



COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The Columbia City Council conducted a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at City Hall (Council Chambers), 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201. The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. and the following City Council members were present: The Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr., The Honorable Will Brennan, Mayor Pro-Tem, The Honorable Aditi Bussells, The Honorable Peter M. Brown, and The Honorable Tyler D. Bailey. The Honorable Tina N. Herbert was absent. Also present were Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Moore Hammond, City Clerk. This meeting was advertised in accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

INVOCATION

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda subject to adding **Item 20** (*Resolution No.: R-2024-033 - Public Input on Closing and Transfer of a portion of Evans Street in the City of Columbia*) to Executive Session **Item 24**.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Ronald Davis expressed support for **Item 23** (*Approval of the installation of three (3) speed Humps and two (2) four way stops in the Historic Waverly Neighborhood, as requested by the Public Works Department*). He emphasized the need for safety precautions in the neighborhood because of the Allen University dormitory, daycare, and places of worship.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Council is asked to approve the September 3, 2024 City Council Meeting Minutes. – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to approve the September 3, 2024 City Council Meeting Minutes.



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PRESENTATIONS

2. South Carolina Daughters of the American Revolution Proclamation - The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor

Ms. Alice Caskey, State Regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution shared that Constitution Week is celebrated to honor the signing of the Constitution by the American Congress of Confederation on September 17, 1787, and its recognition by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956. This week is used to educate the public and promote awareness about the Constitution.

Mayor Rickenmann and the members of City Council proclaimed September 17 – 23, 2024 as Constitution Week in the City of Columbia.

3. Parking Services Week Proclamation - The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor

Ms. Elle Matney, Director/Parking Services acknowledged that Parking Services is an integral part of communities all across the country. She recognized all facets of Parking Services from in the field to office operations. She highlighted the executive leadership team with over 150 years of combined commitment to the City of Columbia.

Mayor Rickenmann and the members of City Council proclaimed September 16 – 20, 2024 as Parking Services Week in the City of Columbia.

4. Adult Education and Family Literacy Week Proclamation - The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor

Mayor Rickenmann and the members of City Council proclaimed September 16 – 20, 2024 as Adult Education and Family Literacy Week in the City of Columbia.

Mayor Rickenmann emphasized the importance of providing opportunities within the community. He encouraged citizens to take advantage of various resources available, including adult education, family literacy programs, technical training, and the Heyward Career Center.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 5 THROUGH 15

Upon a single motion made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Brown, Council voted unanimously to approve **Consent Agenda Items 5 through 10 and 12 through 15.**



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5. Council is asked to approve a new Professional Services Contract for the Community Development 5-Year Consolidated Plan and Analysis, as requested by the Community Development Department on June 10, 2024. Award to Civatas, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$58,500.00. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon issuance of a Notice to Proceed with an end date one year from commencement and the option to renew for two (2) additional one-year periods. This firm is located in Mount Pleasant, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Community Development Control - CDBG-CV Administration FY24-25 - Professional Services (2519999-9122010024-636600) \$28,500.00, Community Development Control - FY24 General Administration - Professional Services (2519999-9100080124-636600) \$26,000.00, Community Development Control - FY24 HOME Administration - Professional Services (2519999-9101790124-636600) \$4,000.00. The original budget amount is \$69,000.00.

6. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Vehicle Equipment and Accessories for the Columbia Police Department, as requested by the Fleet Services Division. Award to the following vendors using the SC State Contract in the total amount of \$617,027.32. – *Approved*

Item	Vendor	Vehicle/Heavy Equipment	Procurement Method	Amount
a.	TD Synnex Corporation Greenville, SC	Thirty Five (35) Laptops & Havis vehicle docks, as requested on July 16, 2024.	SC State Contract #4400031905	\$185,591.19
<i>Funding Source: Capital Replacement - Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment-Capital (6308972-658500). The original budget amount is \$185,591.19.</i>				
b.	Utility Associates, Inc. Decatur, GA	Thirty Five (35) White Antennas, as requested on July 16, 2024.	SC State Contract #4400021612	\$102,696.66
<i>Funding Source: Capital Replacement - Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment-Capital (6308972-658500). The original budget amount is \$102,696.66.</i>				
c.	Motorola Solutions Chicago, IL	Forty (40) Radio extension cables, as requested on August 26, 2024.	SC State Contract #4400035340	\$328,739.47
<i>Funding Source: Capital Replacement - Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment-Capital (6308972-658500). The original budget amount is \$328,739.47.</i>				
Total				\$617,027.32



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7. Council is asked to approve a new Sole Source Contract for Preventative Maintenance and Repair Services at the Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant, as requested by Columbia Water on August 20, 2024. Award to the Hach Company, in the amount of \$93,418.92. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon issuance of a Notice to Proceed with an option to renew for one (1) additional one-year period. This vendor is located in Loveland, CO. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Utilities Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant - Maintenance and Service Contract (5516208-638200). The original budget amount is \$93,418.92.

