



COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The Columbia City Council conducted a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. and the following City Council members were present: The Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr., The Honorable Will Brennan, Mayor Pro-Tem, The Honorable Aditi Bussells, The Honorable Tina N. Herbert, The Honorable Peter M. Brown, and The Honorable Tyler D. Bailey. Also present were Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Moore Hammond, City Clerk. This meeting was advertised in accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

INVOCATION

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Dr. Bussells and seconded by Mr. Bailey, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda as presented.

PUBLIC INPUT

Ms. Diane Wiley expressed support for Item 10 (*A new Contract for Project SD8500; 4036 Webb Court Storm Water Drainage Rehabilitation*). She also expressed concerns with the number of car dealerships on Two Notch Road and Beltline Boulevard.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Council is asked to approve the September 17, 2024 City Council Meeting Minutes. – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to approve the September 17, 2024 City Council Meeting Minutes. Mr. Bailey was not present for the vote.



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PRESENTATIONS

2. Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation - The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor

Mayor Rickenmann highlighted the critical nature behind the statistics surrounding domestic violence in the state of South Carolina. We currently rank sixth out of 50 states for domestic violence cases, with approximately 18,000 incidents reported annually. Since 1996, we have been among the top 10 deadliest states for domestic violence. I encourage everyone to come to the walk this weekend. It is an opportunity to hear some incredible stories and walk side by side with folks who have lived it.

Ms. Leah Wicevic, Executive Director of SisterCare, Inc. shared that Sister Care serves as a nonprofit providing essential support for survivors and their families in the Midlands, having assisted over 4,000 individuals in 2023. She said another big piece of the work we do is community education and awareness, and the City has been a huge partner in helping get the word out. The Mayor's Walk against Domestic Violence is scheduled for Saturday October 5, 2024 at Page Ellington Park, starting with a rally at 10:00 a.m., followed by the walk at 11:00 a.m.

Mayor Rickenmann and the members of City Council proclaimed October 2024 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Columbia.

3. National Community Planning Month Proclamation - The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor

Mayor Rickenmann said we have done a lot over the past five years including upgrading our zoning laws and our new master plan, looking at our overlays for downtown, and fully engaging with our citizens. He thanked the Planning and Development Services staff for all they do to help improve the quality of life for the capital city.

Ms. Lucinda Statler, Planning Administrator, highlighted the Planning and Development Services accomplishments over the past year, including the annexation of Costco, safety improvements on North Main and Milwood, the creation of a user friendly guide for pedestrian accommodations, and the completion of an award-winning economic impact study on historic preservation.



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4. Communities in Schools Update - Ms. Latasha Taste, Senior Director of Statewide Partnerships

Ms. Latasha Taste, Senior Director of Statewide Partnerships, shared that the organization has been part of this community for over 30 years. It was originally founded as Cities in Schools by Ms. Francis McMeekin in the 1980s. We now provide wraparound support to about 26,000 students across seven counties in South Carolina. Approximately 99% of enrolled students are promoted to the next grade level. The organization partners with Richland, Lexington, and Fairfield counties, assisting around 8,000 students in Columbia. The organization offers essential services like housing, food, clothing, tutoring, mentorship, and a Family Advisory Board to give students and parents a voice in their education.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager highlighted Ms. Taste's passion for the work of Communities in Schools and thanked the Planning and Development Services team for all their hard work.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 5 THROUGH 12

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

5. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Globe Bunker Gear for annual replacement needs and new recruits, as requested by the Columbia Fire Department on August 01, 2024. Award to Newton's Fire and Safety Equipment, Inc. using the HGACBuy Cooperative Contract in the amount of \$300,672.00. This vendor is located in Graham, NC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Fire Suppression - Safety Clothing and Supplies (1012303-625900) \$150,336.00 and Fire Administration-County - Safety Clothing and Supplies (2082301-625900) \$150,336.00. The original budget amount is \$300,672.00.

6. Council is asked to approve Contract Amendment #4 for Olympia Fire Station Replacement Project, as requested by the Engineering Department on September 3, 2024. Award to Stewart-Cooper-Newell Architects, PA in an amount not to exceed \$207,891.00. The current term of the contract ends on September 20, 2025. This firm is located in Gastonia, NC. – *Approved*



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Funding Source: General Capital Projects (CDBG-MIT) - Olympia Fire Station Replacement - Capital Projects Costs (4039999-658650). The current budget amount is \$728,408.00. The budget amount for this amendment is \$207,891.00. The total revised budget amount is \$932,999.00.

