



COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2022

The Columbia City Council conducted a meeting on Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, SC 29201. The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m. and the following members of Council were present: The Honorable Howard E. Duvall, Jr., The Honorable William Brennan, The Honorable Tina N. Herbert, The Honorable Aditi Bussells, and The Honorable Joe E. Taylor, Jr. The Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr., Mayor Pro-Tempore 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. *The minutes are numbered to coincide with the order of the meeting.*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

The Honorable Tina N. Herbert offered the invocation.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda subject to deferring Items 1 and 35. Item 16 was withdrawn.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

No one appeared at this time.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Tommy Suggs Day Proclamation - The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor – *Deferred*
2. Advanced Metering Infrastructure Update - Mr. Frank Eskridge, P.E., Director of Utilities / Columbia Water

Mr. Frank Eskridge, P.E., Director of Utilities / Columbia Water said the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) project has been successfully completed. This \$48 million project took three and a half years to put in the ground. We now have over 152,000 AMI meters throughout our customer service area. Prior to this project, our meter reading team had to read 145,000 meters every month. In 2016, the City of Columbia began working with Jacob's Engineering.



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Badger Meter was brought in during 2019 to pursue the actual implementation of the project that Jacob's developed the business case for. Badger had the only cellular project proposal. We wanted to have that capability to get the data from the field to our computers. The project that we ended up pursuing has badger meters sending digital signals through the AT&T phone network to our servers. The project team involved information technology, procurement, finance, budgeting, customer care, meter reading, office of business opportunities, water distribution, and City Council. Jacobs provided project management and conducted weekly meetings where we kept the key performance indicators in front of us for three and a half years. Badger provided the meters and hired Utility Metering Solutions to do the field installations. They in turn hired Farmer Construction for meter installations and AOS for concrete. As we go forward, we will continue to work with Badger because they provide a solution that manages the data flow from the meter into our mainframe, customer information system, and billing system. We anticipate that that relationship will continue for another 16 years to bring us to the 20 year lifespan of the overall project. The Eye On Water app is available free to our customers. They can look at and manage their water usage. All they need is an email address and their account number. On behalf of the staff, we want to thank Council for supporting this major transformative effort and I am pleased to report it was a great success.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 3 THROUGH 14

Councilor Bussells removed Item 4 and Item 14 from the consent agenda.

Upon a single motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to approve **Consent Agenda Item 3** and **Items 5** through **13**.

3. Council is asked to approve Contract Amendment #1 for Annual Voice and Data Cabling Services, as requested by the Information Technology Services Department on August 22, 2022. Award to MD Technologies, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Telecomm Central Stores - Wiring Charges (6208962-632120). The original budget amount is \$75,000.00.

4. Council is asked to approve a Professional Services Agreement for Fiscal Year 2022/2023 for Computer Training, Job Search/Preparation, and Online Classes for our most vulnerable populations, as requested by the Community Development Department. Award to Fast Forward in the amount of \$100,000.00, which is not an increase from the previous fiscal year. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. – *Approved as amended.*



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Funding Source: Community Development (1014320-636600) \$50,000.00 and Water & Sewer Special Projects (5518415-636600) \$50,000.00. The original budget amount is \$100,000.00.

Councilor Bussells said I have been following Fast Forward's work for a long time. Dee and her team do a great job with working with different vulnerable populations. My pause here is that some of the money would be coming out of the water and sewer special projects fund. I would like us to move away from that unless there is some sort of explicit connection to water and sewer. For that reason, I would not feel comfortable voting for this as it is currently being funded.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said this has been what previously seated councils have done in an effort to fund the full amount. The full amount is \$100,000 and \$50,000 is what has been allocated out of the community development fund because that is the amount that is available. That is the path that led us to funding the rest out of water and sewer.

Councilor Bussells said I appreciate the history and the traditions of how previous councils may have done things. It's important for us to be very intentional about how we use different funds. If there is a possibility to find that \$50,000 somewhere else, I would be very supportive of that.

Councilor Taylor said I suggest we move forward with the \$50,000 that's not coming from water and sewer and see if we can find another option. I really do like what this group does and I also agree that we should not take from water and sewer.

Mayor Rickenmann said we can defer the item with the understanding that the \$50,000 from community development will be awarded. We can sit down with staff and look at what other opportunities there are to fund the additional \$50,000 because the program is great.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to approve a Professional Services Agreement for Fiscal Year 2022/2023 for Computer Training, Job Search/Preparation, and Online Classes for our most vulnerable populations, as requested by the Community Development Department. Award to Fast Forward in the amount of \$50,000.00, which is not an increase from the previous fiscal year, as amended.

5. Council is asked to approve new Contracts to Upfit 29 Tahoes for the Columbia Police Department, as requested by the Fleet Services Division. Award to the following vendors in the total amount of \$651,730.15. – *Approved*



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Funding Source: Capital Replacement - Computer Equipment Hardware (6308972-627500). The original budget amount is \$660,000.00.

