



COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2021

The Columbia City Council conducted a meeting on Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at the Busby Street Community Center, 1735 Busby Street, Columbia, SC 29203. The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. and the following members of Council were present: The Honorable Sam Davis, The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine, The Honorable Howard E. Duvall, Jr., The Honorable Mayor Pro-Tempore Edward H. McDowell, Jr., The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, and The Honorable William Brennan. Also present were Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Moore Hammond, City Clerk. This meeting was advertised in accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. The minutes are numbered to coincide with the order of the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

The Honorable Mayor Pro Tempore Edward H. McDowell, