



**COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

The Columbia City Council conducted a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor called the meeting to order at 4:03 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda as presented.

PUBLIC INPUT RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS

No one appeared at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Council is asked to approve the August 15, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to approve the August 15, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes.

PRESENTATIONS

2. Sickie Cell Disease Awareness Month Proclamation - The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor



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Mayor Rickenmann and the members of City Council proclaimed September 2023 as Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month in the city of Columbia.

Ms. Yvonne E. Donald, M.A., CSCEC, Deputy Director of the James R. Clark Memorial Sickle Cell Foundation announced the theme for this month's awareness campaign: *Choices Not Chances*, emphasizing the importance of knowing your sickle cell trait status. The 17th Annual Walk will be held on Saturday, September 30, 2023 at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park. Onsite registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and the opening ceremony will begin at 8:00 a.m.

Mr. Don Frierson, host of "The Urban Scene" said it's an honor to be selected as this year's Walk Ambassador and it's an honor to appear before the City Council. I know it's going to be a big success on behalf of those who have sickle cell anemia.

3. Junior League of Columbia 100 Acts of Service Week Proclamation - The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor

Mayor Rickenmann and the members of City Council proclaimed October 2, - October 12, 2023 as Junior League of Columbia 100 Acts of Service Week in the City of Columbia.

Ms. Emily Bedenbaugh, President of Junior League of Columbia thanked the Mayor and City Council for their kind words and for promoting the Year of Celebration and Service. We began 100 years ago with one very instrumental woman, Katharine Heath Manning, who helped start all of this work. 100 years and 1,500 members later we are delighted to continue making an impact.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 4 THROUGH 19

Upon a single motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to approve **Consent Agenda Items 4 through 19**.

4. Council is asked to approve a Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Professional Services Agreement for computer training and job skills training for our most vulnerable populations, as requested by the Community Development Department. Award to Fast Forward in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Community Development General Funds (1014320-638300) \$50,000 and Water & Sewer Special Projects (5518415-636600) \$50,000. The original budget amount is \$100,000.00.



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5. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Vehicles for various City Departments, as requested by the Fleet Services Division on August 23, 2023. Award to Alan Jay Automotive Management dba Alan Jay Fleet Sales, using the SC State Contract in the amount of \$159,744.32. This vendor is located in Sebring, FL. - *Approved*

Item	Vehicle	Department	Price
a.	Ford F-350 SRW 8' Box	Forestry & Beautification Division	\$50,772.00
<i>Funding Source: Capital Replacement - Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment-Capital (6308972-658500). The original budget amount is \$50,772.00.</i>			
b.	Ford F-350 DRW Crew Cab	Forestry & Beautification Division	\$56,920.32
<i>Funding Source: Capital Replacement - Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment-Capital (6308972-658500). The original budget amount is \$56,920.32.</i>			
c.	2024 Nissan Altima Sedan	Columbia Water (Customer Care)	\$26,026.00
<i>Funding Source: Customer Service - Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment - Capital (5511407-658500). The original budget amount is \$26,026.00.</i>			
d.	2024 Nissan Altima Sedan	Columbia Water (Customer Care)	\$26,026.00
<i>Funding Source: Customer Service - Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment - Capital (5511407-658500). The original budget amount is \$26,026.00.</i>			
Total Amount:			\$159,744.32

6. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of a LogRhythm XDR Stack Subscription for the Security Information and Event Management System, as requested by the Information Technology Department on July 27, 2023. Award to SHI International, using the Sourcewell Cooperative Contract in the amount of \$99,875.76. This vendor is located in Piscataway, NJ. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Information Technology - Cloud Based Software Solutions (1011120-632170). The original budget amount is \$99,875.76.

7. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Uniform Services, as requested by the Columbia Police Department on July 28, 2023. Award to Galls, LLC using the SC State Contract in the amount of \$243,000.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Police Administrative Services - Uniforms & Clothing (1012402-624100). The original budget amount is \$243,000.00.



