



COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2018

WORK SESSION - 3:00 P.M.

The Columbia City Council met for a Work Session on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201. The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 3:14 p.m. and the following members of City Council were present: The Honorable Sam Davis, The Honorable Howard E. Duvall, Jr., The Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr., and The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann. The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine and The Honorable Moe Baddourah were absent. Also present were Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Moore, City Clerk. This meeting was advertised in accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

INVOCATION

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

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION

1. State Health Plan Update - Ms. Pamela Benjamin, CPM, Chief of Staff / Human Resources Director

Ms. Pamela Benjamin, CPM, Chief of Staff / Human Resources Director said we have been vigorously transitioning to the State Health Plan. Our health care claims are at \$25 million and are projected to be \$32 million in fiscal year 2018/2019 and our OPEB liability is increasing. We looked at options to help restrain that. We looked at the State Health Plan, because it is a similar network with similar benefits. It's a recruiting and retention tool, because other municipalities and agencies are members of the State Health Plan. We are looking for some savings from fixed costs. This option allows us to continue to provide health care for our active employees, pre-65 retirees, post-65 retirees, and their dependents. We will be locked in for four years and several plans are available. Individual participants may see changes in their experience. She presented a list of the benefits that must be offered. We will start the plan year on January 1, 2019. We are communicating with employees and sending mailers to retirees. She reviewed the 2019 premiums for active employees as set by PEBA.

Councilor Rickenmann said we have never shown employees the true value of healthcare, because we are supplementing families and dependents, both retired and active. We are able to maintain that with this plan. We are somewhat leveling out our long-term liability. We've achieved partially what we were trying to get done without disrupting the whole process. It is important for people to understand our costs.



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Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager suggested that the information be shared with employees at the upcoming benefit enrollment sessions.

Ms. Pamela Benjamin, CPM, Chief of Staff / Human Resources Director explained that PEBA determines retiree eligibility, not the City of Columbia. Eligibility is based on the years of service contributed to the state retirement system. If someone retired from the City with health benefits, they may potentially qualify for a subsidy. If not, they will be assessed the full unsubsidized amount. We have to notify everyone who was ever employed with the City and we may be obligated to offer coverage. We are required to provide access to insurance for retirees, but we have the ability to determine premiums. She reviewed the premiums for pre- and post-65 retirees. Starting in November 2018, we will hold new group enrollment sessions. Meetings will be held for retirees on November 5 and 20, 2018. The open enrollment is mandatory. Supporting documentation is required for any dependent being added to coverage. We will eliminate the Wellness Incentive Program and all money must be spent by the end of this year.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager introduced Mr. John Stuart as the new administrator for Municipal Court.

Mr. John Stuart, Municipal Court Administrator said I worked at the Columbia Police Department for two years right after college. I've worked in virtually all areas of the criminal justice field. I'll be working with all stakeholders of the court system.

2. Commercial Revolving Loan Fund Code Revisions - Ms. Melissa Lindler, MPA, Director for the Office of Business Opportunities

Ms. Melissa Lindler, MPA, Director for the Office of Business Opportunities explained that the revisions are necessary due to a recent amendment made to the Economic Development Administration (EDA) regulations in January 2018. The purpose of the Commercial Revolving Loan Fund (CRLF) is to foster economic development and job creation in the City of Columbia. The funds provide GAP financing and require bank participation. Between 2015 and 2018, we've funded ten loans in the total amount of \$1,449,500. The current available balance is \$348,870.66. She reviewed the three significant amendments to EDA regulations. Based on our last reporting period, we received an initial rating of "A". Of the eight southern states, only 38% received this rating. She reviewed twelve (12) proposed changes to the CRLF Code Sections 8.2.8, 8.2.9, 8.3.3, 8.7.2, 8.8, 8.10.3, 8.14, 8.15.1, and 8.18.1(a).

Councilor Rickenmann suggested adding language to section 8.18.1 that gives us the ability to use an asset to enhance another business or to help someone jump start a business.



