



Columbia City Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, August 4, 2026

Call to Order

The Columbia City Council conducted a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, August 4, 2026 at City Hall (Council Chambers), 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201. The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor called the meeting to order at 4:14 p.m. and the following members were present: The Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr., The Honorable Will Brennan, The Honorable Tina N. Herbert, Mayor Pro-Tempore, The Honorable Peter M. Brown, The Honorable Tyler D. Bailey, and The Honorable Sam P. Johnson. Also present were Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Moore Hammond, City Clerk. This meeting was advertised in accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

Invocation

The Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr. offered the invocation and extended well-wishes to Ms. Wilson's father, who recently underwent a medical procedure. He also expressed his sympathy and offered prayers for Ms. Wilson following the recent passing of her fiancé's mother.

Pledge of Allegiance

Adoption of the Agenda

Mayor Rickenmann shared that **Item 21** (Amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance for Reestablishment of Nonconforming Non-Depository Personal Credit Union Institutions) will be deferred to the September 1, 2026 Regular Meeting.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Johnson, Council voted unanimously to approve the adoption of the agenda, subject to the deferral of **Item 20** (Annexation, Future Land Use Map Amendment, and Zoning Map Amendment for 7601, E/S and W/S Wilson Boulevard) and **Item 21** (Amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance for Reestablishment of Nonconforming Non-Depository Personal Credit Union Institutions).

Public Input

Individuals are allotted up to three minutes to address Columbia City Council about items on the agenda. Items requiring a public hearing cannot be addressed at this time.

Ms. Kameisha Heppard, LMSW, Director of Homeless Services introduced Mr. Bryan Farrington, Salvation Army Area Commander.

Mr. Bryan Farrington, Salvation Army Area Commander expressed his excitement about

being in Columbia and conveyed his intention to serve as a good partner to the City in bringing its vision to fruition.

Approval of Minutes

1. Council is asked to approve the July 21, 2026 Budget Workshop and Regular Meeting Minutes.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to approve the July 21, 2026 Budget Workshop and Regular Meeting Minutes.

Presentations

2. National Health Center Week Proclamation — The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor

Mayor Rickenmann and Columbia City Council proclaimed August 2–8, 2026 as National Health Center Week in the City of Columbia.

Dr. John S. Pearson, Jr., President & CEO of Eau Claire Cooperative Health expressed gratitude to the Mayor and City Council for their ongoing support. He highlighted the impactful work being carried out within the community and noted the presence of 22 federally qualified health centers in South Carolina, as well as 1,400 health centers nationwide.

Consent Agenda Items 3 through 18

Upon a single motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Bailey, Council voted unanimously to approve **Consent Agenda Items 3 through 18**.

3. Council is asked to authorize the City Manager to Purchase T2 Flex Subscriptions for Parking Enforcement and Retrieval of Vehicle Registration (RoVR) Systems, as requested by the Parking Services Department on July 6, 2026. Award to T2 Systems, Inc., in the amount of \$88,568.39. This vendor is located in Indianapolis, IN.

Funding Source: Parking Operations - Professional Services (5312413-636600). The original budget amount is \$88,568.39.

4. Council is asked to authorize the City Manager to Purchase a Motorola Flash Mobile Software Upgrade for Portable Radios, as requested by the Columbia Police Department on May 15, 2026. Award to Motorola Solutions, Inc., using the South Carolina State Contract in the amount of \$165,745.44. This vendor is located in Chicago, IL.

Funding Source: Police Administrative Services - Radio Equipment (1012402-627800). The original budget amount is \$165,745.44.

5. Council is asked to authorize the City Manager to approve Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Citywide Multifunctional Copier Renewal Services, as requested by the Procurement and Contracts Department on June 30, 2026. Award to Ricoh USA, Inc., using the South Carolina State Contract in the amount of \$398,674.44 for year four (4) of the five-year contract term. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC.

Funding Source: Copying - Copier and Supplies (6208951-627200). The original budget amount is \$398,674.44.

