



COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2021

The Columbia City Council conducted a meeting on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at the Busby Street Community Center, 1735 Busby Street, Columbia, SC 29203. The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 2:09 p.m. and the following members of Council were present: The Honorable Sam Davis, The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine, The Honorable Howard E. Duvall, Jr., The Honorable Mayor Pro-Tempore Edward H. McDowell, Jr., The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, and The Honorable William Brennan. 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 Mayor Pro Tempore Edward H. McDowell, Jr. offered the invocation.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda, subject to adding the National Farmers Week Proclamation, deferring **Item 39** and **Item 40**, and adding the discussion of Hospitality Tax Bond Refunding to **Item 42**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Council is asked to approve the July 20, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve the July 20, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes.

PRESENTATIONS

Councilor Devine took a point of personal privilege to recognize the life of King Benjamin Lindbergh Jeffcott. He was an educator for Richland One and later served as a commissioner for Richland One for 14 years. He will be laid to rest this Friday at 12 p.m. He has always been a supporter of this city and I want to recognize him with a moment of silence.

2. National Farmers Market Week - The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine – *Received as information. No action was taken.*



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Mayor Benjamin and the members of City Council proclaimed the week of August 1, 2021 to August 7, 2021 as National Farmer's Market Week in the City of Columbia.

3. Recognition of Ms. Renee Terry, Parking Operations Coordinator - Ms. Elle Matney, Parking Services Director – *Received as information. No action was taken.*

Ms. Elle Matney, Parking Services Director said Renee has held various roles within the City. She has been with parking services since 1997. Her work and dedication will truly have a lasting impact on all of us. It has truly been a privilege to work with Renee for the past five years. You have made such a difference with your enthusiasm, willingness to help others, and making what seems complicated into a simple task. You have inspired all of us with your ideas, laughter, and support. You are one of those people who became a friend rather than just a coworker. On behalf of the City and Parking Services, we thank you and sincerely hope retirement is wonderful.

Ms. Renee Terry, Parking Operations Coordinator said I would like to thank the City of Columbia for 35 years. I am grateful for the opportunity to have served as an employee and grow with the City. A special thanks to my coworkers who have embraced me and helped me celebrate my life's milestones. We have laughed together, cried together, shared sweet and bitter memories, and I treasure each one of you. Blessings to you all and thank you again.

Mayor Benjamin said 35 years is amazing. We want to thank you for your service to the City. Public service is a high calling and to service the people in your community for 35 years is an amazing accomplishment. Thank you so much.

4. Introduction of the Mayor's Fellows (Summer 2021) - Mr. Skot Garrick, Communications Director / Office of the Mayor – *Received as information. No action was taken.*

Mr. Skot Garrick, Communications Director / Office of the Mayor said Mayor Benjamin introduced the Mayor Fellows Program when he first took office. Since then, over 330 students have participated. This is the first crew that has transitioned from starting virtually to coming back to City Hall. This summer, they helped with an array of tasks, not only for the Mayor's Office but for the City as well. They have spoken directly to constituents, composed and edited letters, compiled and updated databases, reported and tracked COVID-19 related news and activities. Some of the fellows have been committed to increasing diversity in the City by working with Soda City administrators to have monthly information booths featuring different cultures at the market each Saturday. The first booth will be August 28, 2021 featuring Filipino-American culture. The fellows had the opportunity to also see a lot of city functions.



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The following Mayor Fellows introduced themselves:

- Ms. Alice Hart, Senior Philosophy and English major at the University of South Carolina.
- Ms. Hannah Hedley, Sophomore Public and International Affairs major at Princeton University.
- Ms. Grace Tippet, Junior Journalism major and Political Science and Retailing double minor at the University of South Carolina.
- Ms. Stephanie Daniel, Senior Political Science and Spanish double major at the University of South Carolina.
- Ms. Brianna Drayton, Junior Management and Marketing double major with a Public Health and Sociology minor at Coastal Carolina University.
- Ms. Andrea Kimpson, Junior International Studies and Economics double major at the College of Charleston.
- Ms. Haley Capps, Junior English and Political Science double major with Journalism minor at the University of South Carolina Honors College.