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Ms. Melissa Lindler, MPA, Director for the Office of Business Opportunities continued to review the proposed changes to sections 8.18.1(c/iv) and 8.18.3.

Councilor Rickenmann suggested using the word commitment instead of leverage.

Ms. Melissa Lindler, MPA, Director for the Office of Business Opportunities said leverage is in the regulations. She agreed to use “leverage and/or commitment”. She continued to review the proposed changes to section 8.18.5. The ordinance will be revised prior to second reading. Council is asked to approve the proposed changes during today’s evening meeting. The proposed changes will be reflected in our five-year plan that is due to the Economic Development Administration.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 4:30 p.m. for the discussion of **Items 3** through **5** as amended to add the discussion of a Zoning Text Amendment to **Item 5**.

3. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements pursuant to S. C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2)
 - *Employee Health Center*
 - *Lower Richland Sewer Agreement*
 - *Towing Contract*
 - *Soda City*
 - *19/20 CDBG Allocation*
 - *Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center*
 - *River Alliance*
4. Discussion of matters relating to proposed location or expansion of services to encourage location or expansion of industries or other businesses pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2)
 - *Jushi*
 - *Parking*



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5. Receipt of legal advice relating to a pending, threatened or potential claim pursuant to S. C. Code
- *Tameka Price v. City*
 - *Len Roberson v. City*
 - *Clarence Campbell and Alice Campbell v. City*

COUNCIL MEETING - 6:00 P.M.

The Columbia City Council conducted a meeting on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201. The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. and the following members of City Council were present: The Honorable Sam Davis, The Honorable Howard E. Duvall, Jr., The Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr., and The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann. The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine and The Honorable Moe Baddourah were absent. Also present were Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Moore, 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. Davis and seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda subject to changing the title for Item 29 to National Fire Prevention Month.

PUBLIC INPUT RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS

No one appeared at this time.



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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6. Council is asked to approve the September 18, 2018 City Council Meeting Minutes. - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve the September 18, 2018 City Council Meeting Minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 7 THROUGH 28

Mr. Clint Shealy, PE, Assistant City Manager for Columbia Water explained that **Item 23** is a contract amendment for professional services for our AMI project. We are in negotiations with the most responsive proposal for implementation services and construction. This is for professional oversight on the construction administration and observation services on the \$43 million project.

Upon a single motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve the **Consent Agenda Items 7 through 28**.

7. Council is asked to approve a Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Contract Renewal for services related to the retention of Military Personnel, Services and Operations located at Fort Jackson during the upcoming rounds of Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) and Sequestration, as requested by the Economic Development Department. Award to the Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$53,500.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC.
Funding Source: ED Special Projects 5518419-638500. The original budgeted amount is \$53,500.00. - Approved
8. Council is asked to approve a Fiscal Year 2018/19 Contract Renewal for Assistance with Cluster Development, Project Management, Promotions, Marketing and Research, as requested by the Economic Development Department. Award to EngenuitySC in the amount of \$65,000.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. - *Funding Source: Special Contracts 5511301-638300. The original budgeted amount is \$65,000.00. - Approved*