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8. Council is asked to approve new Sole Source Agreements, as requested by various City Departments. Award to the following vendors in the total amount of \$954,500.00. - *Approved*

Item	Vendor and Location	Description	Term	Amount
a.	Sound Thinking, Inc. (ShotSpotter) Fremont, CA	Gunshot Detection System, as requested by the Columbia Police Department on July 21, 2023.	(7/1/23 - 6/30/24) The initial term is for one year with the option to renew for two additional one-year periods.	\$499,500.00
<i>Funding Source: Police Administrative Services - Cloud Based Software Solutions (1012402-632170). The original budget amount is \$499,500.00.</i>				
b.	Water Solutions West Haven, CT	Chemical Purate, as requested by Columbia Water on July 26, 2023.	(7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024) The initial term is for one year with the option to renew for one additional one-year period.	\$300,000.00
<i>Funding Source: Utilities Lake Murray Water Plant - Chemicals (5516207-624800). The original budget amount is \$300,000.00.</i>				
c.	Kimley Horn Raleigh, NC	Condition Assessment Update on eight (8) Parking Garages, as requested by the Support Services Division on August 25, 2023.	(9/5/2023 - 6/30/2024) The initial term is for one year with the option to renew for one additional one-year period.	\$155,000.00
<i>Funding Source: Parking Improvement Project Control - Capital Project Costs (5329999-658650). The original budget amount is \$155,000.00.</i>				
Total Amount:				\$954,500.00

9. Council is asked to approve a Memorandum of Understanding for Indigent Defense in the Municipal Court, as requested by the Legal Department. Award to the Richland County Fifth Circuit Public Defender's Office in the amount of \$225,000.00. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Legal Department Public Defender (1018404-638522). The original budget amount is \$225,000.00.



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10. Council is asked to approve a new Professional Services Agreement for Entrance and Wayfinding Sign Design, Fabrication, and Installation, as requested by the Public Works Department on March 9, 2023. Award to Rite Lite Signs, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$499,500.00. The term of the agreement is three years with two additional one-year renewal periods. This contractor is located in Concord, NC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: General Capital Projects - Gateway Signage - Professional Services (4039999-99050000023-636600). The original budget amount is \$499,500.00.

11. Council is asked to approve an Encroachment Permit Agreement for Project SS7560; Lower Crane Creek Storage Facility, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Norfolk Southern Railway Company in the amount of \$138,940.00. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Water and Sewer Capital Projects - Unforeseen and Miscellaneous Projects - Capital Project Costs (5529999-658650). The original budget amount is \$138,940.00.

12. Council is asked to approve Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Miscellaneous Contract Renewals, as requested by various departments. Award to the following vendors in the total amount of \$515,405.36. - *Approved*

Item	Vendor and Location	Description	Term	Amount
a.	Wright Johnston Uniforms, Inc. Columbia, SC	Class A/B Fire Uniforms, as requested by the Columbia Fire Department on August 3, 2023.	2nd Year of 3 year initial term (9/13/2023 - 9/12/2024)	\$64,800.00
<i>Funding Source: Fire Administration County - Uniforms & Clothing (208301-624100); Fire Suppression - Uniforms & Clothing (1012303-624100). The original budget amount is \$64,800.00.</i>				
b.	Kronos Incorporated, a UKG Company Lowell, MA	Support Services Renewal, as requested by the Budget, Program Management and Grants Office on August 11, 2023.	Annual Renewal (9/25/2023 - 9/24/2024)	\$123,554.96
<i>Funding Source: Program Management Office - Cloud Based Software Solutions (6218950-632170). The original budget amount is \$123,554.96.</i>				



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c.	Kronos Incorporated, a UKG Company Lowell, MA	Workforce Subscription, as requested by the Budget, Program Management and Grants Office on August 11, 2023.	Annual Renewal (9/28/2023 - 9/27/2024)	\$58,808.27
<i>Funding Source: Program Management Office - Cloud Based Software Solutions (6218950-632170). The original budget amount is \$58,808.27.</i>				
d.	Kronos Incorporated, a UKG Company Lowell, MA	Telestaff, as requested by the Budget, Program Management and Grants Office on August 21, 2023.	Annual Renewal (10/26//2023 - 10/25/2024)	\$88,108.26
<i>Funding Source: Program Management Office - Cloud Based Software Solutions (6218950-632170). The original budget amount is \$88,108.26.</i>				
e.	CentralSquare Technologies, LLC Lake Murray, FL	Records Management System Workstation Software Annual Maintenance, as requested by the Columbia Police Department on July 17, 2023.	Annual Renewal (7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024)	\$180,133.87
<i>Funding Source: Police Administrative Services - Maintenance & Service Contract (1012402-638200). The original budget amount is \$180,133.87.</i>				
Total Amount:				\$515,405.36

13. Council is asked to approve Contract Amendment #4 for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Support Services, as requested by Columbia Water on August 2, 2023. Award to Woolpert, Inc., in the amount of \$574,480.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Engineering Stormwater Improvements - Special Contracts Water/Sewer, Stormwater (5534202-638305). The current budget amount is \$1,065,998.00. The budget amount for this amendment is \$574,480.00. The total revised budget amount is \$1,640,478.00.