Mayor Benjamin said this has been the best class of Mayor Fellows. Several of them maintained jobs while they also volunteered for the City. This is an amazingly talented group of young leaders. I am very proud of them.

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION / ACTION

5. COVID-19 Update - The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin

- *COVID-19 Situational Report - Mr. Harry Tinsley, Emergency Management Director*

Mr. Harry Tinsley, Emergency Management Director said according to the CDC, case hospitalizations and deaths are on the rise again nationally, fueled by the delta variant. Proportionately about 82% of cases stem from the delta variant. As of July 29th, the CDC seven-day average of administered vaccines increased to a little over 16%. As of July 31st, 26 states are now classified as high in regards to community spread and 18 states are classified as being



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substantial; South Carolina is one of those. In South Carolina, 33 counties have high disease activity and 13 have medium disease activity. From the June 1st to June 30th DHEC report of over 5,000 cases, 93% were individuals considered not fully vaccinated. Of the 243 hospitalizations, 86% were considered not fully vaccinated. Of the 39 reported deaths, 90% were considered not fully vaccinated. We continue to work with the *It's Your Shot Columbia* campaign partnering with DHEC to run vaccine clinics at our parks. You can find all the information on the City's website or vaxlocator.dhec.sc.gov. As of today, South Carolina is at 512,440 confirmed cases of COVID-19 with 8.5 million tests administered. The case count for today is 1,651 confirmed and 414 probable [cases]. That is a 19.7% positivity rate. There were two new confirmed deaths, bringing the state total of confirmed deaths to 8,741. In Richland County, the case count stands at 41,754 with 186 new confirmed cases and 52 probable [cases]. Over the last 14 days, we have had 1,358 new confirmed cases in Richland County, averaging 97 new cases per day. As of July 28th, the Richland County recent disease activity incidence rate is high with a 6.2% positivity rate. Statewide there is sufficient hospital bed capacity, 77.5% for inpatient and 71.5% for ICU. As of today, there are 729 patients currently hospitalized due to COVID-19. In Richland County, the bed utilization rate is 69.5% and 62 patients are currently hospitalized due to COVID-19. As of July 31st, approximately 44.7% of South Carolina's population are fully vaccinated and 51.5% have received at least one dose. In Richland County, 54.8% of residents have received at least one dose and 52.8% have completed their vaccinations. According to the CDC, 49.7% of the U.S. population has been fully vaccinated and 70% have received at least one dose.

Councilor Rickenmann asked about testing locations.

Mr. Harry Tinsley, Emergency Management Director said we have reached out to DHEC and there is sufficient testing capacity; 2600 Bull Street offers drive-through testing and we have additional testing locations through our partners.

Councilor Devine asked if the City is still testing water and sewer to see spikes in different location.

Mr. Clint Shealy, P.E., Assistant City Manager for Columbia Water said we are not. That testing was part of a grant through the CDC in partnership with DHEC. I would be glad to reach out to our partners at the University and express our interest and willingness to participate again.

Councilor Devine said we feel a little handicapped. As someone who has three children who will be in public school in the next weeks I am very concerned. Children cannot be vaccinated and now schools can't mandate masks and we have been told we can't mandate masks. I would like to make sure we keep pushing as much information out and be able to know where our hotspots are within the community so we can help with preventative measures.



