



COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

The Columbia City Council conducted a meeting on Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at City Hall (Council Chambers), 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. and the following members of Council were present: The Honorable Howard E. Duvall, Jr., The Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr., The Honorable William Brennan, The Honorable Aditi Bussells, The Honorable Tina N. Herbert, and The Honorable Peter M. Brown. Also present were 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.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Ms. Herbert and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda subject to withdrawing **Item 1** and amending **Item 6** to read: *Professional Services Agreement for Consulting Services*.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

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

PUBLIC INPUT RELATED TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

No one appeared at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Council is asked to approve the September 5, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve the September 5, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes.



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3. Council is asked to approve the February 14, 2023 Work Session and February 28, 2023 Budget Workshop Minutes.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to approve the February 14, 2023 Work Session and February 28, 2023 Budget Workshop Minutes.

PRESENTATIONS

4. Constitution Week Proclamation - The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor

Mayor Rickenmann and the members of City Council proclaimed September 17 - September 23, 2023 as Constitution Week in the City of Columbia.

Ms. Connelly-Anne Ragley of the Columbia Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution was joined by several members from other chapters of the greater Midlands to accept the proclamation. She said for over 100 years we have served God, home, and country as blood descendants of those men and women who fought to establish independence. Thank you for helping us to recognize Constitution Week.

5. Toms Creek Family Farms Mobile Market Update - Ms. Ayesha Driggers, Director of the Office of Business Opportunities

Ms. Ayesha Driggers, Director of the Office of Business Opportunities said recently you approved the Food Solutions Initiative and that was awarded to Toms Creek Farms. Last week, they presented to our Community Development Committee and we wanted them to do the same for Council.

Mr. Larry Schneeberger, part owner of Toms Creek Family Farms, LLC said we have a 200 acre farm in Hopkins. The trailer has been ordered and we should get it in mid-October with the launch in mid-January. DSS will inform people about the Mobile Market and Healthy Bucks, which is a SNAP benefit program. We are also going to work with Palmetto Pediatrics to provide free health checks for children.

Dr. Neset Hikmet, part owner of Toms Creek Family Farms, LLC said we want to see that what we're bringing to the community is doing what it's supposed to do. Using University resources as well as our own, we want to complete studies and bring that back to you.



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Mr. Larry Schneeberger, part owner of Toms Creek Family Farms, LLC presented photo mockups of the Mobile Market. The people that are building the trailer are doing the awnings, insulation, and air-conditioning. When I get it, I will add shelving, coolers, and wrapping. We are also working with local farmers, all sourced from South Carolina. We have invested \$2 million in the city of Columbia. We own the basement and the first floor and retrofitted it to be a true farm-to-market store with a bakery at 912 Lady Street.

Councilor Herbert said the Food Policy Committee has been working on this for a long time and I'm glad to see it come to fruition. I didn't know you had already invested \$2 million, and we are giving you \$180,000. I think it's a great investment to help you expand and I feel confident that this will be sustainable.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 6 THROUGH 13

Upon a single motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve **Consent Agenda Items 6 through 13**.

6. Council is asked to approve a Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Professional Services Agreement for Consulting Services, as requested by Administration. Award to Laddie Howard in an amount not to exceed \$85,000.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Governmental Affairs - Professional Services (1011103-636600). The original budget amount is \$85,000.00.

7. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Globe Bunker Gear for annual replacement needs and new recruits, as requested by the Columbia Fire Department on August 25, 2023. Award to Newton's Fire and Safety Equipment, Inc. using the HGACBuy Cooperative Contract in the amount of \$286,848.00. This vendor is located in Graham, NC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Fire Suppression - Safety Clothing and Supplies (1012303-625900) \$143,424.00 and Fire Administration-County - Safety Clothing and Supplies (2082301-625900) \$143,424.00. The original budget amount is \$286,848.00.

8. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Vehicles for various City Departments, as requested by the Fleet Services Division. Award to multiple vendors using the SC State Contract in the amount of \$753,985.60. - *Approved*



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Item	Vendor	Vehicle	Department	Amount
a.	Alan Jay Automotive Management dba Alan Jay Fleet Sales Sebring, FL	2024 F-250 Super Duty SRW XL 2WD Crew Cab	Forestry & Beautification Division	\$51,111.00
<i>Funding Source: Capital Replacement - Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment-Capital (6308972-658500). The original budget amount is \$51,111.00.</i>				
b.	Alan Jay Automotive Management dba Alan Jay Fleet Sales Sebring, FL	2024 Ford Transit Passenger Wagon (X2X) T-350 XL	Parking Buildings/Lots	\$54,817.00
<i>Funding Source: Capital Replacement - Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment-Capital (5312413-658500). The original budget amount is \$59,202.36.</i>				
c.	Alan Jay Automotive Management dba Alan Jay Fleet Sales Sebring, FL	2024 Ford Transit Cargo Van (E1Y) T-150 RWD	Traffic Engineering	\$51,674.00
<i>Funding Source: Customer Service - Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment - Capital (6238961-658500). The original budget amount is \$55,807.92.</i>				
d.	Alan Jay Automotive Management dba Alan Jay Fleet Sales Sebring, FL	(5) 2024 Nissan Frontier King Cab 4x2 S Auto	Water Distribution	\$165,440.00
<i>Funding Source: Customer Service - Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment - Capital (5516203-658500). The original budget amount is \$165,440.00.</i>				
e.	Love Chevrolet Columbia, SC	2023 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 Crew Cab 4x4	Water Distribution	\$60,983.00
<i>Funding Source: Customer Service - Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment - Capital (5516203-658500). The original budget amount is \$60,983.00.</i>				
f.	Love Chevrolet Columbia, SC	(2) 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Short Crew Cab 4x4 (3) 2024 Chevrolet Equinox LS	Engineering	\$193,401.12
<i>Funding Source: Customer Service - Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment - Capital (5516221-658500). The original budget amount is \$193,401.12.</i>				
g.	Blanchard Machinery Company West Columbia, SC	CS44B Vibratory Compactor	Street Division	\$176,559.48
<i>Funding Source: Customer Service - Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment - Capital (5534203-658500). The original budget amount is \$176,559.48.</i>				
Total				\$753,985.60



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9. Council is asked to approve a new Contract for Calhoun Street Resurfacing Project, as requested by the Public Works Department on March 10, 2023. Award to Eurovia Atlantic Coast, LLC, doing business as Blythe, in an amount not to exceed \$1,124,235.73, which includes contingency. This contractor is located in West Columbia, SC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Public Works - Street Division (4079999-SR911320-658650). Reimbursement funding for paving is coming from the County Transportation Commission in the amount of \$871,643.10. Reimbursement for pavement markings is coming from the Richland Penny Sales Tax in the amount of \$88,292.00. The original budget amount is \$1,124,235.73.

Eurovia Atlantic Coast LLC DBA Blythe, is the prime contractor and will provide services at 82.85% (\$930,360.73) of the total contract amount.

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

J. Moore Electrical Contractors, Inc., located in Swansea, SC, will provide traffic loops at 7.92% (\$89,000.00) of the total contract amount.

Peek Pavement Markings, located in Columbia, SC, will provide striping at 9.23% (\$103,625.00) of the total contract amount.

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

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

Council District: 4

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

Applicant: Madison Pickrel, HVP3 Development, LLC

Staff Recommendation: Approval

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

First reading approval was given on August 15, 2023.



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11. Ordinance No.: 2023-102 - Granting an encroachment to Five Points Association for the use of the right of way areas of the 700 block of Harden Street and the 700 block of Saluda Avenue for the installation and maintenance of a steel statue adjacent to 727 Harden Street and 751 Saluda Avenue, Richland County TMS# 11308-07-04 and 11308-06-03 -*Approved on second reading.*

First reading approval was given on September 5, 2023.

12. Ordinance No.: 2023-109 - A Sixteenth Supplemental Ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of City of Columbia, South Carolina, Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, in one or more series, in the aggregate principal amount of not exceeding \$155,000,000, in order to refinance certain outstanding indebtedness and to finance various capital projects and improvements to the system, any necessary debt service reserves, capitalized interest and issuance costs; authorizing the Mayor, the City Manager and the Assistant City Manager for Finance and Economic Services, or any two of them acting together, to determine certain matters with respect to the bonds; prescribing the form and details of such bonds; and other matters relating thereto. – *Approved on second reading.*

Attorney Estimated Cost of Issuance		
Service	Provider	Cost
Co-Bond Counsel, Tax Counsel	Burr Forman	\$197,500
Co-Bond Counsel	Johnson, Toal, Battiste	\$80,000
Co-Underwriter's Counsel	Parker Poe	\$89,000
Co-Underwriter's Counsel	Starkes Law	\$40,000

First reading approval was given on September 5, 2023.