6. Council is asked to authorize the City Manager to approve a Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Contract for Operations of the Recovery Community Center at Hope Plaza, as requested by the Homeless Services Department on July 1, 2026. Award to Christ Central in an amount not to exceed \$63,000.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC.

Funding Source: State of South Carolina Grant Control - South Carolina Opioid Recovery Funds (SCORF) Homeless Services — Special Contracts (SCORF126HS-638300). The original budget amount is \$63,000.00.

7. Council is asked to authorize the City Manager to approve a Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Contract for Behavioral Health, Recovery and Clinical Support Services at Rapid Shelter Columbia and the Recovery Community Center, as requested by the Homeless Services Department on July 1, 2026. Award to Innovation Solutions Counseling Center in an amount not to exceed \$490,875.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC.

Funding Source: State of South Carolina Grant Control - South Carolina Opioid Recovery Funds (SCORF) Homeless Services — Special Contracts - (SCORF126HS-638300). The original budget amount is \$490,875.00.

8. Council is asked to authorize the City Manager to enter into a new Construction Contract for Project WM4896; 6-Inch Ductile Iron Pipe Water Main Extension along the 100 block of 116 Gordon Drive, as requested by Columbia Water on July 2, 2026. Award to Lake Murray Utility Company, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$98,298.90, which includes contingency. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed with an end date seventy-five (75) days from commencement. This contractor is located in Prosperity, SC.

Funding Source: Water and Sewer Capital Projects — Gordon Drive Water Main Extension—Capital Project Costs (5529999-WM489601-658650). The original budget amount is \$98,298.90.

This is a Mentor Protégé Program project. Lake Murray Utility, Inc., is the mentor and will provide project oversight and construction administration services at 65.00% (\$53,245.23) of the total contract amount.

J.W. Brown Construction, LLC, located in Prosperity, SC, is the protégé and will provide water main installation services at 20.00% (\$16,383.15) of the total contract amount.

The following subcontractor(s) will provide additional services and/or materials:

Staline Waterworks, Inc., located in Columbia, SC, will provide pipe and supply materials at 10.00% (\$8,191.58) of the total contract amount.

Reeves Construction, located in Duncan, SC, will provide asphalt materials at 5.00% (\$4,095.79) of the total contract amount.

9. Council is asked to authorize the City Manager to enter into Contract Amendment #2 for Project SS7648; Capacity Assurance Program Hydraulic Modeling Professional Services, as requested by Columbia Water on July 15, 2026. Award to Hazen and Sawyer, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00. The current term of the contract ends on September 23, 2026 and this amendment extends the contract to September 23, 2027. This firm is located in Columbia, SC.

Funding Source: Engineering Wastewater Systems Improvement - Special Contracts Water/Sewer and Stormwater (5516221-638305). The current budget amount is \$450,000.00. The budget amount for this amendment is \$100,000.00. The revised budget amount is \$550,000.00.

10. Council is asked to authorize the City Manager to enter into Contract Amendment #7 for Project SS7568; Saluda River Force Main Extension, as requested by Columbia Water on June 15, 2026. Award to Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$125,800.00. The current term of the contract ends on June 30, 2028. This firm is located in Columbia, SC.

Funding Source: Water & Sewer Capital Projects - Saluda River Force Main Extension - Capital Project Costs (5529999-658650). The current budget amount is \$2,163,457.00. The budget amount for this amendment is \$125,800.00. The revised budget amount is \$2,289,257.00.

This is a Mentor Protégé Program project. Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. is the mentor and will provide design and permitting services at 49.84% (\$62,700.00) of the amendment amount.

Chao and Associates, Inc., a Minority Business Enterprise, located in Columbia, SC, is the protégé and will provide survey and geotechnical services at 24.40% (\$30,700.00) of the amendment amount.

The following subcontractor will provide additional services:

New South Associates, Inc. located in Stone Mountain, GA, will provide archaeological and cultural resource services at 25.76% (\$32,400.00)

11. Council is asked to authorize the City Manager to enter into a new Construction Contract for Project SD8478; North Tanglewood Stormwater Infrastructure Improvements, as requested by Columbia Water on April 20, 2026. Award to McClam and Associates, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$2,052,319.20, which includes contingency. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed with an end date one hundred sixty (160) days from commencement. This contractor is located in Little Mountain, SC.