Vendor and Location	Description	Procurement Method
Motorola Chicago, IL	Twenty-nine (29) Radios	State Contract #4400021163
<i>Funding Source: Capital Replacement - Computer Equipment /Hardware (6308972- 627500) - \$216,082.35</i>		
Synnex Corporation Greenville, SC	Twenty-nine (29) Laptops	GSA Contract #47QTCA19D00MM
<i>Funding Source: Capital Replacement - Computer Equipment /Hardware (6308972- 627500) - \$135,888.40</i>		
Utility Associates Decatur, GA	Twenty-nine (29) Communication Systems/Rockets	State Contract #4400021612
<i>Funding Source: Capital Replacement - Computer Equipment /Hardware (6308972- 627500) - \$103,356.00</i>		
COBAN Technologies, Inc. Houston, TX	Twenty-nine (29) Coban In-Car Video Cameras	HGAC Contract #EF04-21
<i>Funding Source: Capital Replacement - Computer Equipment /Hardware (6308972- 627500) - \$196,403.40</i>		

6. Council is asked to approve Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Renewal of the Records Management System Workstation Software Annual Maintenance, as requested by the Columbia Police Department on July 12, 2022. Award to CentralSquare Technologies, LLC in the amount of \$232,235.75, which includes a 5% increase. This vendor is located in Lake Mary, FL. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Police Administrative Services - Maintenance & Service Contracts (1012402-638200). The original budget amount is \$232,235.75.

7. Council is asked to approve Contract Amendment #5 for Project SS7467; Evaluation of North Columbia Pump Station Upgrades, as requested by Columbia Water on August 2, 2022. Award to Brown and Caldwell in the amount of \$65,000.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Water and Sewer Capital Projects/Capital Project Cost (5529999-SS746701-658650). The original budget amount is \$587,700.00. The budget amount for this amendment is \$65,000.00. The total revised budget amount is \$652,700.00.



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This is a Clean Water 2020 Program project and a Mentor Protégé Program project. Brown and Caldwell is the mentor and will provide additional final design services at 80.31% (\$52,200.00) of the amendment amount. 4D Engineering, a Minority Business Enterprise (W) located in Lexington, SC, is the protégé and will not have an increase with this amendment.

Chao & Associates, a Minority Business Enterprise located in Columbia, SC, will provide additional structural assessment and design services at 8.92% (\$5,800.00) of the amendment amount.

Howard Engineering, a Minority Business Enterprise (W) located in Marietta, SC, will provide additional electrical assessment services at 10.77% (\$7,000.00) of the amendment amount.

8. Council is asked to approve a new Contract for Project SD846402; Earlewood 319 Restoration Project, as requested by Columbia Water on December 17, 2021. Award to LAD Construction, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$173,614.10, which includes contingency. This contractor is located in Swansea, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: This project is funded by the SC 319 Program Grant. Stormwater Improvement Capital Project Control - Earlewood Park Stream and Bioretention Plantings - Capital Project Costs (5549999-SD846402-658650). The original budget amount is \$173,614.10.

LAD Construction, LLC is the prime contractor and will provide landscaping services at 17.00% (\$26,831.00) of the total contract amount.

The following subcontractor will provide additional services:

Green View Landscaping Inc. located in Lexington, SC, will provide landscaping material and installation services at 83.00% (\$131,000.00) of the total contract amount.

9. Council is asked to approve the second Renewal Option for the Purchase of Flygt Pumps, Parts, Repair Services, and Maintenance for the Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant, as requested by Columbia Water on July 11, 2022. Award to Xylem Water Solutions USA Inc. as a Sole Source in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00, which is not an increase from the previous fiscal year. This vendor is located in Charlotte, NC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Utilities Metro Wastewater Plant - Machinery and Equipment - Capital (5516208-658300). The original budget amount is \$250,000.00.

10. Council is asked to approve a new Contract for Project SS7559; West Columbia 42" Sewer Main Protection Riverwalk Project, as requested by Columbia Water on April 18, 2022. Award to Stutts & Williams, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$448,523.74, which includes contingency. This contractor is located in Lexington, S.C. – *Approved*



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Funding Source: Engineering - Water & Sewer Improvements (5529999-SS755901-658650). The original budget amount is \$448,523.74.

This is a Columbia Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (CDBE) program project with an 11% CDBE goal. The CDBE percentage is currently at 7.23%. This contract has been reviewed by the Office of Business Opportunities and deemed in compliance with the CDBE program. Stutts & Williams, LLC is the prime contractor and will provide sewer main protection services at 24.10% (\$98,248.85) of the total contract amount.

The following subcontractors will provide additional services:

L.A. Barrier & Son, Inc., a Minority Business Enterprise (W) and a CDBE located in Lexington, SC, will provide hauling and stone at 4.90% (\$20,000.00) of the total contract amount.

Earth Care Services, a Minority Business Enterprise and a DBE located in Rembert, SC, will provide erosion control services at 2.33% (\$9,500.00) of the total contract amount.

Hammerhead Utilities, located in Chapin, SC, will provide grading at 68.67% (\$280,000.00) of the total contract amount.

11. Council is asked to approve Contract Amendment #2 for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Support Services, as requested by Columbia Water on August 11, 2022. Award to Woolpert, Inc., in the amount of \$532,291.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Engineering Stormwater Improvements - Special Contracts Water/Sewer, Stormwater (5534202-638305). The original budget amount is \$533,707.00. The budget amount for this amendment is \$532,291.00. The total revised budget amount is \$1,065,998.00.

Woolpert, Inc. is the prime and will provide Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Support Services at 86.41% (\$459,940.00) of the amendment amount.

The following firms will provide additional services:

Rogers and Callcott Engineers, Inc., located in Columbia, SC, will provide lab services at 7.14% (\$38,000.00) of the amendment amount.

Xylem/YSI Integrated Systems and Services, Inc., located in Yellow Springs, OH, will provide monitoring services at 6.45% (\$34,351.00) of the amendment amount.