13. Ordinance No.: 2023-111 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 5, Buildings and Buildings Regulations, Article IX, Short Term Rentals, Sec. 5-402, Short-term rental regulations, Sec. 5-404, Short-term rental permit application and fees and Sec. 5-410, Enforcement and penalties – *Approved on second reading.*

Short-Term Rentals Ad-hoc Committee Recommendation: 08/15/2023; Approval (3-0)

First reading approval was given on September 5, 2023.



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ORDINANCES - SECOND READING

14. Ordinance No.: 2023-097 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 24, Vehicles for Hire, Article IV, Wrecker and Towing Services, Section 24-215, Towing and storage charges – *Approved on second reading.*

First reading approval was given on September 5, 2023.

Mr. Robert Anderson, Director of Public Works said the cost has been split. We will have a meeting to review the ordinance as it relates to cleanup.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to give second reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2023-097 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 24, Vehicles for Hire, Article IV, Wrecker and Towing Services, Section 24-215, Towing and storage charges.

PUBLIC HEARING & FIRST READING FOR ZONING / PLANNING MATTERS

Council opened the public hearing at 4:27 p.m.

15. ANNEXATION, FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 5706 and 5710 Fairfield Road, 602 Oakland Avenue, 721 and 731 Prescott Road, and NX809 and NX815 Woodside Avenue; TMS#11707-02-01,11707-02-02,11707-02-03,11707-02-44,11708-06-02,11708-06-06 and 11708-06-07 – *Approved on first reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2023-107 - Annexing 5706 and 5710 Fairfield Road, 602 Oakland Avenue, 721 and 731 Prescott Road, and NX809 and NX815 Woodside Avenue, Richland County TMS #11707-02-01, 11707-02-02, 11707-02-03, 11707-02-44, 11708-06-02, 11708-06-06, and 11708-06-07 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map – Approved on first reading.

Council District: 1

Proposal: Request to annex the property and assign the land use classifications of Community Activity Corridor (AC-2) and Urban Edge Residential Small Lot (UER-1) and assign General Commercial District (GC) and Mixed Use District (MU-1). The property is currently classified as Mixed Residential (High Density) in a Community Activity Center and a Priority Investment Area and zoned General Commercial (GC) and Residential Single Family - Medium Density (RS-MD) by Richland County.



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Applicant: Camp Cola, LLC

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 08/10/2023; Approval (5-0)

Ms. Krista Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services said the requested zoning is split. Towards Fairfield Road, it would be general commercial [zoning] which is prevalent along Fairfield Road. Towards the back, which is closer to the residential would be a low mixed use designation upon annexation.

Councilor Herbert asked if the zoning in that area will be the same. Will the mobile homes remain?

Ms. Krista Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services said yes.

Mr. Ronnie Campbell, owner said those two abandoned houses and the mobile home will be removed.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Herbert and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Annexation, Future Land Use Map Amendment, And Zoning Map Amendment for 5706 and 5710 Fairfield Road, 602 Oakland Avenue, 721 and 731 Prescott Road, and NX809 and NX815 Woodside Avenue; TMS#11707-02-01,11707-02-02,11707-02-03,11707-02-44,11708-06-02,11708-06-06 and 11708-06-07 **and** Ordinance No.: 2023-107 - Annexing 5706 and 5710 Fairfield Road, 602 Oakland Avenue, 721 and 731 Prescott Road, and NX809 and NX815 Woodside Avenue, Richland County TMS #11707-02-01, 11707-02-02, 11707-02-03, 11707-02-44, 11708-06-02, 11708-06-06, and 11708-06-07 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map.

16. ANNEXATION, FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 110 Jacobs Mill Pond Road, TMS#25810-03-08 - *Approved on first reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2023-105 Annexing 110 Jacobs Mill Pond Road, Richland County TMS #25810-03-08 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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Council District: 4

Proposal: Request to annex the property, assign land use classification of Urban Edge Residential Large Lot (UER-2) and assign zoning of Residential Single Family - Large Lot District (RSF-1). The property is currently classified as Neighborhood (Medium Density) and zoned RS-LD by Richland County.

Applicant: James H. Stembridge, Jr. and Brenda J. Stembridge

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 08/10/2023; Approval (5-0)

No one appeared at this time.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Annexation, Future Land Use Map Amendment, And Zoning Map Amendment for 110 Jacobs Mill Pond Road, TMS#25810-03-08 **and** Ordinance No.: 2023-105 Annexing 110 Jacobs Mill Pond Road, Richland County TMS #25810-03-08 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map.

17. ANNEXATION, FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 7716 Garners Ferry Road; TMS#19102-01-01 – *Approved on first reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2023-106 - Annexing 7716 Garners Ferry Road, Richland County TMS #19102-01-01 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map – Approved on first reading.

Council District: 3

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

Applicant: C & B Real Estate Investments, LLC

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 08/10/2023; Approval (5-0)

No one appeared at this time.



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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 7716 Garners Ferry Road; TMS#19102-01-01 **and** Ordinance No.: 2023-106 - Annexing 7716 Garners Ferry Road, Richland County TMS #19102-01-01 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map.

18. ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 1507 Mt. Vernon Street; TMS# 09214-09-12 - Denied

Ordinance No.: 2023-084 - Amending the Official Zoning Map to modify the zoning for 1507 Mt. Vernon Street, Richland County TMS# 09214-09-12 – Denied

Council District: 1

Proposal: Request to rezone the property from Residential Single Family (RSF-2) to Residential Mixed District (RM-1).

Applicant: DaVant S. Jenkins

Staff Recommendation: Denial

PC Recommendation: 06/08/2023; Denial (7-0)

Ms. Delilah Ceden-Jenkins, property owner spoke in support of the rezoning. My goal is to uplift the community by building modern homes to match the new Main Street aesthetic and to complement the brewery. We are a small, local organization so the profit is not our only objective.

Ms. Gail Baker, Mt. Vernon Street resident spoke in opposition to the rezoning. Our neighborhood does not have a good history of taking care of multi- family units. It's an awkward corner and there is a ditch. Cars are already parking on the street and the visibility is very hard. I can't see a multifamily dwelling sitting in that particular area.

Ms. Carol Mitchell, 1503 Mt. Vernon Street spoke in opposition to the rezoning. I have been at this property for 50 years and most of the homes on this block are owner occupied. I think it's dangerous to block that corner with something other than what has been there for 100 years.



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Ms. Joyce Jenkins, 1411 Mt. Vernon Street spoke in opposition to the rezoning. I have concerns about the traffic, lack of sidewalks for school children, and parking. I would rather a single family dwelling be put there. Adding businesses and multifamily units will be too much for the area.

Ms. Linda Campbell, 1510 Mt. Vernon Street spoke in opposition to the rezoning. She raised concerns about the narrow street and parking.

Mayor Rickenmann said staff and Planning Commission both selected denial. Is there anything you need to add?

Ms. Krista Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services said no, the staff does support additional density in appropriate locations. This part of Mt. Vernon Street is and has been single family. There is plenty of multifamily in the adjacent area. The plan and development patterns point towards keeping it as is.

Councilor Herbert said I want to make sure the applicants understand that we are not against development. We want to keep the character of that particular neighborhood. To put multifamily housing in the middle of single family homes does not work with the mission or the goals, which is why it has been denied. Let's sit down for further discussion.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Herbert and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to deny the Zoning Map Amendment for 1507 Mt. Vernon Street; TMS# 09214-09-12 **and** Ordinance No.: 2023-084 - Amending the Official Zoning Map to modify the zoning for 1507 Mt. Vernon Street, Richland County TMS# 09214-09-12.

19. AMENDMENT TO THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE UPDATE PRINCIPAL USE TABLE – *Approved on first reading*

Ordinance No.: 2023-113 - Amending the Unified Ordinance of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Article 4: Use Regulations, Sec. 17-4.2, Principal Uses, (b), Principal Use Table, (4) Principal Use Table for Base Zoning Districts – Approved on first reading.

Proposal: Request to amend the Unified Development Ordinance, Chapter 17, Article 4: Use Regulations to add additional uses to the Permitted Use Table for the EC (Employment Campus) Zoning District.

Applicant: Hope Hasty, Zoning Administrator



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Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 08/10/23; Approval (6-0)

Upon a motion made by Dr. Bussells and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2023-113 - Amending the Unified Ordinance of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Article 4: Use Regulations, Sec. 17-4.2, Principal Uses, (b), Principal Use Table, (4) Principal Use Table for Base Zoning Districts.