Funding Source: Storm Water Improvement Capital Project Control - North Tanglewood Storm Drainage Improvements - Capital Project Costs (5549999-SD847801-658650). The original budget amount is \$2,052,319.20.

This is a Columbia Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (CDBE) program project with an 8% CDBE goal. The CDBE goal was exceeded at 10%. McClam and Associates, Inc. is the prime and will provide general contractor and utility services at 54.16% (\$926,294.67) of the total contract amount.

The following subcontractor(s) will provide additional services and/or materials:

Nu-Pipe, LLC, located in Boca Raton, FL, will provide cured-in-place pipe geopolymer services at 35.84% (\$613,018.33) of the total contract amount.

Smoak Construction, LLC, a Minority Business Enterprise (W) and a Columbia Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (CDBE) located in Little Mountain, SC, will provide restoration services at 8.71% (\$148,978.00) of the total contract amount.

R&G Construction, LLC, a Minority Business Enterprise and a Columbia Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (CDBE) located in Columbia, SC, will provide concrete installation services at 0.44% (\$7,475.00) of the total contract amount.

DNR Construction, LLC, a Minority Business Enterprise (W) and a Columbia Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (CDBE) located in Lexington, SC, will provide asphalt materials at 0.85% (\$14,500.00) of the total contract amount.

12. ANNEXATION, FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 2423 and 2425 Kent Street, TMS# 11504-30-32 (portion) and 11504-30-31 (portion)

Ordinance No.: 2026-058 - Annexing 2423 and 2425 Kent Street, Richland County TMS# 11504-30-32 (portion) and 11504-30- 31 (portion) into the City of Columbia, South Carolina, and incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map

Council District: 2

Plan Number: ANNEX-2026-0008

Proposal: Request to annex the properties and assign the land use classification of Urban Core Residential Small Lot (UCR-1) and assign the zoning of Mixed Use District (MU-2) for a pending annexation. The property is currently classified as Mixed Residential (High Density) and zoned General Commercial (GC) by Richland County.

Applicant: William Felder

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 06/11/2026; Approval (7-0)

First reading approval was given on July 21, 2026.

13. ANNEXATION, FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 3801 and 3719 Old Leesburg Road, TMS# 22105-03-04 and 22105-03-03

Ordinance No.: 2026-055 - Annexing 3801 and 3719 Old Leesburg Road, Richland County TMS# 22105-03-04 and 22105-03-03 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map

Council District: 4

Plan Number: ANNEX-2026-0009

Proposal: Request to annex the properties and assign the land use classification of Urban Edge Community Activity Center (UEAC - 1), and assign the zoning of General Commercial District (GC) for a pending annexation. The property is currently classified as Neighborhood (Medium Density) and zoned Residential 4 (R4) by Richland County.

Applicant: Hunt Sons Properties LLC / Walt Whisenhunt, Hunt Brothers Landscaping

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 06/11/2026; Approval (7-0)

First reading approval was given on July 21, 2026.

14. ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 705 Saluda Avenue TMS# 11308-06-09 and 11308-06-13

Ordinance No.: 2026-060 - Amending the Official Zoning Map to modify the zoning for 705 Saluda Avenue, Richland County TMS# 11308-06-09 and 11308-06-13

First reading approval was given on July 21, 2026.

Council District: 3

Proposal: Request to rezone the properties from Community Activity Center/Corridor District in the Five Points Design Overlay District (CAC, OV-5P) to Community Activity Center/Corridor District (CAC); removing the overlay district.

Applicant: Will Brennan, City Councilman

Staff Recommendation: Council Member Sponsored

PC Recommendation: 6/11/2026; Rec. Approval (7-0)

First reading approval was given on July 21, 2026.

15. Ordinance No.: 2026-053 — Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 4, Animals

Endorsed by the Health, Social and Environmental Affairs Committee on March 24, 2026.

First reading approval was given on July 21, 2026.

16. Ordinance No.: 2026-050 - Granting an encroachment to Local Columbia Senate, LLC for the use of the right of way areas of the 900 block of Senate Street and the 1100 block of Park Street for the installation and maintenance of sidewalks, benches, bike racks, trash receptacles, doors, an at-grade water meter vault,

landscaping and irrigation adjacent to 931 Senate Street, Richland County TMS# 08916-02-09

First reading approval was given on July 21, 2026.

17. Ordinance No.: 2026-051 - Approval for Granting an Easement to the University of South Carolina along a portion of City-Owned Property identified as Page Ellington Park in the BullStreet District; Richland County TMS#11501-01-14 for Installation of Fiber Optic Cable to Serve the University of South Carolina School of Medicine; CF#DPI-2024-12-0068

First reading approval was given on July 21, 2026.

18. Ordinance No.: 2026-052 - Granting an encroachment to Devine and Heidt LLC for the use of the right of way areas of the 600 block of Heidt Street and the 2300 block of Devine Street for the installation and maintenance of sidewalks, landscaping and irrigation adjacent to 2300 Devine Street, Richland County TMS# 11312-05-01, 11312-05-02, 11312-05-03, 11312-05-04 and 11312-05-21

First reading approval was given on July 21, 2026.

Zoning / Planning Matters - Second Reading

19. ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for Parcel at 1700 Block Rosewood Drive and Fulton Street TMS# 11309-18-10

Ordinance No.: 2026-040 - Amending the Official Zoning Map to modify the zoning for parcel at the 1700 block of Rosewood Drive and Fulton Street, Richland County TMS# 11309-18-10

Council District: 3

Proposal: Request to rezone the properties from Neighborhood Activity Center/Corridor District (NAC) to Residential Mixed District (RM-2); the property is within the Airport Safety Overlay District (OV-A).

Applicant: Ashok Kumar, Kumar Construction

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 4/9/2026; Recommended Approval (6-1)

First reading approval was given on May 19, 2026.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. Bailey, Council voted unanimously to defer second reading approval of the Zoning Map Amendment for Parcel at 1700 Block Rosewood Drive and Fulton Street TMS# 11309-18-10 **and** Ordinance No.: 2026-040 - Amending the Official Zoning Map to modify the zoning for parcel at the 1700 block of Rosewood Drive and Fulton Street, Richland County TMS# 11309-18-10.

Zoning / Planning Matters - First Reading

20. ANNEXATION, FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 7601, E/S and W/S Wilson Boulevard, TMS# 14303-01-18, 14303-

01-19 and 14303-01-21

Ordinance No.: 2026-057 - Annexing 7601, E/S and W/S Wilson Boulevard, Richland County TMS# 14303-01-18, 14303-01-19 and 14303-01-21 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map

Council District: 1

Plan Number: ANNEX-2026-0010

Proposal: Request to annex the properties and assign the land use classification of Community Activity Corridor (AC-2) and Urban Edge Residential Large Lot (UER-2) and assign the zoning of Light Industrial District (LI) and Residential Single Family - Medium Lot District (RSF-2) for a pending annexation. The property is currently classified as Mixed Residential (High Density) and zoned General Commercial (GC) by Richland County.

Applicant: Jaisy and Sahil XII LLC

Staff Recommendations: Denial of the proposed Light Industrial District (LI) zoning designation and approval of the proposed land use classifications and Residential Single Family – Medium Lot District (RSF-2) zoning designation.

PC Recommendation: 06/11/2026; (6-1) Approval of the proposed Future Land Use classifications and Zoning Districts for this pending annexation.

The public hearing was held on July 21, 2026.

This item was deferred.

21. AMENDMENT TO THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE for Reestablishment of Nonconforming Non-Depository Personal Credit Institutions

Ordinance No.: 2026-039 — Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Article 7: Nonconformities, Sec. 17-7.2. Nonconforming Uses

Proposal: Request recommendation to amend the Unified Development Ordinance, Chapter 17 - Article 7: Nonconformities, Sec. 17-7.2. Nonconforming Uses, to allow the re-establishment of nonconforming non-depository personal credit institutions on the same parcel, subject to conditions.