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Mayor Benjamin said in South Carolina we are looking at an increase in COVID-19 cases, going up nearly tenfold between the first and last week of last month and a sixfold increase of hospitalizations of children based on the reports. The county has quintupled incidents of COVID-19. We have the choice to be vaccinated but our children do not have that choice. We can debate the legality, although I believe state law is not prescriptive and does not stop us from mandating masking in public schools in the City of Columbia. That would require a state of emergency and I have the authority as the Mayor to do so. If the numbers continue to increase, we need to seriously consider passing ordinances requiring masking to protect our children. You may choose to do what you will with your children but I have the responsibility and right to protect children from those who may not take their health as serious as we do. It would be immoral for us not to act unless we see a significant change in the trend of these numbers. We have to do more. This is a plea for every single one of our citizens within the sound of our voice to do your part and get vaccinated. If your choice is not to get vaccinated then take care of yourself, social distance, and wear your mask. The preservation of life and especially of the lives of our children should be taken more seriously. If the numbers keep rising at the rate they are rising I will declare a state of emergency and call on council to back my play.

6. Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center Update - The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin

Mayor Benjamin said we had an executive session discussion on the last agenda to discuss some legal issues. We have made significant progress. The schematic design has been completed in partnership with the Convention Center. We are doing our due diligence, such as surveying, locating underground utilities, geotechnical investigation, stormwater management review, and others to verify cost estimates and confirm technical feasibility. It is important to several of our colleagues here that we conduct an aggressive financial review. We are working with the Convention Center, the county, and financial advisors to identify different funding mechanisms and fully vet operational viability of the proposed expansion. Potential sources of revenue for debt service include state accommodations tax, tourism development fees, and certainly a partnership with our regional governments. We continue to move rapidly with these activities, happening on parallel paths. We are excited about the positive impact that this expansion will have on the city and the Midlands region. We will make sure that the fiduciary obligations to the taxpayers of Columbia and the Midlands are addressed. We will continue to seek state funding and other funding that might be available. The people of the Midlands and Columbia contribute to the state's economic vitality every single day. It's not wrong to ask for those dollars to be repatriated back to this community to help support our small businesses and others that make Columbia a special place to work, live, and play. We will continue to move forward and build partnerships every step of the way.



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CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 7 THROUGH 33

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve **Consent Agenda Items 7 Through 33**.

7. Council is asked to approve a Professional Services Agreement for State Lobbying Services for Fiscal Year 2021/2022, as requested by the Office of Governmental Affairs. Award to Kyle Michel Law Firm, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$72,000. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

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

8. Council is asked to approve a Professional Services Agreement for State Lobbying Services for Fiscal Year 2021/2022, as requested by the Office of Governmental Affairs. Award to Ed Givens - Fellowship Strategies, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$72,000.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

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

9. Council is asked to approve a Professional Services Agreement for Federal Lobbying Services for Fiscal Year 2021/2022, as requested by the Office of Governmental Affairs. Award to CapitalEdge Strategies, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$83,750.00. This firm is located in Washington, DC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Governmental Affairs (1011103-636600). The original budget amount is \$83,750.00.

10. 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: Public Defender (1018404-638522). The original budget amount is \$225,000.00.

11. Council is asked to approve the Renewal of Microfocus & Banner CIS Annual Maintenance Licenses, as requested by the Budget and Program Management Office. Award to Hansen Banner, LLC, in the amount of \$127,471.91. This firm is located in New York, NY. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Program Management Office-Maintenance & Service Contract (6218950-638200). The original budget amount is \$127,471.91.



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12. Council is asked to approve the Renewal of Record Management System (RMS) Workstation Software Annual Maintenance for Fiscal Year 2021/2022, as requested by the Columbia Police Department. Award to Trittech Software Systems, a CentralSquare Company, in the amount of \$221,176.92. This vendor is located in Lake Mary, FL. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Police Administrative Services - Maintenance & Service Contract (1012402-638200). The original budget amount is \$221,176.92.

13. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Palmetto 800 MHz Radio Airtime for Fiscal Year 2021/2022, as requested by the Columbia Police Department. Award to Motorola, Inc., using the SC State Contract in the amount of \$355,000.00. This vendor is located in Blythewood, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Police Department - Other Lease/Rental (1012402-636500). The original budget amount is \$355,000.00

14. Council is asked to approve a Contract for Project WM4435; Water Main Construction along Broadmore Street and Kistler Avenue, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Lake Murray Utility Company, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$199,152.00, which includes contingency. The firm is located in Chapin, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Engineering - Water & Sewer Improvements (5529999-WM443501-658650). The original budget amount is \$200,000.00.