Woolpert, Inc. is the prime and will provide Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Support Services at 85.39% (\$490,555.00) of the amendment amount.



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The following firms will provide additional services:

Rogers and Callcott Engineers, Inc., located in Columbia, SC, will provide lab services at 6.61% (\$38,000.00) of the amendment amount.

Xylem/YSI Integrated Systems and Services, Inc., located in Yellow Springs, OH, will provide monitoring equipment at 0.91% (\$5,245.00) of the amendment amount.

In-Situ, located in Fort Collins, CO, will provide monitoring equipment at 3.37% (\$19,330.00) of the amendment amount.

Turner Designs, located in San Jose, CA, will provide monitoring equipment at 2.30% (\$13,200.00) of the amendment amount.

Campbell Scientific, located in Logan, UT, will provide monitoring equipment at 0.61% (\$3,500.00) of the amendment amount.

Fondriest Environmental, Inc., located in Fairborn, OH, will provide monitoring equipment at 0.81% (\$4,650.00) of the amendment amount.

14. Council is asked to approve Contract Amendment #3 for Project SS7568; Saluda River Force Main Extension, as requested by Columbia Water on July 21, 2023. Award to Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. in the amount of \$1,269,031.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Water and Sewer Capital Projects - Capital Project Costs (5529999-SS756801-658650). The current budget amount is \$538,945.00. The budget amount for this amendment is \$1,269,031.00. The total revised budget amount is \$1,807,976.00.

This is a Mentor Protégé Program project. Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. is the mentor and will provide bridge alternative analysis and design, force main design, and permitting services at 81.02% (\$1,028,181.00) of the amendment amount. Chao & Associates, a Minority Business Enterprise located in Columbia, SC, is the protégé and will provide surveying, geotechnical, and lighting design services at 18.98% (\$240,850.00) of the amendment amount.

15. Council is asked to approve a new Contract for Screening, Grit and Sludge Hauling, and Container Rental for the Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant, as requested by Columbia Water on July 3, 2023. Award to Waste Management of South Carolina, Inc. in the amount of \$1,305,360.00. This contractor is located in Elgin, SC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Utilities Metro Wastewater Plant-Special Contracts (5516208-638300). The original budget amount is \$1,305,360.00.



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16. Ordinance No.: 2023-098 - Granting an encroachment to Ryan Maltba for the use of the right of way area of the 1900 block of Pendleton Street for the installation and maintenance of brick pavers adjacent to 1927 Pendleton Street, Richland County TMS# 11405-14-10 – *Approved on second reading.*

First reading approval was given on August 15, 2023.

17. AMENDMENT TO THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE - Personal Services Uses – *Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2023-096 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17 (Unified Development Ordinance), Article 4: Use Regulations, Sec. 17-4.2, Principal Uses, d. Personal Services Uses

Proposal: Amendment to the text of Chapter 17 of the Columbia Code of Ordinances entitled “Unified Development Ordinance of the City of Columbia, South Carolina”

Applicant: Peter Brown, City Council District IV Representative

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 7/13/23; Approval (5-0)

First reading approval was given on August 15, 2023.

18. ANNEXATION, FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 408 Piney Woods Road and 418 Piney Woods Road; TMS#04910-01-06 – *Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2023-092 - Annexing 408 and 418 Piney Woods Road, Richland County TMS #04910-01-06 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map

Council District: 1

Proposal: Request to annex the property, assign land use classification of Transportation and Utilities (TU) and assign zoning of Light Industrial District (LI). The property is currently classified as Mixed Residential (High Density) and zoned Light Industrial (M-1) by Richland County.