Applicant: Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor

Staff Recommendation: Council Sponsored

PC Recommendation: 6/11/2026; Recommend Denial (7-0)

The public hearing was held on July 21, 2026.

This item was deferred.

Ordinances - First Reading

22. Ordinance No.: 2026-066 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Contract of Sale between Stephanie Weeks and City of Columbia, South Carolina for the sale of 5220 Randall Avenue, Columbia, SC 29203, Richland County TMS # 11705-15-02

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager relayed the excitement surrounding the redevelopment of city-owned lots for housing within the community. She expressed appreciation to all council members who have supported the efforts leading to the first two anticipated closings, with hopes of many more to follow.

Mayor Rickenmann shared that the city is constructing homes on its lots in partnership with community organizations to provide affordable housing. He noted the focus on all-brick homes across 53 lots, aimed at offering first-time homebuyers a chance to live in the city core. He also highlighted the addition of amenities like Randall Avenue Park.

Ms. Ashley Jenkins, MPA, Special Projects Coordinator shared that these opportunities for homeownership are for two City of Columbia employees and both will reside in District 1.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Herbert and seconded by Mr. Johnson, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2026-066 — Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Contract of Sale between Stephanie Weeks and City of Columbia, South Carolina for the sale of 5220 Randall Avenue, Columbia, SC 29203, Richland County TMS # 11705-15-02.

23. Ordinance No.: 2026-067 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Contract of Sale between Tracy C. Chatman and City of Columbia, South Carolina for the sale of 5225 Spalding Avenue, Columbia, SC 29203, Richland County TMS # 11701-04-12

Upon a motion made by Ms. Herbert and seconded by Mr. Bailey, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2026-067 — Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Contract of Sale between Tracy C. Chatman and City of Columbia, South Carolina for the sale of 5225 Spalding Avenue, Columbia, SC 29203, Richland County TMS # 11701-04-12.

Appeal Hearing

24. Objections to the Vista Business Improvement District Assessment

Mayor Rickenmann explained that City Council will be hearing the appeals regarding the Notice of Assessment for the Vista Business Improvement District (BID). These appeals were submitted in writing to the City Clerk between June 27 and July 27, 2026, in accordance with S.C. Code 5-37-120 & 130. City Council will proceed to vote on the appeals, determining whether to confirm the assessments with or without necessary modifications after considering the submissions from property owners at the specified locations.

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

Ms. Dana Thye, Deputy City Attorney reported that several owner-occupied properties are exempt and that is already reflected in the Assessment Roll, including 1220 Pulaski Street,

530 Lady Street, 1320 Pulaski Street, and 900 Taylor Street, Apartment 200. She summarized objection letters submitted by commercial property owners such as Vista Commons, Arnold Companies, Smith Rubber Stamps, Charles Brooks Trust, Vista 4976 LLC, and Tamsberg Properties. She explained that the objections focused on concerns about the BID assessment process, duplication of services, or requests to pause or reconsider the BID rather than disputing the assessed value itself. She noted that the BID ordinance has already been adopted and that one correction was made for Tamsberg Properties to remove unintended frontage on Pulaski Street. This resulted in a revised assessment of \$5,353.54.

Councilor Johnson asked about the publication process, the ordinance readings, and outreach to the Vista community.

Ms. Dana Thye, Deputy City Attorney explained that the BID process began with a Resolution of Intent on March 17, 2026 followed by two published public-hearing notices and a public hearing on April 14, 2026 with the first reading on April 21, 2026 and second reading on June 9, 2026 after a boundary adjustment was made. She noted that the Assessment Roll was prepared, mailed, and filed with the City Clerk on June 17, 2026 and that property owners were given 30 days, from June 27 to July 27, 2026 to submit written objections. This is the fifth time that this matter has been before City Council and none of the individuals who objected attended the public hearing.