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12. Council is asked to approve a new Contract for Project SS7487; Hickory Ridge Road Sewer Replacement, as requested by Columbia Water on April 13, 2022. Award to G.H. Smith Construction, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$1,527,350.00, which includes contingency. This contractor is located in Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Water & Sewer Capital Projects - Hickory Ridge Road Sewer Replacement - Capital Project Costs (5529999-SS7487-658650). The original budget amount is \$1,527,350.00.

This is a Columbia Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (CDBE) program project with an 18% CDBE goal. The CDBE goal was met at 18%. G.H. Smith Construction, Inc. is the prime contractor and will provide sewer replacement services at 55.34% (\$768,389.00) of the total contract amount.

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

Smoak Construction LLC, a Minority Business Enterprise (W) and a CDBE located in Little Mountain, SC, will provide sewer line installation services at 18.00% (\$249,930.00) of the total contract amount.

Knight's Precast, located in Summerville, SC, will provide manhole services at 1.02% (\$14,164.00) of the total contract amount.

DS Utilities, located in Little Mountain, SC, will provide clearing services at 0.90% (\$12,500.00) of the total contract amount.

Fortiline Waterworks, located in Columbia, SC, will provide pipe/fitting services at 12.26% (\$170,190.00) of the total contract amount.

CF Drilling, LLC, located in Summerville, SC, will provide pier installation services at 7.79% (\$108,187.00) of the total contract amount.

Dun Right Services, located in Florence, SC, will provide manhole coating services at 1.15% (\$16,000.00) of the total contract amount.

Insituform Technologies, LLC, located in Indian Trail, NC, will provide Cured-in-Place Pipe lining services at 3.54% (\$49,140.00) of the total contract amount.

13. Annexation, Interim Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment, and Interim Zoning Map Amendment for 8325 Old Percival Road; TMS# 19813-01-02 - *First reading approval was given on June 7, 2022 – Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2022-051 - Annexing 8325 Old Percival Road Richland County TMS# 19813-01-02 – Approved on second reading.

Council District: 4



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Proposal: Request to assign an interim land use classification of Urban Edge Residential Small Lot (UER-1) and assign interim zoning of Residential Mixed District (RM-1) at the time of annexation. The property is currently classified as Neighborhood (Medium Density) and zoned RM-HD by Richland County.

Applicant: Hurricane Construction, Inc.

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 05/12/2022; Approval (4-0)

14. Ordinance No.: 2022-089 - Amending Ordinance 2022-052 to Adopt the Budget for the City of Columbia, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2023 - *First reading approval was given on September 6, 2022 – Approved on second reading.*

Councilor Bussells said one of the things that we talked about during our work session was the importance of getting the word out about various City Council events and city related events. We talked about potentially finding other options for the \$10,000 that is budgeted for Leisure Fun. This is the website that the city has used and I noticed it was still included in this budget. I'd like to request staff to make a general budget line for communications and website promotion so that we can find an avenue that is well trafficked.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said the Leisure Fun item is another one of those things that have been approved by previous councils. The way we left the discussion was that the funding would be there and we would go back to see if the work has already been done towards this fiscal year and if the contract terms would allow us to get out of it. The funds will stay in the budget as outlined and if this is what Council is wanting us to do then we could not renew the current years contract. We heard the intention to probably phase it out and look for other alternatives after proper notification because the vendor is probably under the impression that this was going to be funded this year.

Mayor Rickenmann said as we move forward, we need to make sure that every yearly contract knows that there is no guarantee after the July 1st date unless they have been notified by the city.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Rickenmann and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to give second reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2022-089 - Amending Ordinance 2022-052 to Adopt the Budget for the City of Columbia, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2023.



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Upon a motion made by Dr. Bussells and seconded by Mr. Brennan, Council voted unanimously to approve the review of the advertising and communications strategy with Leisure Fun and get a report back on whether the contract can be suspended.

ORDINANCES - SECOND READING

15. Ordinance No.: 2022-080 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 14, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article I, In General, Sec. 14-7 Reporting of Lost /Stolen Firearms; Firearms recovered from crimes or criminal activity - *First reading approval was given on September 6, 2022 – Approved on second reading.*

Upon a motion made by Dr. Bussells and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to give second reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2022-080 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 14, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article I, In General, Sec. 14-7 Reporting of Lost /Stolen Firearms; Firearms recovered from crimes or criminal activity.

PUBLIC HEARING & FIRST READING FOR ZONING / PLANNING MATTERS

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

16. Annexation, Future Land Use Map Amendment, and Zoning Map Amendment for 20.54 acres E/S Elmgren Street; TMS#07312-04-03 – *Withdrawn*

Ordinance No.: 2022-037 - Annexing 20.54 acres E/S Elmgren Street, Richland County TMS# 07312-04-03 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina Columbia, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map – Withdrawn

Council District: 2

Proposal: Request to annex the property and assign a land use classification of Urban Edge Mixed Residential (UEMR) and assign zoning of Residential Mixed District (RM-2) at the time of annexation. The property is currently classified as Mixed Residential (High Density) and zoned RU and RS-LD by Richland County.

Applicant: Nora Kathryn Kinard Stuck, Carl Gurnie Stuck, Ebbie Elizabeth S. Lester, and Kimberly S. Moore, Trustees/D.R. Horton, Inc.

Staff Recommendation: See Staff Recommendation section at the end of this summary.



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PC Recommendation: 04/14/2022 Deferred; 07/14/2022 Denial (6-1)

17. Annexation, Future Land Use Map Amendment, and Zoning Map Amendment for 218 Carolina Street; TMS#08816-09-09 – *Approved on first reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2022-088 - Annexing 218 Carolina Street, Richland County TMS #08816-09-09 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina Columbia, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map – Approved on first reading.