This is a Mentor Protégé Program project. Lake Murray Utility Company, Inc. is the mentor and will be providing general project management and other services at 45.35% (\$75,268.00) of the total contract amount. J.W. Brown Construction, LLC located in Lexington, SC is the protégé and will be providing equipment and personnel services at 20.00% (\$33,192.00) of the total contract amount.

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

Fortiline located in Lugoff, SC will provide materials and pipe at 24.10% (\$40,000.00) of the total contract amount.

Capital Concrete located in Lexington, SC will provide concrete and flowable fill at 9.04% (\$15,000.00) of the total contract amount.

Sloan Construction located in Duncan, SC will provide asphalt at 1.51% (\$2,500.00) of the total contract amount.



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15. Council is asked to approve Contract Amendment #6 for Project WM4374; Engineering Services for Repairs to the Columbia Canal Head Gates, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Kleinschmidt Associates in the amount of \$891,250.00. This firm is located in Lexington, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: FEMA Engineering Services 2015 October Flood Recovery (2531706-WM437401-638400). The original budget amount was \$957,112.00. The budget amount for this amendment is \$891,250.00. The total revised budget amount is \$1,848,362.00.

Kleinschmidt is the prime contractor and will provide design repair services for the Columbia Canal Head Gates at 78.06% (\$1,442,881.41) of the total contract value.

The following sub-consultants will provide additional services:

Chao and Associates, a Minority Business Enterprise firm located in Columbia, SC will provide structural evaluation and field structure as-built, and surveying services at 6.15% (\$113,692.59) of the total contract value for Phases 1, 2, 3 and 4.

F&ME, located in Columbia, SC will provide subsurface investigation services and geotechnical and structural design support at 6.51% (\$120,300.00) of the total contract value for Phases 1, 2, 3 and 4.

D&J Machinery & Rigging, LLC located in Lexington, SC will provide Head Gate clean out and inspection services at 2.29% (\$42,288.00) of the total contract value for Phases 1 and 2.

Standard Diving & Marine Contracting, LLC located in Mt. Pleasant, SC, will provide underwater condition assessment services at 1.04% (\$19,200.00) of the total contract value for Phases 1 and 2.

North Fork Electric, Inc. located in Crumpler, NC, will provide assistance for the design of head gates and intake systems at 5.95% (\$110,000.00) of the total contract value for Phases 3 and 4.

16. Council is asked to approve Contract Amendment #2 to an Indefinite Delivery Contract for Waterline/Hydrant Leak Restoration Services, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to G. H. Smith Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$400,000.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Engineering Wastewater System Improvements – Special Contracts – Water/Sewer, Stormwater (5516221-638305). The original budget amount was \$450,000.00. The budget amount for this amendment is \$400,000.00. The total revised budget amount is \$850,000.00.

This is a Mentor Protégé Program Project. G. H. Smith Construction, Inc. located in Columbia, SC, is the mentor and will provide equipment/materials, and insurance/bonding services at 80.00% (\$680,000.00) of the total revised contract amount. Smoak Construction, a Minority Business Enterprise (W) located in Little Mountain, SC, is the protégé and will provide waterline repair services and equipment/materials at



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20.00% (\$170,000.00) of the total revised contract amount.

17. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Badger AMI Meters for the Water Distribution and Maintenance Divisions, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Badger Meters, Inc., in the amount of \$661,343.40. This vendor is located in Milwaukee, WI. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Utilities Water Distribution & Maintenance - Meters, Parts, and Supplies (5516203-625600). The original budget amount is \$1,000,000.00.

18. ANNEXATION, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 26.36 acres S/S Technology Circle, Richland County TMS# 17200-02-11, Richland County TMS# 06200-01-07 and 06200-01-14 – *Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2021-061 Annexing and Incorporating 26.36 acres S/S Technology Circle, Richland County TMS# 17200-02-11, Richland County TMS# 06200-01-07 and 06200-01-14 into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 adopted by Ordinance No.: 2020-028 on August 4, 2020 – Approved on second reading.