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9. Council is asked to approve a Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Contract Renewal for Assistance with Recruitment, Project Management, Promotions, Marketing, and Research, as requested by the Economic Development Department. Award to Central SC Alliance in the amount of \$72,000.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. - *Funding Source: Special Contracts 5511301-638300 - The original budgeted amount is \$72,000.00. - Approved*
10. Council is asked to approve the Renewal for Elevator Maintenance Services, as requested by the Support Services Division. Award to Southern Elevator in an amount not to exceed \$59,520.00. This firm is located in West Columbia, SC. - *Funding Source: Parking Lincoln Street Deck - Maintenance & Service Contract; 5313112-638200, Utilities Lake Murray Water Plant - Maintenance & Service Contract; 5516207-638200, General Support Services - Maintenance & Service Contract; 1011201-638200, Support Service Public Building - Maintenance & Service Contract; 5511219-638200, Parking Taylor Street Deck - Maintenance & Service Contract; 5313107-638200, Parking Sumter Street Park - Maintenance & Service Contract; 5313106-638200, Parking Arsenal Hill Deck - Maintenance & Service Contract; 5313103-638200, Parking Lady Street Deck - Maintenance & Service Contract; 5313104-638200, Parking Washington Street Deck - Maintenance & Service Contract; 5313108-638200, Utilities Metro Wastewater Plant - Maintenance & Service Contract; 5516208-638200, Parking Park Street Deck - Maintenance & Service Contract; 5313109-638200, Parking PJ Cannon Deck - Maintenance & Service Contract; 5313114-638200, Drew Wellness Center - Maintenance & Service Contract; 1015115-638200, Police Administrative Services - Maintenance & Service Contract; 1012402-638200, The original budgeted amount is \$59,520.00. - Approved*
11. Council is asked to approve Personnel Assessment, Testing and Promotional Services, as requested by the Police Department. Award to Industrial / Organizational Solutions in an amount not to exceed \$73,170.00. The vendor is located Oak Brook, IL. - *Funding Source: Police Administrative Services - Professional Services 1012402-636600. The original budgeted amount is \$75,000.00. - Approved*
12. Council is asked to approve the Renewal of Hewlett Packard Support Services, as requested by the Information Technology Services Department. Award to Hewlett Packard Enterprise using the SC State Contract 44000011431 in the amount of \$63,531.48. This firm is located in Palo Alto, CA. - *Funding Source: Information Technology - Maintenance & Service Contract 1011120-638200. The original budgeted amount is \$63,531.48. - Approved*
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13. Council is asked to approve the Renewal for Banner CIS Support Services, as requested by the Budget and Program Management Office. Award to Hansen Technologies in the amount of \$103,915.54. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. - *Funding Source: Program Management Office - Maintenance and Service Contract 6218950-638200. The original budgeted amount is \$103,915.54. - Approved*
 14. Council is asked to approve the Rental of a Portable Ice Rink, as requested by the Parks and Recreation Department. Award to Magic Ice USA in an amount not to exceed \$115,000.00. This firm is located in Miami, FL. - *Funding Source: Recreation Programs- Special Projects - Ice Rink 1015106-638518. The original budgeted amount is \$115,000.00. - Approved*
 15. Council is asked to ratify the Ice Rink Management Services Agreement and the First Amendment to the Ice Rink Management Services Agreement, as requested by the Parks and Recreation Department. Award to Columbiana Centre, LLC in the amount of \$5,000.00. This firm has a local office in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: 1015106-638518 - Approved*
 16. Council is asked to approve a Contract Amendment #6 for Project SS7328(18) for On-Call Services, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to AECOM Technical Services, Inc., in the amount of \$100,000.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: 55111706-SS7328(18)-638305 Engineering-Spc Contract W/S, SW. The original budgeted amount is \$100,000.00. - Approved*
 17. Council is asked to approve a Contract for Project WM4434; Water System Improvements at Northgate Mobile Home Park, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Southern Roots Landscape Management, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$103,384.00 which includes contingency. This firm has a local office in Columbia, SC. - *Funding Source: 5529999-658650. The original budgeted amount is \$106,145.00. – Approved*

This is a Protégé Only Project. Southern Roots Landscape Management., Inc. with headquarters in Marietta, GA and a local office in Columbia, SC is the Protégé and will provide waterline services at 94% (\$87,784) of the contract value.

Sub-contractor NAPM of Greenville, SC will provide paving and hauling services at 6% (\$5,600) of the contract value.



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18. Council is asked to approve an Agreement for Project SS7468; Three Rivers Force Main Replacement, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Weston & Sampson in the amount of \$116,625.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: 5529999-SS7468-658650 Water & Sewer Capital Projects - Three Rivers Force Main Replacement - Capital Project Costs. The original budgeted amount is \$75,000.00. Additional funds will come from 5529999-SS728801-658650 Unforeseen & Miscellaneous Projects. - Approved*

This is a Clean Water 2020 Program Project and Mentor Protégé Program Project. Weston & Sampson of Columbia, SC is the Mentor and will provide project management, engineering design, permitting services, bidding services, and construction administration at 67.2% (\$78,300.00) of the total contract value. Carper Civil Consulting, Minority Business Enterprise (Woman) of Charleston, SC is the Protégé and will provide engineering design at 20% (\$23,325.00) of the contract value.