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 assign zoning of Residential Two-Family - Mill village District (RD-MV), a portion within the Floodplain Overlay District (OV-FP), at the time of annexation. The property is currently classified as Mixed Residential (High Density) and zoned RM-HD by Richland County.

Applicant: Kenneth L. Tisdale and Carmen M. Tisdale

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 07/14/2022; Approval (6-0)

No comments were received at this time.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Taylor 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 218 Carolina Street; TMS#08816-09-09 **and** Ordinance No.: 2022-088 - Annexing 218 Carolina Street, Richland County TMS #08816-09-09 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina Columbia, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map.

18. Annexation, Future Land Use Map Amendment, and Zoning Map Amendment for 157 Saskatoon Drive; TMS# 22015-02-10 – *Approved on first reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2022-087 - Annexing 157 Saskatoon Drive, Richland County TMS #22015-02-10 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina Columbia, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map – Approved on first reading.

Council District: 4



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Proposal: Request to annex the property and assign a land use classification of Urban Edge Residential - Small Lot (UER-1) and assign zoning of Residential Single Family-Small Lot (RSF-3) at the time of annexation. The property is currently classified as Mixed Residential (High Density) and zoned RS-MD by Richland County.

Applicant: Daryl E. Jenkins

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 07/14/2022; Approval (6-0)

No comments were received at this time.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Taylor 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 157 Saskatoon Drive; TMS# 22015-02-10 **and** Ordinance No.: 2022-087 - Annexing 157 Saskatoon Drive, Richland County TMS #22015-02-10 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina Columbia, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map.

19. Annexation, Future Land Use Map Amendment, and Zoning Map Amendment for 79.05 acres N/S Percival Road, 4407 Percival Road and 0.775 acres E/S Newland Road, TMS#25600-03-04 and 25600-03-30 – *Approved on first reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2022-086 - Annexing and Incorporating 79.26 acres N/S Percival Road, 4407 Percival Road and 0.775 acres E/S Newland Road, Richland County TMS# 25600-03-04 and TMS# 25600-03-30 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina Columbia, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map – Approved on first reading.

Council District: 4

Proposal: Request to annex, assign land use classifications of Urban Edge Residential Small Lot (UER-1) Urban Edge Multi-Family (UEMF), and Urban Edge Community Activity Center (UEAC-1), and zone the property Residential Mixed District (RM-1), Residential Mixed District (RM-2), and Light Industrial District (LI). The property is currently classified as Neighborhood (Medium Density) and zoned M-1 by Richland County.

Applicant: C. Ray Miles and VWV, LLC

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 09/08/2022; Approval (6-0)



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No comments were received at this time.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Taylor 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 79.05 acres N/S Percival Road, 4407 Percival Road and 0.775 acres E/S Newland Road, TMS#25600-03-04 and 25600-03-30 **and** Ordinance No.: 2022-086 - Annexing and Incorporating 79.26 acres N/S Percival Road, 4407 Percival Road and 0.775 acres E/S Newland Road, Richland County TMS# 25600-03-04 and TMS# 25600-03-30 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina Columbia, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map.

20. Future Land Use Map Amendment for 12.59 acres, Shop Road Extension; TMS #16200-01-25 – *Approved on first reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2022-084 - Amending the Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 Map to confirm the future land use classification for 12.59 acres, Shop Road Extension; Richland county TMS# 16200-01-25; annexed by Ordinance No 2022-050 enacted June 21, 2022 – Approved on first reading.

Council District: 3

Proposal: Request to confirm the future land use classification of Industrial (IND). The property is currently assigned interim future land use classification of Industrial (IND).

Applicant: Metal Park Investors 3, LLC, a South Carolina limited liability company

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 05/12/2022; Approval (4-0)

No comments were received at this time.

21. Zoning Map Amendment for 12.59 acres, Shop Road Extension; TMS# 16200-01-25 – *Approved on first reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2022-085 - Amending the Official Zoning Map to confirm the zoning for 12.59 acres Shop Road Extension, Richland County TMS# 16200-01-25; annexed by Ordinance No. 2022-050 enacted June 21, 2022 – Approved on first reading.

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Proposal: Request to confirm the zoning of Light Industrial (LI). The property currently has interim zoning of Light Industrial (LI).

Applicant: Metal Park Investors 3, LLC, a South Carolina limited liability company

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 05/12/2022; Approval (4-0)

No comments were received at this time.

Councilor Brennan requested a summary of all the annexations in the Garners Ferry/Shop Road corridors from the past two years.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Item 20 - Future Land Use Map Amendment for 12.59 acres, Shop Road Extension; TMS #16200-01-25 **and** Ordinance No.: 2022-084 - Amending the Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 Map to confirm the future land use classification for 12.59 acres, Shop Road Extension; Richland county TMS# 16200-01-25; annexed by Ordinance No 2022-050 enacted June 21, 2022; **and** Item 21 - Ordinance No.: 2022-085 - Amending the Official Zoning Map to confirm the zoning for 12.59 acres Shop Road Extension, Richland County TMS# 16200-01-25; annexed by Ordinance No. 2022-050 enacted June 21, 2022.