8. Council is asked to approve the Annual Fee for One-Call Notification Services for Assistance with Locating Underground Utilities, as requested by Columbia Water on July 5, 2024. Award to Palmetto Utility Protection Service (PUPS), Inc. doing business as South Carolina 811, in the amount of \$111,860.87. The term of the services is from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Utilities Water Distribution and Maintenance - Membership and Dues (5516203-631400). The original budget amount is \$111,860.87.

9. Council is asked to approve a new Professional Services Contract for Project SS7646; Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant Electrical Supply Reliability Improvements, as requested by Columbia Water on July 24, 2024. Award to Highfill Infrastructure Engineering, P.C. in an amount not to exceed \$230,100.00. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon issuance of a Notice to Proceed with an end date one year from commencement and the option to renew for one (1) additional one-year period. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Water and Sewer Capital Projects - Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant Electrical Supply Improvements - Capital Project Costs (5529999-SS764601-658650). The original budget amount is \$230,100.00.

This is a Mentor Protégé Program Protégé Only project. Highfill Infrastructure Engineering, P.C. is the protégé and will provide technical consulting support services at 43.07% (\$99,100.00) of the total contract amount.

The following subcontractor will provide additional services:

Howard Engineering, Inc., a Minority Business Enterprise (W), located in Marietta, SC, will provide electrical engineering services at 56.93% (\$131,000.00) of the total contract amount.



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10. Council is asked to approve a new Contract for Project SS7528; Canopy Storage Area at the Beltline Wastewater Management Facility, as requested by Columbia Water on July 18, 2024. Award to Hammer Construction, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$905,573.90, 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 fifty (150) days from commencement. This contractor is located in Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Water and Sewer Capital Projects - Beltline Columbia Storage Canopy - Capital Project Costs - (5529999-SS752801-658650). The original budget amount is \$905,573.90.

Hammer Construction, LLC is the prime contractor and will provide the canopy structure and concrete services at 61.76% (\$527,631.00) of the total contract amount.

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

Hoover Metal Buildings, located in Lexington, SC, will provide a pre-engineered metal building at 24.43% (\$208,684.00) of the total contract amount.

ESI Electrical, located in Irmo, SC, will provide electrical services at 9.36% (\$80,000.00) of the total contract amount.

Brabham Fence Company, located in Columbia, SC, will provide fencing at 3.04% (\$26,000.00) of the total contract amount.

Abel Paving, located in Ridgeway, SC, will provide paving services at 1.41% (\$12,000.00) of the total contract amount.

11. Council is asked to approve a new Contract for Project WM4543; Lake Murray Water Treatment Plant Taste and Odor Treatment System, as requested by Columbia Water on May 25, 2023. Award to M. B. Kahn Waterworks, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$3,951,008.25, which includes contingency. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed with an end date three hundred sixty (360) days from commencement. This contractor is located in Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Water and Sewer Capital Projects - Lake Murray Treatment System - Capital Project Costs - (5529999-WM454301-658650). The original budget amount is \$3,951,008.25.

This is a Columbia Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (CDBE) program project with a 7% CDBE goal. The CDBE percentage is currently at 1.06%. This contract has been reviewed by the Office of Business Opportunities and deemed in compliance with the CDBE program.

M.B. Kahn Waterworks, LLC is the prime contractor and will provide services at 76.80% (\$2,889,804.20) of the total contract amount.



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

Sig Cox, located in Augusta, GA, will provide HVAC services at 1.06% (\$40,000.00) of the total contract amount.

Gregory Electric Company, Inc., located in Columbia, SC, will provide electrical services at 13.18% (\$496,000.00) of the total contract amount.

DESA, Inc., a Minority Business Enterprise (W) and a CDBE located in Columbia, SC, will provide craft labor services at 0.93% (\$35,000.00) of the total contract amount.

Harrelson Painting, located in Swansea, SC, will provide painting services at 2.13% (\$80,000.00) of the total contract amount.

Point Source Environmental, located in Anderson, SC, will provide erosion control services at 0.40% (\$15,000.00) of the total contract amount.

ZBS & Associates, a Minority Business Enterprise (W) and a DBE located in Atlanta, GA, will provide fuel at 0.13% (\$5,000.00) of the total contract amount.

Enterprise Rebar, a Minority Business Enterprise and a DBE located in Yemassee, SC, will provide rebar installation services at 1.54% (\$58,000.00) of the total contract amount.