Sub-consultant Construction Support Services of Hopkins, SC will provide survey and property easement services at 12.8% (\$15,000.00) of the contract value.

19. Council is asked to approve a Contract for Project #SS7444-02; Saluda River Pump Station Control Manhole Platform Repair Services, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Shady Grove Construction, LLC, a Minority Business Enterprise (Woman) in an amount not to exceed \$176,954.00. This firm is located in Irmo, SC. - *Funding Source: 2539999-638400 (FEMA Grants Control / 2015 Oct Flood Recovery). The original budgeted amount is \$176,954.00. - Approved*

The following sub-consultants will provide additional services:

Sanders Welding of Newberry, SC will provide structural steel at 27% (\$40,000) of the contract value.

Capital Concrete of Lexington, SC will provide concrete at 2% (\$3,500) of the contract value.

20. Council is asked to approve a Sole Source for the Water Chemical Blended Phosphate-Corrosion Inhibitor, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Carus Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$230,000. The firm is located in Belmont, NC. *Funding Sources: Utilities Columbia Canal WTP-Chemicals 5516206-624800, Utilities Lake Murray WTP-Chemicals 5516207-624800. The original budgeted amount is \$230,000.00. - Approved*

21. Council is asked to approve Agreements for Project SS733702; Utility Relocations for Rocky Branch Phase 2, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to South Carolina Electric & Gas for a total amount of \$406,400.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC.



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Funding Source: 5529999-658650. The original budgeted amount is \$406,400.00. - Approved

This is a Clean Water 2020 Program Project.

22. Council is asked to approve a Contract for Project #SD8389; Devils Ditch Joint Maintenance Services, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to L-J, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$567,889.85. This firm is located in Cayce, SC. - *Funding Source: Fiscal 2018/2019; 5549999-658650. The original budgeted amount is \$567,889.85. - Approved*
Sub-consultant L.A. Barrier & Son, Inc., a Minority Business Enterprise (Woman) of Lexington, SC will provide paving and hauling services at 19% (\$101,747.09) of the contract value.

23. Council is asked to approve Contract Amendment #2 for Project WM4354; Professional Services Agreement for Automated Meter Reading and Automated Meter Infrastructure Feasibility Study, Project Management, and Related Support Services, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to CH2M Hill Engineers in the amount of \$1,735,097.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. - *Funding Source: Water and Sewer Budget; 5529999-WM4354-658650. The original budgeted amount is \$1,735,097.00. - Approved*

The following sub-consultants will provide additional services:

Atlantic South Consulting Services, a Minority Business Enterprise of Columbia, SC will provide assistance with system evaluation, feasibility study, and project management services at 12% (\$208,098.00) of the contract value.

Rohadfox Construction Control Services Corporation of Columbia, SC will provide project management services at 11% (\$189,979.00) of the contract value.

24. Council is asked to approve three Indefinite Delivery Contracts for the Sewer Mapping Program Project for fiscal year 2018/2019, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to AECOM Technical Services, Inc., Vaughn & Melton Consulting Engineers, Inc., and Hydrostructures, P.A. for an additional \$250,000.00 and a total amount not to exceed \$750,000.00. - *Funding Source: Sewer Maintenance; 5516205-SS7304-638305. The adjusted budgeted amount is \$750,000.00. - Approved*

This is a Clean Water 2020 Program Project.

AECOM Technical Services, Inc. has headquarters in Los Angeles, CA and a local office in Columbia, SC. AECOM proposes to utilize DESA, Inc. (MBE) as a sub consultant to provide manhole data collection services. DESA, Inc. is located in Columbia, SC.



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Vaughn & Melton Consulting Engineers, Inc. has headquarters in Middlesboro, KY and a local office in Spartanburg, SC. Vaughn & Melton proposes to utilize Construction Support Services, LLC (MBE) as a sub consultant to provide traffic control services. Construction Support Services, LLC is located in Hopkins, SC.

Hydrostructures, P.A. has headquarters in Pittsboro, NC and a local office in Cayce, SC. Hydrostructures proposes to utilize DESA, Inc. (MBE) as a sub consultant to provide manhole inspection services and Civil Engineering of Columbia as a sub consultant to provide surveying services. CEC is located in Columbia, SC.

25. Council is asked to ratify nine (9) Emergency Procurements for the repair of waterlines, roadways, meter relocations throughout the City, and column damage at Police Headquarters, as requested by Columbia Water and Support Services. Award to the lowest responsive bidder for each project in a total amount of \$2,024,233.96. - *Funding Source: Engineering and Special Projects - 5511706-638500 (\$155,750.00); Water & Sewer Capital Projects- Capital Projects Cost- 5529999-658650 (\$86,440.00) ; General Capital Projects - Professional Services- 4039999-636600 (\$313,144.71); Water & Sewer Capital Projects- Capital Projects Cost- 5529999-658650 (\$409,415.00); Engineering and Special Projects- 5511706-638500 (\$99,160.05); Engineering and Special Projects- 5511706-638500 (\$570,896.70); Engineering and Special Projects- 5511706-638500 (\$46,250.00); Water & Sewer Capital Projects- Capital Projects Cost- 5529999-658650 (\$326,177.50); General Support Services - Maintenance & Service Contract - 1011201-638200 (\$17,000.00). The original budgeted amount is \$2,024,233.96. - Approved*
26. Council is asked to approve a Contract for Project WM3993; Water System Improvements on Covenant Road and Harrison Road, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Carolina Tap & Bore, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$2,667,270.00, which includes a \$200,000.00 contingency. This firm is located in West Columbia, SC. - *Funding Source: 552999-WM399301-658650. The original budgeted amount is \$2,667,270.00. - Approved*

This is a Mentor Protégé Program Project. The Mentor, Carolina Tap & Bore, Inc., will provide services at 46% (\$1,147,270.00) of the total contract value. Northeast Backflow of Lugoff, SC is the Protégé and will provide piping installation services at 25% (\$620,000) of the total contract value.

The following sub-contractors/suppliers will provide additional services/materials:

Fortiline Waterworks of Lexington, SC will provide materials services at 26% (\$650,000) of the contract value.



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AOS Specialty Contractors of Lexington, SC will provide services at 2% (\$50,000) of the contract value.

27. Ordinance No.: 2018-052 - Granting an encroachment to Ashish Thakkar and Rita Thakkar for installation and maintenance of landscaping and an irrigation system within the right of way areas of the 2000 block of Gervais Street and 1100 block of Harden Street adjacent to 2020 Gervais Street, Richland County TMS #11406-12-04 - *First reading approval was given on October 2, 2018. – Approved on second reading.*
28. Resolution No.: R-2018-100 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at the Palmetto Place Palooza Charity Fundraiser on Sunday, October 28, 2018 in the 1600 block of Blanding Street adjacent to the Robert Mills House and Hampton Preston Mansion - *Approved*

PRESENTATIONS

29. National Fire Prevention Month Proclamation - The Honorable Stephen K. Benjamin

Mayor Benjamin and the Columbia City Council proclaimed October 2018 as National Fire Prevention Month in the City of Columbia.

30. National Cyber Security Awareness Month Proclamation - The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin

Mayor Benjamin and the Columbia City Council proclaimed October 2018 as National Cyber Security Awareness Month in the City of Columbia.

31. National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Month - The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin

Mayor Benjamin and the Columbia City Council proclaimed October as National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Month in the City of Columbia.

Ms. Kristi Bothur, Co-Founder of Naomi's Circle thanked the members of Council for the proclamation. It is believed that one out of every four pregnancies ends in loss. Our daughter Naomi died in my nineteenth week of pregnancy over nine years ago. I no longer miss the baby that she was, but I do miss the fourth grader she would've been this fall. I miss my other four children in heaven the same way. Pregnancy loss is not only a women's issue. It is a family issue and a community issue.