Mr. Scott Garvin, President / Garvin Design Group outlined the Vista Property Owners Association's multi-year outreach and planning process for the BID, noting broad early support, extensive communication with property owners, and coordination with City staff and consultants. He stated that the BID model was patterned after Main Street and refined through public feedback, including changes to taxable value calculations and boundary adjustments. He emphasized that the process has been transparent and responsive.

Councilor Brennan asked what services the Vista property owners will have once this is put in place.

Mr. Scott Garvin, President / Garvin Design Group highlighted the primary service of the Block by Block ambassadors in the Vista area. He emphasized their role in maintaining a clean and safe environment. He noted that the organization also focuses on marketing, economic development, and supporting retailers, as well as attracting new businesses. As a property owner on Main Street, he provided personal testimony regarding the positive impact of these services on tenants and property owners in the area.

Mr. Milan Patel, representing Homewood Suites and True by Hilton at 400 Gervais Street, raised concerns about the BID assessment, which he emphasized is not a property tax but an obligation that should be shared by all. He stated the assessment exceeds \$30,000 and could reduce his property value by \$500,000. He also questioned the exemption of properties like the University of South Carolina.

Councilor Herbert asked Mr. Patel if he received the assessment when it was mailed out.

Mr. Milan Patel said yes.

Councilor Herbert asked do you have a suggested number that would be tenable for you.

Mr. Milan Patel said he is unsure since he already faces a substantial property tax bill and additional personal property taxes. He expressed uncertainty about the potential

assessment impact. While he supports initiatives that promote growth and job creation in Columbia, he criticized the process by which the BID was established. He questioned why property owners are not held responsible for cleaning the sidewalks surrounding their properties.

Mayor Rickenmann said property owners are responsible for their cleanup, but they aren't doing it.

Mr. Milan Patel said that is an enforcement issue.

Mayor Rickenmann reported that the City has reached out to the University of South Carolina for a donation to the BID. He emphasized the positive impact of the BID and encouraged continued dialogue on its value. The City invests approximately \$70,000 to \$100,000 annually into the BID and views itself as a partner in its efforts. He expressed optimism about the BID's future benefits and suggested further discussions to enhance its value.

Mr. Milan Patel highlighted the high tax base in Columbia and Richland County as a challenge for development.

Councilor Johnson noted that this discussion has been revisited several times since the creation of the Main Street BID 25 years ago. He emphasized the need for continued dialogue and determining a threshold to advance these conversations and achieve progress.

Council closed the appeal hearing at 5:03 p.m.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Bailey, Council voted unanimously to consider the objections and affirm the original Vista Business Improvement District Assessment. Mr. Brown abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest.

Resolutions

25. Resolution No.: R-2026-046 - Approving Assessment Roll for Vista Business Improvement District

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. Johnson, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2026-046 - Approving Assessment Roll for Vista Business Improvement District. Mr. Brown abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest.

Appointments

26. Richland Lexington Airport District Commission

Upon a motion made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Johnson, Council voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Curtis Dayson to the Richland Lexington Airport District Commission for a four-year term.

City Council Committee Reports, Referrals and New Business

Public Input

Individuals are allotted up to three minutes to address Columbia City Council about matters not on the agenda. Items requiring a public hearing cannot be addressed at this time.

Ms. Carmen Pendergrass expressed concern about the dilapidated conditions of the Transitions Women's Emergency Shelter and urged improvements to support unhoused residents.

Mr. Tyson Brown, Executive Director of Project OneWay invited City Council to the Emerging Leaders Forum, a community event focused on wealth, access, and opportunity made possible through Project One Way's partnership with the Office of Business Opportunities.

Mr. Brian Dixon expressed concerns that community needs are not being fully addressed. He urged City Council to focus more on direct support for residents rather than on businesses and formal processes.

Ms. Kay Moore expressed concerns about Consent Agenda **Item 6** (Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Contract for Operations of the Recovery Community Center at Hope Plaza) and **Item 7** (Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Contract for Behavioral Health, Recovery and Clinical Support Services at Rapid Shelter Columbia and the Recovery Community Center).

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Erika D. Moore Hammond, MMC, CPM
City Clerk