7. Council is asked to approve a new Professional Services Contract for Program Management Services for the Home Assistance Program (HAP), as requested by City Administration on September 17, 2024. Award to Ceba Group, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$450,000.00. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon issuance of a Notice to Proceed with an end date two years from commencement and the option to renew for two (2) additional one-year periods. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Belvedere and Greenview Housing Assistance Program - Professional Service (SC117007-636600) \$180,000.00, City of Columbia Housing Program - Professional Service (SC117008 - 636600) \$180,000.00, Fairwold Housing Assistance Program - Professional Service (SC117009-636600) \$90,000.00. The original budget amount is \$450,000.00

The Belvedere Home Assistance Program is being funded by an allocation from the State of South Carolina for enhancement of homes within the Belvedere Community. Rehabilitation activities will be performed by licensed contractors secured by the Program Manager, thus costs for those services will be paid as work is performed and invoiced to the City by Ceba Group, LLC.

8. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Vehicles and Heavy Equipment for several City Departments, as requested by the Fleet Services Division. Award to the following vendors using the SC State Contract in the total amount of \$613,947.93. – *Approved*

Item	Vendor	Vehicles	Procurement Method	Amount
a.	Love Chevrolet Columbia, SC	Two (2) 2024 Chevy Tahoe LS, as requested by the Columbia Fire Department on August 21, 2024.	SC State Contract #4400031134	\$119,716.00
<i>Funding Source: Capital Replacement - Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment-Capital (6308972-658500). The original budget amount is \$119,716.00.</i>				
b.	Alan Jay	Four (4) 2024 Ford	SC State	\$261,550.25



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	Automotive Management dba Alan Jay Fleet Sales Sebring, FL	F-250 Super Cab Pickup 4WD Trucks, as requested by the Water Distribution Division on August 13, 2024.	Contract #4400029875	
<i>Funding Source: Utilities Water Distribution and Maintenance - Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment-Capital (5516203-658500). The original budget amount is \$261,550.25.</i>				
c.	Blanchard Machinery Company West Columbia, SC	Two (2) Cat 305 LA Excavators, as requested by the Water Distribution Division on August 7, 2024.	SC State Contract #4400031291	\$232,681.68
<i>Funding Source: Utilities Water Distribution and Maintenance - Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment-Capital (5516203-658500). The original budget amount is \$232,681.68.</i>				
Total				\$613,947.93

9. Council is asked to approve Contract Amendment #4 for Project SS7583; Saluda River 02 and Broad River 04 Engineer Led Find and Fix Sewer Rehabilitation, as requested by Columbia Water on September 4, 2024. Award to Weston and Sampson Engineers, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$93,880.00. The current term of the contract ends on December 31, 2024 and this amendment extends the contract to June 30, 2025. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Water and Sewer Capital Projects - SR02 Find and Fix Rehab - Capital Project Cost (5529999-SS758301-658650). The current budget amount is \$1,176,775.00. The budget amount for this amendment is \$93,880.00. The total revised budget amount is \$1,270,655.00.

This is a Clean Water 2020 Program Project and a Mentor Protégé Program project. Weston and Sampson Engineers, Inc., is the mentor and will provide engineering services during construction, onsite construction observation, and project closeout at 82.62% (\$77,560.00) of the amendment amount.

The following sub-consultants will provide additional services:

4D Engineering, a Minority Business Enterprise (W), located in Columbia, SC, is the protégé and will provide additional onsite construction observation services at 17.38% (\$16,320.00) of the amendment amount.



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10. Council is asked to approve a new Contract for Project SD8500; 4036 Webb Court Storm Water Drainage Rehabilitation, as requested by Columbia Water on August 20, 2024. Award to Smoak Construction Company, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$100,800.00, which includes contingency. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed with an end date one hundred twenty (120) days from commencement. This contractor is located in Little Mountain, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Storm Water Improvement Capital Project Control - 4036 Webb Court - Capital Project Costs (5549999-SD850001-658650). The original budget amount is \$100,800.00.

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

Ordinance No.: 2024-075 - Annexing 1425 and 1430 Laburnum Drive, TMS# 13706-13-10 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map – Approved on second reading.

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

Council District: 3

Applicant: Chanda W. Davis

Staff Recommendation: Approval

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

First reading approval was given on September 17, 2024.

