2023; Approval (5-0)

Mr. Mike Cotton said he lives in the neighborhood immediately adjacent to the property. We do not feel we were given adequate notice about this. The signage about this hearing was difficult to access. Only a few of us were aware of it because of the way the signs were posted. We request that there be a deferral of this decision, so we can further take poll of our neighborhood and



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neighborhoods adjacent to the property that would be affected by an influx of the homeless. Our understanding is that it was going to be a day shelter for homeless.

Councilor Duvall said this is not a homeless shelter. This is a daycare for handicap adults and senior citizens. It's going to be 55 apartments. The daycare will hopefully be ran by one of the hospitals here in Columbia. It should not have any impact on the neighborhoods.

Ms. Krista Hampton, Director of Planning & Development Services said it is for recently annexed land and the development would have occurred in the County regardless of the annexation.

Mayor Rickenmann requested before second reading that all questions are answered and the correct information is shared with the neighbors.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Zoning Map Amendment Confirmation for 800 Dutch Square Boulevard; TMS# 07401-07-21; Ordinance No.: 2023-095 - Amending the Official Zoning Map to confirm the zoning for 800 Dutch Square Boulevard, Richland County TMS# 07401-07-21; annexed by Ordinance No.: 2023-050 enacted May 16, 2023 ; the Future Land Use Map Amendment Confirmation for 800 Dutch Square Boulevard; TMS#07401-07-21; and Ordinance No.: 2023-090 - Amending the Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 Map to confirm the future land use classification for 800 Dutch Square Boulevard; Richland County TMS# 07401-07-21; annexed by Ordinance No 2023-050 enacted May 16, 2023.

21. ANNEXATION, FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 408 Piney Woods Road and 418 Piney Woods Road; TMS#04910-01-06 – *Approved on first reading*

Ordinance No.: 2023-092 - Annexing 408 and 418 Piney Woods Road, Richland County TMS #04910-01-06 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, assign land use classification of Transportation and Utilities(TU) and assign zoning of Light Industrial District (LI). The property is currently classified as Mixed Residential (High Density) and zoned Light Industrial (M-1) by Richland County.

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 07/13/2023; Approval (5-0)



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Upon a motion made by Ms. Herbert 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 408 Piney Woods Road and 418 Piney Woods Road; TMS#04910-01-06 and Ordinance 2023-092 - Annexing 408 and 418 Piney Woods Road, Richland County TMS #04910-01-06 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map.

22. ANNEXATION, FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 68 Riverview Court; TMS# 09106-21-13 (portion) – *Approved on first reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2023-091 - Annexing a portion of 68 Riverview Court, Richland County TMS #09106-21-13 (portion) 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, assign land use classification of Urban Core Residential Small lot (UCR-1) and assign zoning of Residential Single Family Small Lot District (RSF-3) in a Historic Preservation Overlay District (OV-HP; Earlewood Protection Area B). The property is currently classified as Mixed Residential (High Density) and zoned Residential Multifamily High Density (RM-HD) by Richland County.

Applicant: David Charles Miller and Gwenevere Garris Miller

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 07/13/2023; Approval (5-0)

Ms. Terry McLaughlin, owner of the property wanted clarification about the annexation. If they're rezoning a portion, how does that affect my taxes?

Ms. Krista Hampton, Director of Planning & Development Services said we are annexing a tiny portion of the land and assigning it the same classification as the rest. We're bringing the rest of the property into the city. It will still be zoned residential.

Councilor Hebert said if the applicants are the purchasers or the sellers?

Mr. Andrew Livengood, Annexation Coordinator said yes, the applicants are the current property owners.



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Upon a motion made by Ms. Herbert 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 68 Riverview Court; TMS# 09106-21-13 (portion) and Ordinance No.: 2023-091 - Annexing a portion of 68 Riverview Court, Richland County TMS #09106-21-13 (portion) into the City of Columbia, South Carolina, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map.

23. ANNEXATION, FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for ± 9.1 acre portion, ± 15.4 acre portion, and ± 1.0 acre portion of 300 Clemson Road; and ±3.9 acre portion of 200 Clemson Road; TMS#25700-02-03 (portion) and 25700-02-05 (portion) – *Approved on first reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2023-089 - Annexing a 9.1 acre portion, a 15.4 acre portion and a 1 acre portion of 300 Clemson Road and a 3.9 acre portion of 200 Clemson Road, Richland County TMS #25700-02-03 (portion) and TMS #25700-02-05 (portion) 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 land use classifications of Community Activity Corridor (AC-2) and Neighborhood Activity Corridor (AC-1) and assignment of zoning of General Commercial District (GC). The property is currently classified as Mixed Use Corridor and zoned Rural (RU) and Residential Single Family Low Density (RS-LD) by Richland County.

Applicant: Lee Lorick Prina II, Successor Trustee

Staff Recommendation: Denial

PC Recommendation: 07/13/2023; Approval (5-0)

Councilor Duvall said this is one where the staff recommended denial and the Planning Commission recommended approval. What was the reason the staff recommended denial?

Ms. Krista Hampton, Director of Planning & Development Services said we're recommending approval of the annexation. We based our recommendations on policies established by the governing bodies. Richland County has a plan in this area that recommends transitioning from suburban type to more pedestrian-oriented development. The General Commercial District does not facilitate pedestrian-oriented development. That is why we recommended denial of the General Commercial District but we are supportive of the annexation.



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Councilor Duvall asked do we make a motion to approve the annexation and deny the rezoning.

Ms. Krista Hampton, Director of Planning & Development Services said that would be the case. We would have to go back to the Planning Commission and have them make a recommendation on a substitute zoning classification. We would recommend to the community activity, which is more of a pedestrian-oriented zoning classification.

Councilor Brown said for the other recommendation that was approved 5-0, would they be in favor of the rezoning.

Ms. Krista Hampton, Director of Planning & Development Services said that is correct. The brokers do not yet know what development they're going to put at this location. They did make their case to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission was supportive of the general commercial zoning.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Ms. Herbert, Council voted [5 to 2] to give first reading approval to the Annexation, Future Land Use Map Amendment, And Zoning Map Amendment for ± 9.1 acre portion, ± 15.4 acre portion, and ± 1.0 acre portion of 300 Clemson Road; and ±3.9 acre portion of 200 Clemson Road; TMS#25700-02-03 (portion) and 25700-02-05 (portion) **and** Ordinance No.: 2023-089 - Annexing a 9.1 acre portion, a 15.4 acre portion and a 1 acre portion of 300 Clemson Road and a 3.9 acre portion of 200 Clemson Road, Richland County TMS #25700-02-03 (portion) and TMS #25700-02-05 (portion) into the City of Columbia, South Carolina, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map. Councilors Mr. Brown, Ms. Herbert, Dr. Bussells, Mr. McDowell and Mr. Brennan voted aye. Mr. Duvall and Mayor Rickenmann voted nay.

Council closed the public hearing at 4:51 p.m.

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

24. Ordinance No.: 2023-098 - Granting an encroachment to Ryan Maltba for the use of the right of way area of the 1900 block of Pendleton Street for the installation and maintenance of brick pavers adjacent to 1927 Pendleton Street, Richland County TMS# 11405-14-10 – *Approved on first reading*



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Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2023-098 - Granting an encroachment to Ryan Maltba for the use of the right of way area of the 1900 block of Pendleton Street for the installation and maintenance of brick pavers adjacent to 1927 Pendleton Street, Richland County TMS# 11405-14-10.

EVENT RESOLUTIONS

25. Resolution No.: R-2023-049 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at the ColaJazz Fest in the 1700 block of Main Street between Laurel Street and Blanding Street on Sunday, October 1, 2023 with a rain contingency date of Sunday, October 8, 2023 – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2023-049 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at the ColaJazz Fest in the 1700 block of Main Street between Laurel Street and Blanding Street on Sunday, October 1, 2023 with a rain contingency date of Sunday, October 8, 2023.

26. Resolution No.: 2023-058 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at the Palmetto Peanut Boil Fundraiser in the 2900 block of Devine Street on Saturday, September 30, 2023 with a rain contingency date of Saturday, October 7, 2023 - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Dr. Bussells and seconded by Mr. Brennan, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: 2023-058 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at the Palmetto Peanut Boil Fundraiser in the 2900 block of Devine Street on Saturday, September 30, 2023 with a rain contingency date of Saturday, October 7, 2023.

27. Resolution No.: 2023-059 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at Vista Lights Annual Holiday Festival on Thursday, November 16, 2023 - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Brennan, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: 2023-059 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at Vista Lights Annual Holiday Festival on Thursday, November 16, 2023.



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APPOINTMENTS

28. Central Midlands Council of Governments (CMCOG)

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Brennan, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Ms. Vivian Clark Armstead to the Central Midlands Council of Governments for a three year term.

29. Columbia Museum of Art

Upon a motion made by Dr. Bussells and seconded by Ms. Herbert, Council voted unanimously to approve the re-appointment of Ms. Brenda Wheeler and the appointment of Ms. Victoria Dozier and Mr. Theodore DuBose to the Columbia Museum of Art for a five year term.