Staff Recommendation: Approval

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

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19. ANNEXATION, FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 68 Riverview Court; TMS# 09106-21-13 (portion) – *Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2023-091 - Annexing a portion of 68 Riverview Court, Richland County TMS #09106-21-13 (portion) into the City of Columbia, South Carolina, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map

Council District: 1

Proposal: Request to annex the property, assign land use classification of Urban Core Residential Small lot (UCR-1) and assign zoning of Residential Single Family Small Lot District (RSF-3) in a Historic Preservation Overlay District (OV-HP; Earlewood Protection Area B). The property is currently classified as Mixed Residential (High Density) and zoned Residential Multifamily High Density (RM-HD) by Richland County.

Applicant: David Charles Miller and Gwenevere Garris Miller

Staff Recommendation: Approval

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

First reading approval was given on August 15, 2023.

ZONING / PLANNING MATTERS - SECOND READING

20. ANNEXATION, FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for ± 9.1 acre portion, ± 15.4 acre portion, and ± 1.0 acre portion of 300 Clemson Road; and ± 3.9 acre portion of 200 Clemson Road; TMS#25700-02-03 (portion) and 25700-02-05 (portion) – *Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2023-089 - Annexing a 9.1 acre portion, a 15.4 acre portion and a 1 acre portion of 300 Clemson Road and a 3.9 acre portion of 200 Clemson Road, Richland County TMS #25700-02-03 (portion) and TMS #25700-02-05 (portion) into the City of Columbia, South Carolina, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map – Approved on second reading

Council District: 4

Proposal: Request to annex the property and assign land use classifications of Community Activity Corridor (AC-2) and Neighborhood Activity Corridor (AC-1) and assignment of zoning of General Commercial District (GC). The property is currently classified as Mixed Use Corridor and zoned Rural (RU) and Residential Single Family Low Density (RS-LD) by Richland County.



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Applicant: Lee Lorick Prina II, Successor Trustee

Staff Recommendation: Denial

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

First reading approval was given on August 15, 2023.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted six to one [6 to 1] to give second reading approval to the Annexation, Future Land Use Map Amendment, and Zoning Map Amendment for $\pm$ 9.1 acre portion, $\pm$ 15.4 acre portion, and $\pm$ 1.0 acre portion of 300 Clemson Road; and $\pm$ 3.9 acre portion of 200 Clemson Road; TMS#25700-02-03 (portion) and 25700-02-05 (portion) **and** Ordinance No.: 2023-089 - Annexing a 9.1 acre portion, a 15.4 acre portion and a 1 acre portion of 300 Clemson Road and a 3.9 acre portion of 200 Clemson Road, Richland County TMS #25700-02-03 (portion) and TMS #25700-02-05 (portion) into the City of Columbia, South Carolina, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map. Mr. Brown, Ms. Herbert, Dr. Bussells, Mr. Brennan, Mr. McDowell, and Mr. Duvall voted aye. Mayor Rickenmann voted nay.

21. ZONING MAP AMENDMENT CONFIRMATION for 800 Dutch Square Boulevard; TMS# 07401-07-21 – *Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2023-095 - Amending the Official Zoning Map to confirm the zoning for 800 Dutch Square Boulevard, Richland County TMS# 07401-07-21; annexed by Ordinance No.: 2023-050 enacted May 16, 2023 – Approved on second reading.

Council District: 2

Proposal: Request to confirm the zoning of Community Activity Center/Corridor (CAC). The property currently has interim zoning of Community Activity Center/Corridor (CAC).

Applicant: The Midlands Housing Alliance, Inc.

Staff Recommendation: Approval

Annexation

PC Recommendation: 04/13/2023; Approval (5-0)

First Reading: 05/02/2023; Approved

Second Reading: 05/16/2023; Approved



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FLU, ZMA Confirmation

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

First reading approval was given on August 15, 2023.

Mayor Rickenmann asked if we were able to provide information for Mr. Cotton.

Ms. Krista Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services said we have clarified the information.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted six to one [6 to 1] to give second reading approval to the Zoning Map Amendment Confirmation for 800 Dutch Square Boulevard; TMS# 07401-07-21 **and** Ordinance No.: 2023-095 - Amending the Official Zoning Map to confirm the zoning for 800 Dutch Square Boulevard, Richland County TMS# 07401-07-21; annexed by Ordinance No.: 2023-050 enacted May 16, 2023. Mr. Brown, Ms. Herbert, Mr. Brennan, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Duvall and Mayor Rickenmann voted aye. Dr. Bussells voted nay.