22. Zoning Map Amendment for 2470 Millwood Avenue, 2514 Cherry Street, 2520 Cherry Street, and 0.05 acres W/S Cherry Street TMS#11410-17-11, 11410-16-02, 11410-16-05, 11410-16-19 – *Denied*

Ordinance No.: 2022-090 - Amending the Official Zoning Map to modify the zoning for 2470 Millwood Avenue, 2514 Cherry Street, 2520 Cherry Street and 0.05 acres W/S Cherry Street, Richland County TMS# 11410-17-11, TMS #11410-16-02, TMS #11410-16-05 and TMS #11410-16-19 – Denied

Council District: 2

Proposal: Request to rezone the property from Mixed Use District (MU-1) and Residential mixed district (RM-1), a portion within the Old Shandon/Lower Waverly Historic Preservation overlay (OV-HP) to Mixed Use District (MU-1).

Applicant: Jason Corse, Masterline Realty Group, LLC

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 09/08/2022; Denial (4-2)



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Ms. Vivian Armstead, President of the Martin Luther King Lower Waverly Neighborhood Association said our community is here in opposition of this rezoning. We have looked at the space and they are using it to park 18 wheelers and tankers behind people's homes. The trucks are coming in late at night, making noise, and waking people up. It is tearing up Cherry Street and Greene Street. Those streets are not equipped to handle that type of traffic. This is a residential and historically African American community. We oppose any rezoning of our community and removing any of the residential or historical covering from that area.

Dr. Bambi Gaddist, Martin Luther King / Waverly resident said we are in complete opposition to the rezoning and the amendment. Staff approval of the amendment is a complete disregard of our community concerns, which were outlined on September 4, 2022. We provided photographs to the zoning board to make the petition that it be denied. The vote was four to two. It is our opinion that to supersede the decision of the zoning board puts into question a number of things about their authority. If you go down the neighborhood, you'll see the public posting for this meeting on today but there were numerous calls and letters that were sent about the meeting with the zoning board that was held. There is some question of credibility as to why we were notified of this meeting but not notified of the proceedings that occurred on the fourth. We are asking that in the future, if there are decisions that are being made about communities that we be permitted to get that information in sync with your processes.

Mr. Jim Daniel said I want to emphasize that the Planning Commission voted four to two to turn this down. This would be taking the zoning from the Millwood side and then pushing it across Cherry Street to that location. I would hope that you would deny this.

Ms. Francis Parker, 924 and 928 Short Street resident said the property that they want to rezone is disturbing the quality of life. The trucks are going in and out. We don't feel that it should happen in Historic Waverly. This property has been in my family for 65 years. We are vehemently opposed to the quality of life in our historically black neighborhood being disturbed by someone who wishes to park tractor trailers and trucks and says that there is going to be some future development but can't define what that development is going to be. We were all in attendance for the Planning Commission and we are here today. We are going to remain diligent and we are going to do what we can to protect the quality of life in our neighborhood.

Ms. Chesley Price, Waverly Community resident said everybody's talking about the trucks. I also have a problem with that, but I have a problem with the fact that there is a street called Cherry Street Alley that has been closed off by this place. We were told the last time we were here is that the city gave him that property. I want to know how they closed the street off. He said they gave him the property.



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Ms. Rosanne Lizeth, Waverly Community resident said my property is adjacent to this young man diesel trucks. Driving through there gives me breathing problems with diesel fuel smelling through there. I never received a letter of either meeting that you all had. I heard from somebody else the day before the meeting. That is not how you do business. We should know everything that is going on because we pay taxes in the city.

Ms. Sharon Anderson, Waverly Community resident said I want to know the protocol for contacting community members because a lot of people in the community were not aware of what was going on. Some received letters and some did not. I am asking in reference to community members who want to be a part of this and have a say in it. Their voices matter.

Ms. Krista Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services said according to the ordinances adopted by Council, you are required to place a legal ad in the newspaper 30 days in advance of the meeting. That is probably antiquated but that is state law. That is how we do all the properties. We send letters to the adjacent property owners to the parcels being requested for rezoning. We ask the applicant to meet with the neighborhood. We cannot mandate that. That is not state law. That is a courtesy and we strongly encourage it. We find that the most effective way of communication is the applicant meeting with the neighborhood association because that would get the word out to those who are not directly adjacent.

Mr. Jared Johnson said this is a community that is mainly African American and they have been disadvantaged in the past or faced circumstances that might have not included them in the process. In the same spirit that you are taking to look at budget line items and making sure that is transparent, look at your process of how you communicate with communities. Every community doesn't look at the same notifications the same way or have the same avenues of communication as other neighborhoods may have. Just because they worked in the past it doesn't mean it's going to work now even if it is in accordance with state law. Keep being transparent and progressive. Put that same energy towards zoning and how you communicate because clearly there is a communication breakdown. Make sure that voices are heard and find a new way to communicate.

Mr. Thomas Colter, Deacon at Taylor Memorial Baptist Church said this parking lot for trucks is right behind our church. We stream live on Facebook and YouTube so you can imagine the noise tractor trailer make coming down through there. They are coming through there on Sunday and Wednesday night when we do Bible Study. This is a huge distraction for churches in the area.



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Mr. Jason Corse, Masterline Realty Group, LLC said I am the owner of the property. My wife and I work full time and we purchased this property at Millwood as an investment. 247 Millwood is a cinder block warehouse and the five adjoining lots were purchased last year. We are requesting for the three lots on Cherry Street to be rezoned to light industrial. The concern is about Cherry Street, which was abandoned in 2008. I only purchased the property last year. I'd like to apologize to the neighborhood for the trucks being there so long. We had bad tenants. They have since left on August 31st. The trucks were left there. I have tried to get them out for months but they had a lease. I have provided a letter to the City of Columbia saying we are not going to renew the lease. As I promised two weeks ago, I brought my neighbor who has a CDL license. We tried to move them, but nothing worked. I have contracted Capital City Hauling, which is a tow company to remove the tractor trailers. The tow signs have been posted earlier this week and since then they have been removed. The plan for MU-1 zoning to these three interior lots is to maybe add 1,000 to 2,000 square feet of offices. We will comply with the city required buffers for the property and continue to work with staff and the community to be in compliance with the Historic Waverly District.

Ms. Diane Wiley, Belvedere Community President said Millwood is for offices. The part that he is talking about is residential, children go up and down the street. How would he feel if he was living by tractor trailers and hearing the loud noise. They cannot do this in our neighborhoods.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Rickenmann and seconded by Mr. Taylor, Council voted unanimously to deny first reading approval to the Zoning Map Amendment for 2470 Millwood Avenue, 2514 Cherry Street, 2520 Cherry Street, and 0.05 acres W/S Cherry Street TMS#11410-17-11, 11410-16-02, 11410-16-05, 11410-16-19.

23. Amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance - Off Street Parking Standards

Ordinance No.: 2022-091 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17 (Unified Development Ordinance), Article 5, Development Standards, Sec. 17-5.2, Off-Street Parking, Bicycle Parking, and Loading – Approved on first reading.

Proposal: Request to amend Table 17-5.2 (D)(1), Minimum Number of Off-Street Parking Spaces, to add MU-1, MU-2, NAC, CAC, and RAC to "no minimum" column; eliminate parking requirements for non-residential uses occupying buildings of 7,500 sq. ft. or less citywide; and reduce requirements for certain warehouse and manufacturing uses

Applicant: Krista Hampton, Director of Planning & Development Services; Members of Columbia City Council

Staff Recommendation: Approval



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PC Recommendation: 07/14/2022; Approval (6-1) proposing to City Council to include .5 spaces per bed and for private and public dormitories

Ms. Rosanne Lizeth, Waverly Community resident said why don't you give owners parking permits because people block our driveways. If we have to call an ambulance or deliver furniture, they have to do it from the street because they can't get in our yards. This is happening in the Old Shandon area.

Mr. John Wilkinson, Elmwood Park Neighborhood Association President said several of you have visited our neighborhood recently and seen some of the challenges we are facing and some of the opportunities before us. The most glaring is the lack of investment in development along our stretch of Main Street. If we have a parking problem, it's that we have acres of empty paved parking surface. There are approximately eight and a half commercially zoned acres on the west side of Main Street, adjacent to Elmwood Park. That is 76% of the land adjacent to our neighborhood that is not generating value for anyone. We are concerned about stormwater like everyone else and this is a far greater contributor than some of the other topics. Our neighbors want a dense walkable district along Main Street, north of Elmwood, and this will help us get there.

Mr. Jim Daniel said I had a chance to talk to Raleigh, Fayetteville, and a consultant in Portland who all have gone through this. The two cities had pretty intense evaluations of their situation. Raleigh just passed theirs on the 1st of March and it doesn't go into effect until the 1st of May so they don't know if it's going to work yet. Fayetteville's has been a real success. The big issue I see is going straight to 7,500. I would suggest we use Five Points as a version. They went to no parking to up to 4,000 square feet and excluded restaurants for a certain period of time. I would suggest we do the same thing and go to 4,000 square feet and include restaurants. Do this for two years and see how it goes. In the two years, we can reevaluate to give you some idea of square footage. The big worry is corridors where you have no parking on the street.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mayor Rickenmann, Council voted five (5) to one (1) to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2022-091 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17 (Unified Development Ordinance), Article 5, Development Standards, Sec. 17-5.2, Off-Street Parking, Bicycle Parking, and Loading. Mr. Taylor, Ms. Herbert, Dr. Bussells, Mr. Brennan, and Mayor Rickenmann voted aye. Mr. Duvall voted nay.

Council closed the public hearing at 5:41 p.m.



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ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

24. Ordinance No.: 2022-079 - Granting an encroachment to Jay's Bar and Grill for the use of the right of way area of the 900 block of Gervais Street for the installation and maintenance of one hanging sign, one gate with two brick columns, horizontal metal railings and cables to be added to existing brick columns and to the south end of the covered porch, a black metal railing on the covered porch and a wall-mounted television adjacent to 902 Gervais Street, Suite F, Richland County TMS# 08916-02-01 – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Dr. Bussells and seconded by Mayor Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2022-079 - Granting an encroachment to Jay's Bar and Grill for the use of the right of way area of the 900 block of Gervais Street for the installation and maintenance of one hanging sign, one gate with two brick columns, horizontal metal railings and cables to be added to existing brick columns and to the south end of the covered porch, a black metal railing on the covered porch and a wall-mounted television adjacent to 902 Gervais Street, Suite F, Richland County TMS# 08916-02-01.

25. Ordinance No.: 2022-094 - Granting a Franchise to Ride Jaunt, LLC for operation of a micro-transit free-ride service in the downtown University of South Carolina area – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Ms. Herbert, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2022-094 - Granting a Franchise to Ride Jaunt, LLC for operation of a micro-transit free-ride service in the downtown University of South Carolina area.