L.A. Barrier & Son, Inc., a Minority Business Enterprise (W) and a CDBE located in Lexington, SC, will provide hauling services at 0.13% (\$5,000.00) of the total contract amount.

Heyward - Charlotte, Inc., located in Charlotte, NC, will provide mixers at 3.70% (\$139,060.80) of the total contract amount.

Councilor Bailey asked about the CBDE goals for this project and available resources to help the vendor reach that goal.

Ms. Ayesha Driggers, Director/Office of Business Opportunities reported on progress in increasing participation from 0% to 1%. An additional 1.67% of CDBE's couldn't be counted due to their locations. She highlighted the commitment to further increase participation, despite some challenges in identifying CDBE's for specialized services. The requirement for good faith efforts was implemented, ensuring that outreach to various vendors was documented.

Mayor Rickenmann asked if specialized services should be a focal point in order to help grow our disadvantaged businesses.



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Ms. Ayesha Driggers, Director/Office of Business Opportunities said we'll continue to talk to M.B. Kahn about this type of project and what needs are not being fulfilled with our DBE community. She expressed optimism about building capacity specifically for specialty work in the water sector.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Bailey, Council voted unanimously to approve a new Contract for Project WM4543; Lake Murray Water Treatment Plant Taste and Odor Treatment System, as requested by Columbia Water on May 25, 2023. Award to M. B. Kahn Waterworks, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$3,951,008.25, which includes contingency. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed with an end date three hundred sixty (360) days from commencement. This contractor is located in Columbia, SC.

12. Ordinance No.: 2024-073 - Approval for Conveyance of City Property Located at 5003 Rhett Street and identified as Richland County TMS#11701-10-03; CF#250-645 – *Approved on second reading.*

First reading approval was given on September 3, 2024.

13. Ordinance No.: 2024-074 - Granting a Second Renewal to MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC, f/k/a MCImetro Access Transmission Services Corp., its Successors and Assigns the Right, Power and Authority to Construct, Install, Maintain and Operate In, Over, Upon and Under the Streets and Public Places of the City of Columbia, its Lines, Poles, Wires, Cables and other Telecommunications Facilities to Render Telecommunications Service to Its Customers in the Limits of the City of Columbia for Such Period as Provided Herein; and to Provide for the Payment of Compensation for the Use of the Streets and Public Places through July 31, 2026 – *Approved on second reading.*

First reading approval was given on September 3, 2024.

14. ANNEXATION, FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 28.50 acres E/S Broad River Road, TMS# 06112-05-33 – *Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2024-065 - Annexing 28.50 acres E/S Broad River Road, Richland County TMS #06112-05-33 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map – Approved on second reading.

Council District: 1



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Proposal: Request to annex the property, assign the land use classification of Urban Edge Mixed Residential (UEMR) and assign of zoning of Residential Mixed District (RM-2). The property is currently classified as Mixed Residential (High Density) and Mixed Use Corridor and zoned Residential 6 (R6) by Richland County.

Applicant: Edward Rose Assoc., LLC

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 07/18/2024; Approval, (5-0)

First reading approval was given on September 3, 2024.

15. **AMENDMENT TO THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE TO UPDATE PRINCIPAL USE TABLE FOR VETERINARY CLINICS – *Approved on second reading.***

Ordinance No.:2024-069 - Amending the Unified Development Ordinance, Chapter 17, Article 4: Use Regulations, Sec. 17-4.2(b) Principal Use Table, to permit veterinary hospital or clinic as a conditional use in the Mixed-Use (MU-1) District – Approved on second reading.

Proposal: Request to amend the Unified Development Ordinance, Chapter 17, Article 4: Use Regulations, Sec. 17-4.2(b) Principal Use Table, to permit veterinary hospital or clinic as a conditional use in the Mixed Use (MU-1) District.

Applicant: Hope Hasty, Zoning Administrator

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: Approval (5-0)

First reading approval was given on September 3, 2024.

PUBLIC HEARING & FIRST READING FOR ZONING / PLANNING MATTERS

Council opened the public hearing at 4:32 p.m.

16. **ANNEXATION, FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 1425 and 1430 Laburnum Drive, TMS# 13706-13-10 – *Approved on first reading.***

Ordinance No.: 2024-075 - Annexing 1425 and 1430 Laburnum Drive, TMS# 13706-13-10 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.



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Proposal: Request to annex the property, assign the land use classification of Urban Core Residential Small Lot (UCR 1) and assign of zoning of Residential Single Family Small Lot District (RSF-3) for a pending annexation. The property is currently classified as Mixed Residential (High Density) and zoned Residential 4 (R4) by Richland County.