22. **FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT CONFIRMATION** for 800 Dutch Square Boulevard; TMS#07401-07-21 – *Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2023-090 - Amending the Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 Map to confirm the future land use classification for 800 Dutch Square Boulevard; Richland County TMS# 07401-07-21; annexed by Ordinance No 2023-050 enacted May 16, 2023 – Approved on second reading.

Council District: 2

Proposal: Request confirmation of the future land use classification of Urban Core Community Activity Center (UCAC-2). The property is currently assigned an interim future land use classification of Urban Core Community Activity Center (UCAC-2).

Applicant: The Midlands Housing Alliance, Inc.

Staff Recommendation: Approval

Annexation

PC Recommendation: 04/13/2023; Approval (5-0)

First Reading: 05/02/2023; Approved

Second Reading: 05/16/2023; Approved

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

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Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted six to one [6 to 1] to give second reading approval to the Future Land Use Map Amendment Confirmation for 800 Dutch Square Boulevard; TMS#07401-07-21 **and** Ordinance No.: 2023-090 - Amending the Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 Map to confirm the future land use classification for 800 Dutch Square Boulevard; Richland County TMS# 07401-07-21; annexed by Ordinance No 2023-050 enacted May 16, 2023. Mr. Brown, Ms. Herbert, Mr. Brennan, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Duvall, and Mayor Rickenmann voted aye. Dr. Bussells voted nay.

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

23. 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 first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Ms. Herbert, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to 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.

24. Ordinance No.: 2023-103 - 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 an accessory building for the adjoining business adjacent to 902 Gervais Street, Suite F, Richland County TMS# 08916-02-01 – *Denied*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to deny Ordinance No.: 2023-103 - 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 an accessory building for the adjoining business adjacent to 902 Gervais Street, Suite F, Richland County TMS# 08916-02-01.



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25. 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 first 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

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to 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.

26. 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 first reading.*

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

Councilor Duvall said we have 200 registered units.



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Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Brennan, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to 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.

PUBLIC HEARING & ORDINANCE FIRST READING

27. 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 first reading.*

Mr. Robert Anderson, Director of Public Works said we have not had a rate increase in the last 12 years. The accident rate was \$160 and we are proposing \$225. The parking tow rate is \$125 and we are proposing \$175. The parking drop rate is when a person has a parking ticket and they pay on the spot. It is \$50 and we are proposing \$100. Storage charges are \$25 per day and we are proposing \$35 per day.

Mayor Rickenmann suggested staggering the charges over a two year period. We created the rotating tow system, but a lot of debris is left on the roadside and medians. What can we do to work with tow operators to make sure that material is being picked up?

Mr. Robert Anderson, Director of Public Works said I sent a letter to these companies. We will work with Chief Holbrook and the Columbia Police Department to make sure their officers are aware that the wrecker company is required to clean 100% of it.

Councilor Brown recommended that the towing service document the accident in compliance with their contract.

Mayor Rickenmann suggested that the proposed rate increase over a two year period by 50%. That is fair to the public.

Councilor Herbert asked if we need to add specific language to the cleanup requirement. If the amount has changed, do we need to defer this and have it come back with those numbers for the public hearing?



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Mayor Rickenmann said we can have the public hearing tonight and talk about the numbers. We can redo the documents and have our first vote at our next meeting. That will keep us in compliance.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said if we're including that type of language, is the intention to have something punitive attached to not cleaning it up.

Mayor Rickenmann said we may need to update the franchise agreement because I don't believe it calls for a penalty. When it's not picked up, it's an added cost for us.

Councilor Duvall said prior to COVID, we were looking at remodeling the towing ordinance for the city of Columbia. Would you like to have a public hearing tonight and refer it to the Public Safety Committee?

Mayor Rickenmann said since this is just a fee ordinance, we should have the public hearing. We will move this forward, bring it to the committee to make the changes, update it and bring it back.

Councilor McDowell asked if that is all inclusive of fees and cleanup.

Mr. Robert Anderson, Director of Public Works said the cleanup document is already included in the city ordinance, section 24. If the towing company tows the car away, they're required to clean 100% of the debris. That includes sweeping up glass out of the street.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said that doesn't address penalties.