RESOLUTIONS

26. Resolution No.: R-2022-082 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Quiet Zone Construction Agreement With Special Provisions between the City of Columbia and Norfolk Southern Railroad – *Approved*

Councilor Brennan said I want to thank city staff for the years of hard work with the railroad to figure out the maze of communication and to start the quiet zones phase one. This is fantastic for the neighborhoods in district three and the City of Columbia. As we expand out for phase two, we hope to take this further down the rails on North Beltline. We have to thank our Senator Dick



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Harpootlian for putting in some funds. Thank you to staff and thank you to the railroads for working with us.

Councilor Taylor concurred with Mr. Brennan.

Mayor Rickenmann said this is very important to all of us because it's about quality of life. We are one of the few cities in South Carolina with over 60 rail crossings downtown. As we continue to push this forward, please support the folks at the State House and other places that are helping us get this done. This is about quality of life throughout all of our neighborhoods.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. Taylor, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2022-082 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Quiet Zone Construction Agreement With Special Provisions between the City of Columbia and Norfolk Southern Railroad.

EVENT RESOLUTIONS

27. Resolution No.: R-2022-069 - 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, 727 Harden Street Parking Lot and the 2000 block of Greene Street on Friday, October 28, 2022 – *Deferred*
28. Resolution No.: R-2022-075 - Authorizing consumption of beer, wine and liquor at the Gervais Street Bridge Dinner at the Gervais Street Bridge on Sunday, October 9, 2022 – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2022-075 - Authorizing consumption of beer, wine and liquor at the Gervais Street Bridge Dinner at the Gervais Street Bridge on Sunday, October 9, 2022.

29. Resolution No.: R-2022-079 - Authorizing consumption of beer, wine and liquor within Boyd Plaza adjacent to the Columbia Museum of Art for the Diwali Kickoff Party on Thursday, October 20, 2022 – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Dr. Bussells and seconded by Mr. Taylor, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2022-079 - Authorizing consumption of beer, wine and liquor within Boyd Plaza adjacent to the Columbia Museum of Art for the Diwali Kickoff Party on Thursday, October 20, 2022.



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OTHER MATTERS

30. Neighborhood Slow Zones Pilot Projects - The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor

Mr. Robert Anderson, Director of Public Works said the mayor recently sent me a 285 page document about the City of Denver and their work with Boston, Minneapolis, and other surrounding cities around what they consider neighborhood slow zones or speed limit reductions. They asked for input from each community. They did speed studies on almost every neighborhood that was interested in the slow zones. We will have to develop great partnerships because 70% of our roads are owned and maintained by DOT and we still have a lot of private roads. Anything that is gated in Columbia is listed as private. We also have several street classifications: neighborhood streets, collector streets, and arterial streets. Denver and the other cities have a lot of opportunities we don't have. Denver was able to do a 20 mile per hour speed limit throughout the city. Each city did a citywide speed limit; some stuck with 25 miles per hour. From DOT and their traffic engineer, this is doable in Columbia but it has to be done through legislation. They have to allow us to enact a city law to do a citywide speed limit that would eliminate the arterial streets and the collector streets. Every city did speed limit signage. Denver and Boston both did quarter mile speed limit signs. I know we have talked about sign litter and that is something we need to look at. If we move forward with any kind of speed limit changes, we have to post everything coming into the neighborhoods. Some of the Elmwood neighborhoods have been talking about educational campaigns and yard signs. That was another big take from Denver and everywhere; it has to be well educated. The mayor asked us to pick pilot neighborhoods. We have talked with a couple of neighborhoods already. We have the Earlewood Neighborhood and the Greenview Neighborhood. We are looking for a couple of other neighborhoods to make sure they are vastly throughout the city. We are looking at grant opportunities for the city. We would like to bring in a consultant to look at a toolbox kit and some of the designs we could use to help with traffic studies and data collection. We will continue to look at best practices. The idea is to use four neighborhoods as the pilots, see the results, and look for funding to develop a toolbox to slow the speed down.

Mayor Rickenmann said we have a meeting next week with the DOT district office and the commissioner as part of beautification and other opportunities. I think we come forth with the pilots so we can try to see what works. There's a lot of information. The Denver study has done a lot. There is a handful of other communities I have reached out to that have shared the positivity. A lot of folks are still looking at speed cameras and other things to slow down and monitor traffic, especially in school zones and some of our high traffic areas with walkable neighborhoods. We will continue to have discussions about road diets, redirecting, 3D painting,



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and other ways that we can try things without large expenses. I look forward to continuing to move this forward.

Councilor Herbert said I know that there are some pending requests from neighborhoods. Is there a timeline for implementation?

Mr. Robert Anderson, Director of Public Works said there are a couple of neighborhoods that have been on our radar for quite some time through the speed hump requests and four-way stops. We will continue to move through the process with some of those neighborhoods. We need to look at a city wide speed limit and get our legislators to look at it.

Councilor Brennan said Robert, you have many times pointed to the fact that SCDOT has 71% of the roads. I have been in your ear many times about what it would take for us to take all those on. You have said that the DOT would be happy to give us those roads. Will you look at taking on those DOT streets that are in these neighborhoods? That is not the heavy lift that we are looking at citywide, but as we chip away at that it would be great to start the public education of that process and what the cost would be. That might educate us on what we can take up to be able to upgrade our roads. There is a dollar figure, but I think that conversation needs to happen for us to have quality roads.

31. Getting A New Generation Started in Peace Funding Request – The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor – *Approved*

Mayor Rickenmann said we identified unclaimed funds to put towards this request. There is some community funding that will match this to pilot the program for Getting A New Generation Started In Peace. The funding for programs target specific neighborhoods in our community to provide basketball and other instructional opportunities for our young folks. We talked about this at the last work session and agreed to put it on the agenda. I want to move forward and utilize the \$28,754.22 recovered from unclaimed funds.