30. Columbia Tree and Appearance Commission

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Mr. Laine Ligon, Jr. to the Columbia Museum of Art for a two-year term.

31. Commercial Revolving Loan Committee (CRLF)

Upon a motion made by Dr. Bussells and seconded by Ms. Herbert, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Ms. Mary Sparrow to the Commercial Revolving Loan Fund Committee for a two-year term.

32. Design Development Review Commission

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Brennan, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Mr. Charles Lee Decker to the Design Development Review Commission for a three-year term.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Herbert and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to approve the reappointment of Ms. Chloe Jaco to the Design Development Review Commission for a three-year term.



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33. Parks and Recreation Foundation

Upon a motion made by Dr. Bussells and seconded by Mr. Brennan, Council voted unanimously to approve the re-appointment of Mr. Joshua Shelton to the Parks and Recreation Foundation for a three-year term.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted six (6) to one (1) to approve the re-appointment of Mr. Lee Snelgrove to the Parks and Recreation Foundation for a three-year term. Mr. Brown, Ms. Herbert, Dr. Bussells, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Duvall, and Mr. Brennan voted aye. Mayor Rickenmann voted nay.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Herbert and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to approve the re-appointment of Ms. Sue "Corky" Harper to the Parks and Recreation Foundation for a three-year term.

Upon a motion made by Dr. Bussells and seconded by Mr. Brennan, Council voted unanimously to approve the re-appointment of Mr. Jeri Salmond to the Parks and Recreation Foundation for a three-year term.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Herbert and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Ms. Raychel Gramling to the Parks and Recreation Foundation for a three-year term.

34. Planning Commission

Upon a motion by Dr. Bussells and seconded by Mr. Brown, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Mr. Carlos Osorio to the Planning Commission for a three-year term.

Upon a motion by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve the re-appointment of Mr. Mason Harpe and Mr. Harris Cohn to the Planning Commission for a three-year term.

35. River Alliance

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Ms. Anne Sinclair to the River Alliance Board of Directors.

OTHER MATTERS

36. Council is asked to approve the installation of One Speed Hump on Carola Avenue, as requested by the Public Works Department.



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This request has been approved by the Columbia Fire Department and the Columbia Police Department.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to approve the installation of one speed hump on Carola Avenue, as requested by the Public Works Department.

37. Council is asked to approve the installation of 4 Way Stops at Crestwood Drive and Pickens Street and Pinewood Drive and Saluda Avenue, as requested by the Public Works Department.

This request has been approved by the Columbia Fire Department and the Columbia Police Department.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to approve the installation of 4 Way Stops at Crestwood Drive and Pickens Street and Pinewood Drive and Saluda Avenue, as requested by the Public Works Department.

Mayor Rickenmann provided an update on the coordinated effort of unsheltered feedings in partnership with Christ Central. Since last fall, the city of Columbia has been strategically working on meal sharing, focused on feeding and providing meals in a safe environment for Columbia's unsheltered population as safely and compassionately as possible. This plan is a response to a community expressing the desire to step up and provide food for those experiencing homelessness. In addition to the city's task force to prevent and end homelessness, we have examined the state of feedings across the city with input from residents, businesses, and representatives of the unsheltered. The task force recommended that we take steps to identify and secure a communal location where groups and individuals can feed the unsheltered in a safe, clean, indoor facility with restrooms. After months of work by city officials and staff, we are pleased to announce that we will be partnering with Christ Central to provide a facility to provide meals on behalf of the City of Columbia. Christ Central was the best fit to partner with because it is centrally located and it has all the amenities from kitchen, dining room, air conditioning, climate control, and bathrooms, and the ability for proper cleanup. This facilitates the most appropriate environment for feeding, compared to the outdoor pop-up locations. The city of Columbia commends those community groups and individuals who care for those experiencing homelessness in our city. We're happy that we can provide a centralized location for these activities to take place. We encourage groups with already established programs to join in this new location. City officials welcome those who are interested in serving the unsheltered to contact our city's Director of Homeless Services Kameisha Heppard.



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CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REFERRALS, REPORTS AND NEW BUSINESS

38. Council is asked to refer a proposed revision to the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 4, Animals, Article I, to add Sec. 4-7, Temporary Use of Livestock for Clearing Land to the Health Social and Environmental Affairs Committee, as requested by The Honorable Howard Duvall.