Council opened the public hearing at 4:42 p.m.

No one appeared at this time.

Council closed the public hearing at 4:42 p.m.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Rickenmann and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to give first 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 as amended to implement the fee increases for accident towing, parking towing, and parking drops over a two-year period.



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RESOLUTIONS

28. Resolution No.: R-2023-062 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Columbia and City of West Columbia (New pedestrian bridge over the Saluda River and a new 30" sewer force main for the Saluda River Force Main Extension Project SS7568) – *Approved*

Councilor Duvall said I'm voting no on this particular ordinance because it is a scenic part of the Saluda River. I have had a good conversation with Mr. Shealy and I'm hoping that we can come up with a better location for this bridge.

Dr. Bussells said I just wanted to reiterate that conversations would continue to identify an appropriate location that Council is comfortable with. This is just authorizing an agreement with West Columbia.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted six to one [6 to 1] to approve Resolution No.: R-2023-062 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Columbia and City of West Columbia (New pedestrian bridge over the Saluda River and a new 30" sewer force main for the Saluda River Force Main Extension Project SS7568). Mr. Brown, Ms. Herbert, Dr. Bussells, Mr. Brennan, Mr. McDowell, and Mayor Rickenmann voted aye. Mr. Duvall voted nay.

29. Resolution No.: R-2023-065 - Authorizing change of signatures on financial accounts - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2023-065 - Authorizing change of signatures on financial accounts.

30. Resolution No.: R-2023-074 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Agreement between the City of Columbia and The Midlands Housing Alliance, Inc. for 2025 Main Street for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 - *Approved*

Health, Social, and Environmental Affairs Committee Recommendation: 08/22/2023; Approval (3-0)



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Upon a motion made by Dr. Bussells and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2023-074 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Agreement between the City of Columbia and The Midlands Housing Alliance, Inc. for 2025 Main Street for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

31. Resolution No.: R-2023-075 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Contract for Professional Services between the City of Columbia and Lexington/Richland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council LRADAC - *Approved*

Health, Social, and Environmental Affairs Committee Recommendation: 08/22/2023; Approval (3-0)

Upon a motion made by Dr. Bussells and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2023-075 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Contract for Professional Services between the City of Columbia and Lexington/Richland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council LRADAC.

32. Resolution No.: 2023-076 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Contract for Professional Services between the City of Columbia and Salvation Army – *Approved*

Health, Social, and Environmental Affairs Committee Recommendation: 08/22/2023; Approval (3-0)

Upon a motion made by Dr. Bussells and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: 2023-076 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Contract for Professional Services between the City of Columbia and Salvation Army.

33. Resolution No.: R-2023-077 - Ratifying and Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Contract for Professional Services between the City of Columbia and The Midlands Housing Alliance, Inc. for Rapid Shelter Columbia and Rapid Shelter Columbia Overflow for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 – *Approved*

Health, Social, and Environmental Affairs Committee Recommendation: 08/22/2023; Approval (3-0)

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2023-077 - Ratifying and Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Contract for Professional Services between the City of Columbia and The Midlands Housing Alliance, Inc. for Rapid Shelter Columbia and Rapid Shelter Columbia Overflow for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.



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34. Resolution No.: R-2023-078 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Contract for Professional Services between the City of Columbia and Rainey Day Fund for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 - *Approved*

Health, Social, and Environmental Affairs Committee Recommendation: 08/22/2023; Approval (3-0)

Upon a motion made by Dr. Bussells and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2023-078 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Contract for Professional Services between the City of Columbia and Rainey Day Fund for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

35. Resolution No.: R-2023-080 -Authorizing the City Manager to execute Professional Services Agreement for the Housing First Program between the City of Columbia and the University of South Carolina for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 - *Approved*

Health, Social, and Environmental Affairs Committee Recommendation: 08/22/2023; Approval (3-0)

Upon a motion made by Dr. Bussells and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2023-080 -Authorizing the City Manager to execute Professional Services Agreement for the Housing First Program between the City of Columbia and the University of South Carolina for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

EVENT RESOLUTIONS

36. Resolution No.: R-2023-066 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at Opening Season Party in the 1000 block of Sumter Street between Senate Street and Pendleton Street on Friday, September 8, 2023 - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2023-066 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at Opening Season Party in the 1000 block of Sumter Street between Senate Street and Pendleton Street on Friday, September 8, 2023.