Council closed the Public Hearing at 4:46 p.m.

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

20. Ordinance No.: 2023-108 - Granting an encroachment to Southeast Restaurants Corp., for the use of the right of way areas of the 2400 block of Forest Drive, the 1500 block of N. Millwood Avenue and the 1400 block of Lyon Street for the installation and maintenance of landscaping and irrigation adjacent to 2400 Forest Drive, Richland County TMS# 11411-02-01 - *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2023-108 - Granting an encroachment to Southeast Restaurants Corp., for the use of the right of way areas of the 2400 block of Forest Drive, the 1500 block of N. Millwood Avenue and the 1400 block of Lyon Street for the installation and maintenance of landscaping and irrigation adjacent to 2400 Forest Drive, Richland County TMS# 11411-02-01.

21. Ordinance No.: 2023-110 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute the Sixth Amendment to ATM Site Lease with Truist Bank f/k/a Branch Banking and Trust Company (BB&T) for use of 3905 Ensor Avenue (Lutheran Survey Building) – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Ms. Herbert and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2023-110 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute the Sixth Amendment to ATM Site Lease with Truist Bank f/k/a Branch Banking and Trust Company (BB&T) for use of 3905 Ensor Avenue (Lutheran Survey Building).



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22. Ordinance No.: 2023-114 - Adopting the Commercial Revolving Loan Fund ("CRLF") Code, revised August 29, 2023 – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Ms. Herbert, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2023-114 - Adopting the Commercial Revolving Loan Fund ("CRLF") Code, revised August 29, 2023.

23. Ordinance No.: 2023-116 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 2, Administration, Article II, Mayor, Council and City Manager, Division 1. Generally, Sec. 2-31, Compensation – *Approved on first reading.*

Councilor Duvall said this is a requirement by state law to change the compensation of an elected Council before an election. The last time this Council had a change in salary was 2006, 17 years ago. This particular ordinance raises the salary from \$13,350 to \$20,350 and I think it is well merited by the service that these Council members provide.

Dr. Bussells said by changing compensation to align with other municipalities and the cost of living, we are leveling the playing field. We are allowing opportunity for us to diversify the class of people that actually run for office and not just those that are stereotypically seen as politicians. I hope this change encourages the next generation of leadership to step up and run to help continue to increase representation in politics.

Councilor Herbert said we will still be less than any of the surrounding areas. Following Dr. Bussells' point, I went through the list of the Black Council members and Luther Battiste, Tameika Devine, Tina Herbert, and Brian Newman, are all lawyers. I don't think that just Black female attorneys should be on City Council. You have mothers and folks who work and are from all different stages of life. It's not about my pockets but it is about making sure there is more opportunity to consider running. I am supportive of this ordinance.

Councilor Brown said it's fair to say everyone on Council does a very good job. It's important to note that it's not all about the money. However, this is called public service. I signed up for public service and to make a difference; not to make money. From a Council perspective, everyone knows exactly where they stand, what we're doing in Columbia, and the efforts that we're making to make Columbia the best city it can possibly be.

Mayor Rickenmann said this is for the compensation of six Council members at roughly \$7,000 per Council member, for a total of \$42,000 in the next fiscal year.



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Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted five to two [5 to 2] to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2023-116 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 2, Administration, Article II, Mayor, Council and City Manager, Division 1. Generally, Sec. 2-31, Compensation. Ms. Herbert, Dr. Bussells, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Duvall, and Mayor Rickenmann voted aye. Mr. Brown and Mr. Brennan voted nay.

RESOLUTIONS

24. Resolution No.: 2023-081 - Authorizing Condemnation for Easement Acquisition for Water Main Extension along Chapin Road to Serve 518 Smokehouse; Lexington County TMS#000700-04-004 (105 Snapdragon Ct); CF# DPO-2022-0038 - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: 2023-081 - Authorizing Condemnation for Easement Acquisition for Water Main Extension along Chapin Road to Serve 518 Smokehouse; Lexington County TMS#000700-04-004 (105 Snapdragon Ct); CF# DPO-2022-0038.

EVENT RESOLUTIONS

25. Resolution No.: 2023-064 - Authorizing consumption of beer, wine and liquor within Boyd Plaza at McQueen Opening on Friday, October 6, 2023 - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Dr. Bussells and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: 2023-064 - Authorizing consumption of beer, wine and liquor within Boyd Plaza at McQueen Opening on Friday, October 6, 2023.