Council District: 1

Proposal: Request to annex the property and assign a land use classification of Employment Campus (EC) and zoning of Office and Institutional District (C-1) at the time of annexation. The property is currently classified as Economic Development Center/Corridor and zoned GC by Richland County.

Applicant: South Carolina Research Authority / Hillpointe, LLC

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 05/03/2021; Approval (9-0)

First reading approval was given on July 20, 2021.

19. ANNEXATION, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 314 Heyward Street, Richland County TMS# 08816-10-11 – *Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2021-058 Annexing and Incorporating 314 Heyward Street, Richland County TMS# 08816-10-11 into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 adopted by Ordinance No.: 2020-028 on August 4, 2020 – Approved on second reading.



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Council District: 2

Proposal: Request to annex the property and assign a land use classification of Urban Core Mixed Residential Type 3 (UCMR-3) and zoning of Two-Family Residential District in a Design Preservation Overlay (RD-2, -DP) at the time of annexation. The property is currently classified as Mixed Residential (High Density) and zoned RM-HD by Richland County.

Applicant: PMC Columbia Bungalows, LLC

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 05/03/2021; Approval (9-0)

First reading approval was given on July 20, 2021.

20. ANNEXATION, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 10.60 acres W/S Broad River Road and 8.12 acres W/S Broad River Road, Richland County TMS# 06200-01-07 and 06200-01-14 – *Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No: 2021-060 Annexing and Incorporating 10.60 acres W/S Broad River Road and 8.12 acres W/S Broad River Road, Richland County TMS# 06200-01-07 and 06200-01-14 into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 adopted by Ordinance No.: 2020-028 on August 4, 2020 – Approved on second reading.

Council District:1

Proposal: Request to annex the property and assign land use classifications of Urban Edge Mixed Residential (UEMR) and Community Activity Center (AC-2) and assign zoning of General Residential District with a portion within a Flood Protective Overlay (RG-2 and RG-2, -FP) and Neighborhood Commercial District (C-2) at the time of annexation. The property is currently classified as Mixed Residential (High Density) and zoned GC and OI by Richland County.

Applicant: W. E. Sellars, Trustee, The Founder's Fund; C. W. Haynes and Company, Incorporated; BlueChoice Health plan of South Carolina, Inc. f/k/a Companion Healthcare Corporation / McGuinn Homes, LLC

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 05/03/2021; Approval (9-0)

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21. ANNEXATION, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 409 Hampton Trace Lane, Richland County TMS# 13616-08-07 – *Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No: 2021-059 Annexing and Incorporating 409 Hampton Trace Lane, Richland County TMS# 13616-08-07 into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 adopted by Ordinance No.: 2020-028 on August 4, 2020 – Approved on second reading.

Council District: 3

Proposal: Request to annex the property and assign a land use classification of Urban Edge Residential Small Lot (UER-1) and assign zoning of Single Family Residential District (RS-2) at the time of annexation. The property is currently classified as Mixed Residential (High Density) and zoned RS-MD by Richland County.

Applicant: Jessica M. and Robert E. Bartley

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 06/07/2021; Approval (8-0)

First reading approval was given on July 20, 2021.

22. ANNEXATION, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 7432 Broad River Road, Richland County TMS# 05100-04-10(p) – *Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No: 2021-057 Annexing and Incorporating 7432 Broad River Road, Richland County TMS# 05100-04-10(p) into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 adopted by Ordinance No.: 2020-028 on August 4, 2020 – Approved on second reading.

Council District:1

Proposal: Request to annex the property and assign a land use classification of Community Activity Corridor (AC-2) and assign zoning of General Commercial District (C-3) at the time of annexation. The property is currently classified as Neighborhood (Medium Density) and zoned GC by Richland County.