37. Resolution No.: R-2023-071 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only within Boyd Plaza adjacent to the Columbia Museum of Art for Arts and Draughts on Friday, November 10, 2023 - *Approved*



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Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2023-071 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only within Boyd Plaza adjacent to the Columbia Museum of Art for Arts and Draughts on Friday, November 10, 2023.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REFERRALS, REPORTS AND NEW BUSINESS

38. Council is asked to refer proposed revisions to Chapter 14, Article IV, Sec. 14-108, Discharge of Fireworks to the Public Safety Committee, as requested by The Honorable William Brennan.

Councilor Brennan asked that the city's fireworks ordinance be amended to mirror the hours when fireworks can be discharged in Richland County.

Dr. Bussells asked that the city's fireworks ordinance be amended to mirror the holidays included in Lexington County's ordinance.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to refer proposed revisions to Chapter 14, Article IV, Sec. 14-108, Discharge of Fireworks to the Public Safety Committee.

Upon a motion by Mayor Rickenmann and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to refer a review of the city's wrecker and towing ordinance as it relates to the removal of debris and possible penalties for repeat offenders to the Public Safety Committee.

Upon a motion by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to refer a review of the city's policy related to the ownership and maintenance of boundary trees to the Health Social and Environmental Affairs Committee.

Upon a motion made by Dr. Bussells and seconded by Mr. Brown, Council voted unanimously to refer any subsequent updates and public information around the Gateway Project to the Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Chase Oliver of Atlanta, Georgia spoke in support of Be Kind Be Great and expressed concerns over the inability to serve the unhoused.



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Mayor Rickenmann said we don't have an ordinance that prevents Ms. Brown from serving the homeless. We've offered a spot that has bathrooms and everything else to help. We also just voted on over a million dollars' worth of services to help shelters and we propped up the Rapid Shelter. I would encourage you to see what we've done.

Councilor Herbert said we just approved a ton of money for homeless services tonight and for those who have not recognized it, you will want to look at Items 30-35. If you would like the dollar amounts, we can give you those.

Mr. Jason Lyon of Greenville, South Carolina spoke in support of Be Kind Be Great and expressed concerns for the residents and businesses of the Cottontown area. He said they feel like they are being neglected by City Council. and they weren't bringing in the metrics to garner them services. He also expressed concerns about the potential increase of residents in the city and requirements about serving food only at Christ Central.

Mr. Thomas Hill of North Carolina spoke in support of Be Kind Be Great and expressed concerns over the treatment of Ms. Brown while serving the unhoused.

Pastor Moses Colbert, Chairman of Faith, Hope, and Love Community Enrichment Ministries, Inc. spoke in support of Be Kind Be Great and similar organizations. He suggested collaborative efforts as one of the solutions in helping the unhoused population.

Ms. Jacklyn Sobotowicz, Columbia People's Program expressed concerns with the treatment of her organization while serving, the lack of individuals who have experienced homelessness on the Homelessness Task Force, and the placement of the collaboration with Christ Central.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said placing people in the right environment has begun to work little by little. Meal sharing is an example of us trying to come up with something new that might also work. Finlay Park is about to have construction, so that is a security matter and a safety issue. It's not meant to not be uncompassionate. Addressing this week after week without us sitting down and having real discussions so we can work through solutions is not the most productive thing either. In order to strike that balance, let's figure out something together.

Mr. Regi Solis expressed concerns about the closing of Finlay Park and the lack of an alternative location for meal sharing. He requested designated areas for the homeless to sleep.

Ms. Ericka Brown spoke in support of Be Kind Be Great and expressed concerns over the lack of communication between herself, city staff and the Mayor's Office.



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Mayor Rickenmann said you've been here for the last five meetings. You have brought up issues around feedings, the costs, and how can we make people feel comfortable. We have been listening to you and addressing it. I don't know why we haven't connected. I want to apologize and we will have a meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Brennan, Council voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 5:45 p.m. for the discussion of **Items 39** and **40**.

39. Receipt of legal advice relating to matters covered by attorney-client privilege pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2)
- *Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)*
40. Discussion of compensation of an employee pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(1)
- *City Council*

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Erika D. Moore Hammond, CMC
City Clerk