Councilor Taylor said in our work session, it was mentioned that this program was in the county. Has these folks applied to the county for funding?

Mayor Rickenmann said one of the facilities they are using is in the county. They haven't gone through the process yet but the county established the process for their request to be taken up with the \$16 million that they are doing out of ARPA money. This program is focused on transporting kids in our most challenged areas. These are the kids from our neighborhoods in the city.



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Councilor Bussells said I appreciate you finding these funds to support a great initiative. I want the public to know that this is a pilot. This is a one-time dollar amount that we are supporting to see if this is something that we could expand upon. For other future large scale investments we should follow a process in terms of applying for funds and open it up to other groups as well that may be working around the same issues, whether it's youth engagement or transportation to after school activities.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Rickenmann and seconded by Mr. Brennan, Council voted four (4) to two (2) to approve funding in the amount of \$28,754.22 for Getting A New Generation Started in Peace, from unclaimed funds. Dr. Bussells, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Duvall, and Mayor Rickenmann voted aye. Mr. Taylor and Ms. Herbert voted nay.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager highlighted the City of Columbia Police Department 9/11 Memorial Services and recognitions; Columbia Police Department FBI Academy Graduate Captain P.J. Blendowski; and Columbia Police Department Encampment Clean Up and Shopping Cart Recovery Initiative.

Mayor Rickenmann asked to recognize the officers during a Council Meeting.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REFERRALS, REPORTS AND NEW BUSINESS

32. Affordable Housing Task Force Report - The Honorable Tina N. Herbert

Councilor Herbert said I am excited about what we are doing with the Affordable Housing Task Force. We have restructured into two committees: the development committee and advocacy committee. Our development committee came up with the five major things they want to address: capital for development and resources; a market analysis to make sure we are addressing the highest need and not just creating housing; a plan to address zoning challenges, such as mixed used corridors, minimum parking requirements, and placement; incentives that may be available for developers; and look at more multi and single family revitalization/renovation projects. We have churches who have been buying land to clean up the area but haven't had the ability to do anything with it. Oftentimes they ask the city to develop the property. Putting together a course or a seminar would help churches go through the process to see how they can develop their land and maybe include affordable housing. The advocacy committee is going to focus on five primary goals: an educational campaign around fair housing and looking at the perception of affordable housing; educate landlords; create a housing directory; and establish a



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housing court that will address evictions. We have a high eviction rate and we want to make sure that we are finding avenues to address improper evictions for citizens. We will meet again next month.

Councilwoman Herbert asked to schedule a Technology Committee Meeting.

33. Economic and Community Development Committee Report - The Honorable Joe E. Taylor, Jr.

Councilor Taylor said the Economic and Community Development Committee met on Tuesday, September 13, 2022. We had a presentation by Diane Sumter on the Taps Program and how that has involved minority contractors. The city manager is going to edit that down and get that presentation up on our website so everybody will have a chance to see that. We went over the proposed Grease Trap Rebate Program and recommended that we get it to Council. We will review that at next week's work session, along with the proposal for having zoning hearings every month to speed the process up. We will also look at Ms. Wilson's fine recommendation on how we would structure our Economic Development Department and how we will move forward with the mission.

Mayor Rickenmann recommended that the Economic and Community Development Committee be split into two separate committees. He suggested that the Community Development Committee be merged with the Environment and Infrastructure Committee.

There was a consensus of Council to refer how the city handles repeat offenders of code violations to the Economic and Community Development Committee.

34. Task Force to Prevent and End Homelessness Report - The Honorable Aditi Bussells

Councilor Bussells said we have seen a lot of action around preventing and addressing homelessness over the last several weeks. We unveiled with the support of the task force, our Rapid Shelter Columbia. Our Inclement Weather Center will now be known as our rapid housing and will be open year round to accommodate additional beds as well as address the unsheltered population. We will also be putting up 50 pallet shelters, which are single occupancy shelters that allow people to have their own space with dignity. Rapid Shelter Columbia will become that short term solution for providers to come and triage those that are homeless or chronically unsheltered to permanent housing options, as well as any other services they may need. A lot of these plans that we unveiled were finalized and developed with input from our task force members. I thank all of them for being so involved. In addition to this rapid shelter, we now have



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three positions being advertised on the city's website around coordinating our homeless services. Our last task force meeting will be tomorrow at 4:00 p.m. at the Busby Community Center. This doesn't mean that the work ends, it just means that we are taking a pause on the task force, which was always intended to be a short-term committee. We will be reviewing the feeding ordinance that we have discussed around requiring groups to notify if they will be doing a feeding to help address some of the environmental and littering concerns. We will also be finalizing our long-term strategies that we have presented to City Council.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. John Black, Columbia Council of Neighborhoods President said the Columbia Council of Neighborhoods is sponsoring a first responder stuffed animal donation drive. The purpose of this drive is to benefit Columbia's first responders with new stuffed animals to help ease the pain and fear of children in traumatizing situations. The drop off locations are going to conclude at noon on Thursday, September 22, 2022.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Taylor, Council voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 6:40 p.m. to discuss Items 36 through 38.

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

- *Legislative Affairs*

36. Discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body pursuant to §30-4-70(a)(5)

- *Project Framework*

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

- *Lake Katherine Sewer Improvements*



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38. Discussion of the employment of an employee pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(1)

- *Municipal Court*
- *Economic Development*

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Erika D. Moore Hammond, CMC
City Clerk