26. Resolution No.: 2023-067 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at Paint the Town Garnet and Black – USC Homecoming Event at 747 Saluda Avenue, perimeter around the Fountain Plaza and 727 Harden Street Parking Lot and 2000 block of Greene Street on Friday, October 13, 2023 - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Dr. Bussells and seconded by Mr. Brennan, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: 2023-067 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at Paint the Town Garnet and Black – USC Homecoming Event at 747 Saluda Avenue, perimeter around the Fountain Plaza and 727 Harden Street Parking Lot and 2000 block of Greene Street on Friday, October 13, 2023.



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27. Resolution No.: 2023-068 - Authorizing consumption of beer, wine and liquor at JerryFest at the Five Points Fountain on Sunday, October 1, 2023 – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Dr. Bussells and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: 2023-068 - Authorizing consumption of beer, wine and liquor at JerryFest at the Five Points Fountain on Sunday, October 1, 2023.

28. Resolution No.: 2023-073 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only within Boyd Plaza adjacent to the Columbia Museum of Art for the Contemporaries October Membership Event on Thursday, October 12, 2023 - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Dr. Bussells and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: 2023-073 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only within Boyd Plaza adjacent to the Columbia Museum of Art for the Contemporaries October Membership Event on Thursday, October 12, 2023.

29. Resolution No.: 2023-082 - Authorizing consumption of beer, wine and liquor at the Gervais Street Bridge Dinner at the Gervais Street Bridge on Sunday, October 8, 2023 - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Dr. Bussells and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: 2023-082 - Authorizing consumption of beer, wine and liquor at the Gervais Street Bridge Dinner at the Gervais Street Bridge on Sunday, October 8, 2023.

APPOINTMENTS

30. Municipal Election Commission

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve the reappointment of Ms. Helen Munnerlyn to the Municipal Election Commission for a six-year term.



**COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023**

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REFERRALS, REPORTS AND NEW BUSINESS

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to refer a draft municipal resolution in support of instant runoff voting as an alternate method of nominating candidates for and determining the results of nonpartisan elections and naming the Sara Nance Cultural Resource Center to the Administrative Policy Committee.

Mayor Rickenmann requested that any information about this be shared with the public after the November election(s) to avoid confusion.

The Administrative Policy Committee will also consider lifting its moratorium on honorary namings in order to discuss pending referrals related to exterior signage opportunities for the Leroy Moss Multipurpose Center at Hyatt Park and naming the Earlewood Community Center after Virginia Lee Bedford and a new referral to consider naming the Sara Nance Cultural Resource Center.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Lee Carroll of Save Our Kids announced his City Council run for 2025. He also raised concerns about Hyatt Park and its need for better programming and equipment repairs.

Councilor Herbert said the city has budgeted \$373,000 for Hyatt Park and I wanted to let you know what we're using it for. We're not ignoring your request. Right now, they have budgeted for the baseball field and new fencing which has been completed. There may have been several requests from the community before yours. They're working on the kiosk that is going outside and the structure behind the home plate that needs to be moved.

Mr. Jason Lyon spoke in support of Be Kind Be Great. We had the opportunity to meet with Mayor Rickenmann to discuss solutions for the community. Join us for a walk on September 30, 2023 at 10 a.m. at Finlay Park on the parking lot side. We will be walking from there to Christ Central and giving out food and water to participants.

Mayor Rickenmann said we were going to get a list to create a small group so we can come up with guidelines and suggestions. While I support you having a march, we should continue talking about what we can get done so each person can achieve their mission.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said Finlay Park is a construction zone and suggested that Mr. Lyon get with the Columbia Police Department to obtain a parade permit for the walk.



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Reverend Sylvia Roberts of Newberry District AME Church asked for clarification about what the Council is doing to help the homeless.

Mr. Ikener of Newberry District AME Church expressed concerns about not being able to assist the homeless population.

Mayor Rickenmann said we are offering a place that has bathrooms, kitchens, and a dining room. We want to bring people to the table and have conversations about how to create guidelines. We can't continue to allow people to feed and leave trash, because residents and businesses are responsible for the cleanup. I encourage you to speak with our Director of Homeless Services, Kameisha Heppard after the meeting and she can tell you everything we are doing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 5:23 p.m. for the discussion of **Item 31**.

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

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Erika D. Moore Hammond, CMC
City Clerk