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OTHER MATTERS

32. Benedict College-Homecoming Tiger Jam Hospitality Tax Funding Request

Councilor Duvall asked that Council not approve the request, because it is out of cycle; the funds are for a performer at a homecoming at a college in the City of Columbia; and it's on a form for 2019, but it's for a 2018 event. The Council needs to be disciplined in not funding requests out of cycle.

Mayor Benjamin said this is an important event. We've seen some incredible things happen at Benedict College. It is one of the largest HBCUs in the country and they are on track to do some amazing things under the leadership of Dr. Rosalyn Clark Artis. This event will bring thousands of people to Columbia. It is a major event and it is a small piece of the puzzle and that's why I advanced the request. The technical issues can be easily addressed.

Councilor Rickenmann said for the last ten to twenty years, these requests never come in at the appropriate time. We need to hold some feet to the fire. It puts others at a disadvantage.

Mayor Benjamin said this is out of cycle, because I suggested that they make the request.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted three (3) to two (2) to approve the Benedict College-Homecoming Tiger Jam Hospitality Tax funding request in the amount of \$10,000.00. Voting aye were Mr. McDowell, Mr. Davis, and Mayor Benjamin. Voting nay were Mr. Rickenmann and Mr. Duvall.

33. Council is asked to approve the establishment of a neighborhood-wide 25 mph speed limit in the Shandon Neighborhood, as requested by the Public Works Department.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to approve the establishment of a neighborhood-wide 25 mph speed limit in the Shandon Neighborhood.



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34. Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Action Plan Amendment Number Three - Ms. Gloria Saeed, Community Development Director

Ms. Gloria Saeed, Community Development Director requested approval of substantial amendment number three for our Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program. The amendment includes changes to the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program local cost share match program and the elimination of CDBG program income contribution of one million dollars to the Minor Repair Program. The public comment period expires on October 19, 2018. We are seeking Council's approval to submit the substantial amendment three to the Department of Housing and Urban Development once the comment period ends.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Action Plan Amendment Number Three for submission to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

35. State Health Plan Update - Ms. Pamela Benjamin, CPM, Chief of Staff / Human Resources Director

Ms. Pamela Benjamin, CPM, Chief of Staff / Human Resources Director explained that in an effort to manage costs and provide quality health care to our active employees and retirees, City Council authorized us to move to the State Health Plan to provide those benefits for us. She presented a list of elective benefits provided by the State Health Plan. She presented the 2019 active employee premiums per pay period. Information will be sent to retirees notifying them that we are going to the State Health Plan and we will no longer have the United Healthcare supplement for post-65 retirees. PEBA determines whether retirees are eligible for insurance or not. Once that determination is made, a retiree will pay the subsidized premium or the non-subsidized premium. We have to provide access to our healthcare to any person who retired from or had significant career service with the City of Columbia. Retirees currently on our insurance will pay a subsidized premium and the others will pay an unsubsidized premium. The City is subsidizing the active employee premiums as well. She presented the 2019 premiums for retirees per month. PEBA sets the premiums of active employees and they may be subject to change next year. A local subdivision has the right to set premiums for retirees. The 2019 premiums for pre-65 retirees are the same for our active employees. The retiree premiums can change each year, as well. Mandatory Education and enrollment sessions will begin on November 1, 2018 for active employees. Retiree sessions will be held on November 5 and 20, 2018. We are eliminating the Wellness Incentive Program, but we will be maintaining the Employee Health Center.



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ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

36. Ordinance No.: 2018-056 Rescinding Motion to Maintain Defined Dollar Benefit (DDB) for Health Coverage and 80/20 Cost Share

Upon a motion made by Mr. Rickenmann and seconded by Stephen K. Benjamin, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2018-056 - Rescinding Motion to Maintain Defined Dollar Benefit (DDB) for Health Coverage and 80/20 Cost Share.