Applicant: Robertson Family Holdings, LLC / LCE Investments, LLC

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 06/07/2021; Approval (8-0)

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23. ANNEXATION, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 8025 Garners Ferry Road and 8041 Garners Ferry Road, Richland County TMS# 19100-05-04 and 19000-01-10 – *Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2021-056 Annexing and Incorporating 8025 Garners Ferry Road and 8041 Garners Ferry Road, Richland County TMS# 19100-05-04 and 19000-01-10 into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 adopted by Ordinance No.: 2020-028 on August 4, 2020 – Approved on second reading.

Council District: 3

Proposal: Request to annex the property and assign a land use classification of Urban Edge Residential Small Lot (UER-1) and assign zoning of Single Family Residential District (RS-3) at the time of annexation. The property is currently classified as Neighborhood (Medium Density) and Economic Development Center/Corridor and zoned RU by Richland County.

Applicant: Garners Ferry Development Company / Site Management Group, LLC

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 06/07/2021; Approval (8-0)

First reading approval was given on July 20, 2021.

24. ANNEXATION, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 291 Harbison Boulevard, Lexington County TMS# 001941-01-015 – *Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2021-055 Annexing and Incorporating 291 Harbison Boulevard, Lexington County TMS# 001941-01-015 into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 adopted by Ordinance No.: 2020-028 on August 4, 2020 – Approved on second reading.

Council District: 1

Proposal: Request to annex the property and assign a land use classification of Urban Edge Regional Activity Center (UEAC-2) and assign zoning of Planned Unit Development-Commercial District (PUD-C) at the time of annexation. The property is currently zoned PD by Lexington County.

Applicant: Branch Banking and Trust of South Carolina / Harbison MO, LLC

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 06/07/2021; Approval (8-0)

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25. **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – FUTURE LAND USE MAP CONFIRMATION AMENDMENT** for 8.80-acre portion of S/S Old Leesburg Road; TMS# 22113-01-01(p) – *Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2021-052 Amending the Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 Map to include 8.80-acre portion of S/S Old Leesburg Road; TMS# 22113-01-01(p); annexed by Ordinance No: 2021-044 enacted June 1, 2021 – Approved on second reading.

Council District: 4

Proposal: Request to confirm the future land use classification of Urban Edge Residential Small Lot (UER-1) following the annexation of the property. The property is currently assigned an interim future land use classification of Urban Edge Residential Small Lot (UER-1).

Applicant: Janilyn Q. Martin and Susan Q. Phelps / Canary Woods, LLC

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 05/03/2021; Approval (9-0)

Annexation, 1st Reading: 05/18/2021; Approval

2nd Reading: 05/18/2021; Approval

First reading approval was given on July 20, 2021.

26. **ZONING MAP AMENDMENT CONFIRMATION** for 8.80-acre portion of S/S Old Leesburg Road; TMS# 22113-01-01(p) – *Approved on second reading.*

Council District: 4

Proposal: Request to confirm the zoning of Single Family Residential District (RS-3) following the annexation of the property. The property is currently assigned interim zoning of Single Family Residential District (RS-3).

Applicant: Janilyn Q. Martin and Susan Q. Phelps / Canary Woods, LLC

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 05/03/2021; Approval (9-0)

Annexation, 1st Reading: 05/18/2021; Approval

2nd Reading: 06/01/2021; Approval



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27. **ZONING MAP AMENDMENT** for 1135 Carter Street, TMS# 14102-04-01 – *Approved on second reading.*

Council District: 2

Proposal: Request to rezone the parcel from Single-Family Residential District (RS-2) to Planned Unit Development-Residential District (PUD-R).

Applicant: LuCinda J. Herrera, Columbia Housing Authority

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 06/07/2021; Approval (8-0)

First reading approval was given on July 20, 2021.

28. **ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT** to Amend §17-681(b)(7) and Granby Architectural Conservation District Guidelines to add 314 Heyward Street, TMS# 08816-10-11 – *Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No: 2021-053 Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Land Development and Zoning, Article V, Historic Preservation and Architectural Review, Division 3, Landmarks and Design Protection Districts, Sec. 17-681 Districts identified, (b) Architectural conservation district (7) – Approved on second reading.