Mayor Rickenmann said the date of that meeting is August 22 at 11 a.m. on the second floor of City Hall.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to refer a proposed revision to the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 4, Animals, Article I, to add Sec. 4-7, Temporary Use of Livestock for Clearing Land to the Health Social and Environmental Affairs Committee, as requested by The Honorable Howard Duvall.

39. Council is asked to refer proposed revisions to the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 4, Animals, Article III, Animal Control to the Health Social and Environmental Affairs Committee, as requested by The Honorable Dr. Bussells.

Upon a motion made by Dr. Bussells and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to refer proposed revisions to the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 4, Animals, Article III, Animal Control to the Health Social and Environmental Affairs Committee, as requested by The Honorable Dr. Bussells.

40. Council is asked to refer consideration of naming the Earlewood Community Center after Virginia Lee Bedford, along with any exterior signage opportunities to the Administrative Policy Committee, as requested by The Honorable Tina N. Herbert.

Mayor Rickenmann said Ms. Bedford was a staunch supporter of the Earlewood Community, the renovation of the park, and the push for us to move our Parks and Recreation Department there to her husband Fred Monk is also a staunch supporter and driver for us on the Parks and Recreation Foundation. We're very honored that we can do this for Ms. Bedford.



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Upon a motion made by Ms. Herbert and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to refer consideration of naming the Earlewood Community Center after Virginia Lee Bedford, along with any exterior signage opportunities to the Administrative Policy Committee, as requested by The Honorable Tina N. Herbert.

41. Council is asked to refer consideration of exterior signage opportunities for the Leroy Moss Multipurpose Center at Hyatt Park to the Administrative Policy Committee, as requested by The Honorable Tina N. Herbert.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Herbert and seconded by Mr. Brown, Council voted unanimously to refer consideration of exterior signage opportunities for the Leroy Moss Multipurpose Center at Hyatt Park to the Administrative Policy Committee, as requested by The Honorable Tina N. Herbert.

42. Council is asked to refer the review of Chapter 24, Vehicles for Hire, Article II, Taxicabs, Shuttles and Limousines, Division 3, Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to the Public Safety Committee, as requested by The Honorable Howard E. Duvall, Jr.

Mayor Rickenmann said we have had several folks reach out. There has not been an increase in taxi cab fares in a long time. We want to make sure that folks who make their living and use taxi cabs have the same opportunities as private companies such as Uber, Lyft, and others. This will be discussed at the Public Safety Committee meeting on August 22 at 1 p.m.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mayor Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to refer the review of Chapter 24, Vehicles for Hire, Article II, Taxicabs, Shuttles and Limousines, Division 3, Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to the Public Safety Committee, as requested by The Honorable Howard E. Duvall, Jr.

RESOLUTIONS

43. Resolution No.: 2023-069 - Supporting the Effort to Host the 2024 NUSA Conference in Columbia, South Carolina and Richland County - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: 2023-069 - Supporting the Effort to Host the 2024 NUSA Conference in Columbia, South Carolina and Richland County.



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ORDINANCES - SECOND READING

44. Ordinance No.: 2023-081 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 14, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, to add Article XII, Drug Paraphernalia – *Approved for second reading*

Councilor Duvall explained the changes made in the ordinance language. We have taken one word out of item 10. We have deleted the word needles. The rest of it is exactly what is stated in State Code, which makes the possession of drug paraphernalia for unlawful purposes a civil matter rather than a criminal matter. We wanted to give another tool to CPD for dealing with these subjects on the streets in Columbia. This ordinance gives 14 criteria that an officer can use when dealing with an individual with drug paraphernalia that has a substance that can be construed to be illegal. They will arrest them and give them a criminal ticket from the city of Columbia. They would be subject to a \$500 fine or 30 days in jail.

Dr. Bussells asked for confirmation if we removed the fentanyl strips language from the ordinance. Those strips can be used for a preventative measure.

Councilor Duvall said yes.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to give second reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2023-081 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 14, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, to add Article XII, Drug Paraphernalia.

PUBLIC INPUT

Dr. Indika Bandara expressed concerns about taxi services without business licenses. That is very important for the safety of the community. They should have all the features of the City to be allowed to work there. Our concern is this illegal operation will ruin our reputation and they overcharge. We informed the Chief of Police and provided documents with signatures of other taxi companies. We have also given all the information to the Traffic Unit.

Mayor Rickenmann said I would encourage you to attend the Public Safety Committee meeting, where they're going to discuss taxi cabs and share all your information with the council members who are a part of that committee. They are going to look at all those details and see if there is a solution.



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Mr. Oliver Chandralal expressed similar concerns about taxi business licensing in the city of Columbia. We need to follow city of Columbia Police requirements as well as the city requirements. We have to follow regulations that the state requires because of the safety of the people who are travelling with us.

Mr. Spike Cohen appeared in support of Be Kind Be Great and expressed concerns about the treatment of the homeless population and fees connected to the collaboration with Christ Central.

Ms. Kameisha Heppard, Director of Homeless Services said there are no fees. As the Mayor mentioned, this is the best coordinated effort. This is a safe environment. It has heating, air, and restrooms. We're trying to provide services in a place where individuals are being fed. Our ultimate goal is to serve that vulnerable population and find the best housing fit.

Mr. Mike Ross appeared in support of Be Kind Be Great and expressed concerns about the treatment of the homeless and groups outside of the collaboration being unable to serve the unsheltered.

Mr. Thomas Hill spoke in support of Be Kind Be Great and expressed concerns about the treatment of both volunteers and the homeless by law enforcement.

Mayor Rickenmann said I think learning about what we've done, how we've outreached and how we're trying to find a safe environment is our ultimate goal. Three people have spoken tonight who don't live here on a day-to-day basis and they haven't acknowledged all that we've done and are continuing to do. We're trying to build a shelter where we can provide all services for those who are unsheltered in a place that is safe and secure with everything from urgent care, clinical health, to rapid shelter. I applaud you for cleaning up. You're not the only group. People feed and provide but then leave and it becomes a nuisance. We've talked to residents and businesses. Ms. Kameisha has opened up the door for some better suggestions and we want to hear them. Please don't condemn this Council because we have done a lot more than a lot of people in this city.

Mr. Jason Lyon spoke in support of Be Kind Be Great and expressed concerns about the collaboration with Christ Central, in regards to the LGBT+ community and providers not being able to provide meals outside of said collaboration.

Ms. Kameisha Heppard, Director of Homeless Services said my team is Safe Zone trained and we are compassionate. I'm going to handle the people with care.



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Dr. Bussells said there's a lot of work that we've done behind the scenes to make this decision. We catalogued all the different meal services that are in the city. Some of them are provided on private property and at churches. Some of them are non-religious groups that are doing a public service. This would simply provide those who do not have private property a centralized location. We have partnerships with the Salvation Army and United Way. There are so many meal sharing services that there's a duplication of effort. We want people to access things well and equitably. Christ Central is just one central point that we are providing. We have commissioned a study to understand what the landscape of services looks like.

Councilor McDowell said the City of Columbia is one of the most compassionate communities in South Carolina. I think it would be to all our advantage to understand that this Council has endeavored to be sensitive to everyone. We continue to dig into the issues of this community as it relates to the unsheltered.

Mr. Regi Solis expressed concerns about the homeless population having accessibility to the new services at Christ Central.

Ms. Ericka Brown of Be Kind Be Great expressed concerns about her business, serving the homeless population at Christ Central, limited funding, safety for the LGBT+ community, and arrests for trespassing.

Councilor Duvall suggested she shift focus to the sheltered, elderly population of Columbia.

Ms. Ericka Brown of Be Kind Be Great said we provide those services as well. We work far beyond the scope of serving the unhoused.

Pastor Moses Colbert, Chairman of Faith, Hope, and Love Community Enrichment Ministries, Inc. spoke in support of Be Kind Be Great and similar organizations.

Mr. Michael Bowe appeared on behalf of businesses in the community of Elmwood and Assembly Street. He expressed concerns about the increase of lewd behavior in the City of Columbia.

Mr. Tige Watts, thanked the council for their action on Item 43 (Supporting the Effort to Host 2024 NUSA Conference). Because of your vote today, we are going to have the ability to share our stories with the rest of the nation. I know between all our combined forces we will show what is good about America's neighborhoods.



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Ms. Diane Wiley spoke in support of the City Council's efforts to support the homeless.

Dr. Casey Whitener spoke about the centralization of homeless services. The concern is that government solutions frequently do centralize. They do come with regulations and restrictions and frequently do leave people out. Our hope is that we can work together as citizens and individuals to care for one another.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Ms. Herbert, Council voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 6:16 p.m. for the discussion of **Items 45 through 47**.

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

*Saluda River force Main Extension Project
Congaree Levee Property*

46. Discussion of the employment of an employee pursuant to §30-4-70(a)(1)

Legal Department

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

Sir Brandon Legette v. Officer Sean Rollins, Columbia Police Department and the City of Columbia, South Carolina

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Erika D. Moore Hammond, CMC
City Clerk