37. Ordinance No.: 2018-061 - Adopting the Commercial Revolving Loan Fund ("CRLF") Code revised September 26, 2018

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2018-061 - Adopting the Commercial Revolving Loan Fund ("CRLF") Code revised September 26, 2018, with the understanding that it will be amended prior to second reading to reflect the changes discussed during today's Work Session discussion.

38. Ordinance No.: 2018-062 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Deed and any other documents necessary to consummate the transfer of an unopened portion of Steadham Avenue a/k/a Brook Avenue containing approximately 0.13 acres adjacent to Richland County TMS #09207-06-05, 09207-06-06, 09207-06-18 and 09207-06-19 to Ella Louise Leagones as Personal Representative of the Estate of Nancy J. Oree

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2018-062 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Deed and any other documents necessary to consummate the transfer of an unopened portion of Steadham Avenue a/k/a Brook Avenue containing approximately 0.13 acres adjacent to Richland County TMS #09207-06-05, 09207-06-06, 09207-06-18 and 09207-06-19 to Ella Louise Leagones as Personal Representative of the Estate of Nancy J. Oree.

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS DISCUSSED DURING THE WORK SESSION

No matters were considered at this time.



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CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS / REFERRALS

No committee reports or referrals were made at this time.

There was a consensus of Council to cancel the Work Session scheduled for Tuesday, November 6, 2018. The Columbia City Council will meet for an Executive Session at 5:00 p.m. and a Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 6, 2018.

APPEARANCE OF THE PUBLIC

Mr. Regi Solis, Director of Needful Things appeared before the members of Council to express concerns about the way Columbia's homeless community is treated. Why wasn't the Inclement Weather Center open during Hurricanes Florence Matthew? Each week I hear about the Columbia Police telling people to leave Finlay Park. They go to the Post Office only to be woken up at 3:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. and told they cannot be there. I hear countless stories of personal belongings being taken and disposed of. I'd like to see us be a leader on these topics.

Mayor Benjamin said the location of the Inclement Weather Center stopped us from opening up during the storms. Some of the issues we had at the Canal in 2015, would put people in peril. We worked with Transitions to make sure they opened their doors to everyone during the storms.

Mr. Allen Browning, Hearts for the Homeless said nearly 70% of America's homeless are veterans. My wife and I feed at the park. One entity gives me a permit to feed the homeless. On two occasions the homeless were ran off before I got there. The City police took all of their belongings. They woke this lady up by putting their foot on her. Some of them have jobs or receive social security, but can't afford to pay their rent or light bill. I was homeless, but I am a minister now. I am asking City Council to connect me with a grant writer or grant funding.

Ms. Mona Dzindzeleta, Hyatt Park / Keenan Terrace Neighborhood resident inquired about the funds that have been set aside for Hyatt Park. We are hearing that the money is now being earmarked for a special project at Finlay Park. It would be nice to have a park that everybody could have use of. My neighbors have been hearing this promise for over seven years.

Mayor Benjamin said money has been earmarked for Hyatt Park. It has not been moved or dedicated to any other park in the City. We've had some tight budget years. We've moved forward with the renovation of Earlewood Park, Roy Lynch Park, and Greenview Park. We will continue investing in our park system including Finlay Park, but not be to the exclusion of Hyatt Park.



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Mr. Randy Davis, Parks and Recreation Director said we are moving forward with the phase one development of the Hyatt Park project. This includes the use of grant funds to daylight the stream, a walking path, amphitheater, greenspace, sculpture garden, splash pad, and a playground. The bid will be released in the next two weeks.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said the project could start within the next thirty to sixty days. We would be happy to come and update you all at the appropriate time. It would take an act of this Council to reallocate funds; this staff doesn't move money around.

Mayor Benjamin said the vast majority of parks dollars have gone to the District One corridor.

Ms. Alannah Jackson said I am homeless. The Police Department has thrown away my belongings and medications without warning. I've been kicked. I have an interview tomorrow at a nursing home, but I don't have a place to take care of myself. I don't want to stay at Finlay Park or the Post Office. Your officers need to get things together. I've been on the Housing Authority's waiting list for three years. A lot of people on the list already have a place to stay. I need help.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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City Clerk