Proposal: Amend City of Columbia's Code of Ordinances §17-681(b)(7) (Districts identified) to include an additional lot due to an annexation and update the map in the Granby Architectural Conservation District Guidelines for the same reason.

Pertinent Sections: Chapter 17, Article V, Division 3, Amend §17-681(b)(7) (Districts identified); Granby Architectural Conservation District Guidelines

Applicant: Krista Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 05/03/2021; Approval (9-0)

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29. ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT to Revise proposed new City of Columbia Zoning Map effective August 30, 2021 in conjunction with the newly adopted Unified Development Ordinance. – *Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No: 2021-054 Amending the Official Zoning Map for the City of Columbia, Chapter 17, Unified Development Ordinance of the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina – Approved on second reading.

Proposal: Revise proposed new City of Columbia Zoning Map effective August 30, 2021 in conjunction with the newly adopted Unified Development Ordinance.

Applicant: Rachel Bailey, Zoning Administrator

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 05/03/2021; Approval (9-0)

First reading approval was given on July 20, 2021.

30. Ordinance No.: 2021-031 Establishing the City Center Business Improvement District – *First reading approval was given on July 20, 2021 - Approved on second reading.*
31. Ordinance No.: 2021-049 Granting an encroachment to the South Carolina Department of Transportation for the use of the right of way area of the 900 block of College Street for the installation and maintenance of a privacy fence enclosure, steps, walkways, access drive, and irrigation adjacent to 955 Park Street, Richland County TMS#08916-08-01 – *First reading approval was given on July 20, 2021 - Approved on second reading.*
32. Ordinance No.: 2021-064 Authorizing the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 7 to Amended and Restated Agreement of Sale and Purchase between the City of Columbia and Baker and Baker Real Estate Developers, LLC for the sale of Parcel "A" containing approximately 27,664 square feet (0.64 acre) and Parcel "B" containing approximately 25,444 (0.58 acre) square feet located on the eastern side of Gist Street between Laurel Street and Blanding Street and known as Richland County TMS No.: 09005-02-44 and 09005-02-23 – *First reading approval was given on July 20, 2021 - Approved on second reading.*



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33. Ordinance No.: 2021-065 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Fifteenth Amendment to Purchase Agreement between the City of Columbia and Bright-Meyers 2001 LLC for the sale of 5.97 +/- acres (Capital City Stadium), Richland County TMS #11204-02-02 - *First reading approval was given on July 20, 2021 – Approved on second reading.*

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

34. Ordinance No.: 2021-066 Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 2, Administration, Article II, Mayor, Council and City Manager, Division 2, Council Meetings, Sec. 2-59 Council committees and special committees – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mayor Benjamin, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2021-066 Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 2, Administration, Article II, Mayor, Council and City Manager, Division 2, Council Meetings, Sec. 2-59 Council committees and special committees.

RESOLUTIONS

35. Resolution No.: R-2021-081 Ratifying and Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Agreement between the City of Columbia and The Midlands Housing Alliance, Inc. for 2025 Main Street for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2021-081 Ratifying and Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Agreement between the City of Columbia and The Midlands Housing Alliance, Inc. for 2025 Main Street for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

36. Resolution No.: R-2021-082 Ratifying and Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Agreement between the City of Columbia and USC Housing First for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2021-082 Ratifying and Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Agreement between the City of Columbia and USC Housing First for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.



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37. Resolution No.: R-2021-084 Ratifying and Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Inclement Weather Center Service Agreement between the City of Columbia and the United Way of the Midlands for operation of the Inclement Weather Center for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2021-084 Ratifying and Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Inclement Weather Center Service Agreement between the City of Columbia and the United Way of the Midlands for operation of the Inclement Weather Center for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Mayor Benjamin said I want to thank The Midlands Housing Alliance, Inc., USC Housing First, and the Inclement Weather Center for the work done every day to meet the needs of our unsheltered citizens. It is tough work, we have seen the significant defunding of behavioral health services and that usually falls directly in the laps of these organizations and regrettably often times our law enforcement which is not the place to provide those services. Thank you all for what you do.