Council District: 3

Applicant: Chanda W. Davis

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 08/08/2024; Meeting cancelled and 09/12/2024; Recommend Approval (8-0)

No one appeared at this time.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Annexation, Future Land Use Map Amendment, and Zoning Map Amendment for 1425 and 1430 Laburnum Drive, TMS# 13706-13-10 **and** Ordinance No.: 2024-075 - Annexing 1425 and 1430 Laburnum Drive, TMS# 13706-13-10 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map.

17. **AMENDMENT TO THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE** to include 207 Wateree Avenue, TMS# 11306-04-27, as a Type 2 Landmark – *Approved on first reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2024-072 - Amending the Unified Development Ordinance of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Appendix B: Type 2 Landmarks – Approved on first reading.

Council District: 3

Proposal: Amend the Unified Development Ordinance, Chapter 17, Appendix B: Type 2 Landmarks to establish the property as a City of Columbia Landmark

Applicant: Krista Hampton, Planning & Development Services Director

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 08/08/2024; Meeting Cancelled and 09/12/2024; Recommend Approval (8-0)

D/DRC Recommendation: 08/15/2024; Recommend Approval (9-0)

No one appeared at this time.



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Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. Bailey, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to an Amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance to include 207 Wateree Avenue, TMS# 11306-04-27, as a Type 2 Landmark **and** Ordinance No.: 2024-072 - Amending the Unified Development Ordinance of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Appendix B: Type 2 Landmarks.

Council closed the public hearing at 4:36 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS

18. Resolution No.: R-2024-064 - Policy and Procedures for Proclamations and Keys to the City – *Approved*

Endorsed by the Administrative Policy Committee on June 18, 2024.

Upon a motion made by Dr. Bussells and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2024-064 - Policy and Procedures for Proclamations and Keys to the City.

EVENT RESOLUTIONS

19. Resolution No.: R-2024-077 - Authorizing consumption of beer, wine and liquor at Vista Lights Annual Holiday Festival on Thursday, November 21, 2024 – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mayor Rickenmann and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2024-077 - Authorizing consumption of beer, wine and liquor at Vista Lights Annual Holiday Festival on Thursday, November 21, 2024.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PUBLIC INPUT ON ROAD CLOSURE

20. Resolution No.: R-2024-033 - Public Input on Closing and Transfer of a portion of Evans Street in the City of Columbia – *Approved*

Council opened the public input period at 4:40 p.m.

No one appeared at this time.

Council closed the public input period at 4:41 p.m.



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Upon a motion made by Dr. Bussells and seconded by Mr. Bailey, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2024-033 - Public Input on Closing and Transfer of a portion of Evans Street in the City of Columbia.

OTHER MATTERS

21. Council is asked to endorse the SCDOT Plan for intersection upgrades at Rosewood Drive and South Walker Street, as requested by the Public Works Department. – *Approved*

Both the Columbia Fire Department and Columbia Police Department approved this request.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to approve the SCDOT Plan for intersection upgrades at Rosewood Drive and South Walker Street, as requested by the Public Works Department.

22. Council is asked to approve the installation of Three (3) Four Way Stops, One (1) Three Way Stop, and a neighborhood 25 MPH Speed Limit in Cottontown, as requested by the Public Works Department. – *Approved*

Both the Columbia Fire Department and Columbia Police Department approved this request.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Brown, Council voted unanimously to approve the installation of three (3) four way stops, one (1) three way stop, and a neighborhood 25 MPH speed limit in Cottontown, as requested by the Public Works Department.

23. Council is asked to approve the installation of Three (3) Speed Humps and Two (2) Four Way Stops in the Historic Waverly Neighborhood, as requested by the Public Works Department. – *Approved*

Both the Columbia Fire Department and Columbia Police Department approved this request.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to approve the installation of three (3) Speed Humps and two (2) Four Way Stops in the Historic Waverly Neighborhood, as requested by the Public Works Department.



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CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REFERRALS, REPORTS, AND NEW BUSINESS

Upon a motion made by Mayor Rickenmann and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to present the list of legislative priorities to City Council and discuss Automated Traffic Safety Technologies in Executive Session in October.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Rickenmann and seconded by Mr. Brown, Council voted unanimously to conduct a comprehensive review of chauffeur's licenses and the climate around various transportation options in the City of Columbia to the Administrative Policy Committee.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Wade Fulmer expressed concerns about numerous nuisance complaints related to excessive dog barking.

Mr. Wayne Ard expressed concerns with extensive requirements for maintaining a city chauffeur's license, which he believes is outdated compared to the regulations for ride-share drivers.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. Bailey, Council voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 5:00 p.m. for the discussion of **Items 24** and **25** as amended to add Evans Street to **Item 24**.

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

Parking rates

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

Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)



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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Erika D. Moore Hammond, CMC
City Clerk