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



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

Council District: 3

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

Applicant: Krista Hampton, Planning & Development Services Director

Staff Recommendation: Approval

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

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

First reading approval was given on September 17, 2024.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS, CONTRACTS AND CHANGE ORDERS

13. Council is asked to approve Contract Amendment #12 for Project DR4241; Columbia Canal Embankment Repair Services, as requested by Columbia Water on September 11, 2024. Award to Michael Baker International, in an amount not to exceed \$5,116,047.00. The current term of the contract ends on September 18, 2025. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Flood Recovery-Columbia Canal - 2015 October Flood Recovery (2536206-638400) \$2,301,452.00 and Water and Sewer Capital Projects-Alternate Raw Water Pump Station Canal Water Treatment Plant-Capital Project Costs (5529999-WM454901-658650) \$2,814,595.00. The current budget amount is \$7,329,535.00. The budget amount for this amendment is \$5,116,047.00. The total revised budget amount is \$12,445,582.00.

Michael Baker International will provide design services at 76.45% (\$3,911,187.00) of the amendment amount.

The following subcontractors will provide the following services:

F&ME Consultants of Columbia, SC, will provide assistance with professional services at 7.12% (\$364,230.00) of the amendment amount.



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Hazen & Sawyer Consultants of Columbia, SC, will provide assistance with professional services at 13.85% (\$708,630.00) of the amendment amount.

Back Forty Aerial Solutions Consultants of Columbia, SC, will provide assistance with professional services at 2.58% (\$132,000.00) of the amendment amount.

Mr. Clint Shealy, Assistant City Manager of Columbia Water explained that there are two parts to the amendment: 1) \$2.3 million in reimbursable funds from FEMA for archaeological oversight and historic preservation related to the Columbia Canal and 2) \$2.8 million will fund professional services for the Resilient Water Supply Project, with bidding postponed to Thursday, October 10, 2024 to give contractors more preparation time. This project is primarily funded through the Capital Improvement Program, with 70% covered by a FEMA grant. A public briefing will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday October 4, 2024 at EdVenture Children's Museum to discuss the upcoming projects. All inspection costs associated with the canal's reconstruction will also be reimbursable through FEMA. The alternate water supply will have a 30-month construction timeline, with bids opening next week; the embankment recovery project will be bid in the coming months and has a 24-month schedule; and the headgate replacements project will bid within a few months, taking 18 months to complete. Together, these projects represent over \$100 million in investments to restore the canal and improve resilience since October 2015.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Brennan, Council voted unanimously to approve Contract Amendment #12 for Project DR4241; Columbia Canal Embankment Repair Services, as requested by Columbia Water on September 11, 2024. Award to Michael Baker International, in an amount not to exceed \$5,116,047.00. The current term of the contract ends on September 18, 2025. This firm is located in Columbia, SC.

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

14. Ordinance No.: 2024-078 - Amending Ordinance 2024-043 to Adopt the Budget for the City of Columbia, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2025 – *Approved on first reading.*

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said as you'll recall we mentioned bringing back a budget amendment in the fall for the property tax millage rate adjustment due to reassessment in Richland County.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Brown, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2024-078 - Amending



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Ordinance 2024-043 to Adopt the Budget for the City of Columbia, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2025.

RESOLUTIONS

15. Resolution No.: R-2024-080 - Authorizing acceptance and dedication of streets known as Congaree Pointe Drive, Table Rock Road, and Jerri Lane, located in Congaree Pointe, Phase 1 – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Dr. Bussells and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2024-080 - Authorizing acceptance and dedication of streets known as Congaree Pointe Drive, Table Rock Road, and Jerri Lane, located in Congaree Pointe, Phase 1.

EVENT RESOLUTIONS

Upon a single motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to approve **Event Resolutions Items 16 through 18**.

16. Resolution No.: R-2024-062 - Authorizing consumption of beer, wine and liquor at the SC Pride Festival on the 1200, 1300 and 1400 blocks of Main Street on Friday, October 18, 2024 and Saturday, October 19, 2024 - *Approved*
17. Resolution No.: R-2024-075 - Authorizing consumption of beer, wine and liquor at JerryFest at the Five Points Fountain on Sunday, October 6, 2024 – *Approved*
18. Resolution No.: R-2024-079 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at Paint the Town Garnet and Black – USC Homecoming Event at 747 Saluda Avenue, perimeter around the Fountain Plaza and 727 Harden Street Parking Lot on Friday, November 1, 2024 – *Approved*

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REFERRALS, REPORTS, AND NEW BUSINESS

No committee referrals, reports, or new business was presented at this time.

PUBLIC INPUT

No one appeared at this time.



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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to enter into Executive session at 4:43 p.m. for the discussion of Items **7** and **8** as outlined on the Work Session agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted:

Erika D. Moore Hammond, CMC
City Clerk