Councilor Devine said this Saturday my daughter and her classmates volunteered at Transitions. I know it's a challenge to make sure everything continues to run but you all are doing a great job. We need to talk more about where we are going and how we continue to meet the needs of our unsheltered citizens. I would love to continue the conversation with these organizations.

Councilor Davis said I give a lot of credit to these providers. Years ago I first heard of Housing First and I was impressed with the concept of putting folks in housing and guiding them to get to a point of independent living. We hope that these allocations contribute to helping individuals find their own place. The numbers look good and I hope we continue with the partnerships because we will reach that goal.

EVENT RESOLUTION

Safety plans that adhere to the COVID-19 pandemic safety and social distancing protocols, as published by the CDC and SCDHEC, have been reviewed and approved by the Columbia Police Department for each of the following events.



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38. Resolution No.: R-2021-064 Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only within Boyd Plaza adjacent to the Columbia Museum of Art for CMA Tour & Tasting on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 with a rain contingency date of Thursday, August 19, 2021 – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Rickenmann and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2021-064 Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only within Boyd Plaza adjacent to the Columbia Museum of Art for CMA Tour & Tasting on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 with a rain contingency date of Thursday, August 19, 2021. Mr. McDowell was away for the vote.

APPOINTMENTS

39. Food Policy Committee – *Deferred*
40. Transportation Penny Oversight Committee – *Deferred*

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REFERRALS

Councilor Davis said I would like for the Economic and Community Development Committee to receive a report on the status of how we are doing with the overall repairs and response of the flood disaster relief program.

Councilor Brennan asked how often are the applicants receiving updates on the progress. I have also received concerns around the new timelines. Keeping people engaged and up to date weekly is best.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said all the applicants are assigned case managers to help them through the process so there should not be a reason that they have to reach out to Council. I will make this a goal to figure out why there has been a rise in concerns and questions.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Brennan, Council voted unanimously to refer an update on disaster recovery efforts to the Economic and Community Development Committee.

PUBLIC INPUT

No comments were received at this time.



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CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION / ACTION

41. Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Hospitality Tax Grant Program - Ms. Melisa Caughman, Budget & Program Management Director – *Approved*

Mayor Benjamin said because of the pandemic we had to abandon the standard process in the interest of public safety. We might need to start the selection process earlier than we usually do, after the fiscal year projections are available. It's important to get the citizens back involved in making these decisions. Council has the responsibility for making the ultimate decisions but we always operate around the decisions of the committee, which is the way it ought to be.

Ms. Melisa Caughman, Budget and Program Management Director said there was a total of \$5.8 million in requests. There was \$4.6 million available to allocate. The line item agencies, organizations that have a particular City interest, are receiving \$2.2 million. Additional allocations for different organizations and events total \$2.4 million.

Councilor Devine asked if the groups not eligible to receive funds are informed of the decision and why they are not eligible.

Ms. Melisa Caughman, Budget and Program Management Director said yes, we provide them the opportunity to rectify.

Councilor Duvall said we did not fund any organization more than requested with the exception of Columbia SC63 which was a special situation.

Ms. Melisa Caughman, Budget and Program Management Director said these allocations put you back in line with fiscal year 2019/2020 funding allocations. This is better than the last fiscal year during the pandemic.

Councilor Devine said I see the Township is listed. It has been a few years since we had Ms. Holloman come and present what the allocations are used for. We need to make sure we strengthen our dialogue with that organization so people understand our role in supporting them.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Hospitality Tax funding recommendations subject to the submission of appropriate documentation for eligible expenses from the organizations.



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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 3:29 p.m. for the discussion of **Items 42** and **43** as amended.

42. Receipt of legal advice related to matters covered by attorney-client privilege pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2)

COVID-19

Gun Crime Legislation

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

Convention Center

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Erika D. Moore Hammond, CMC
City Clerk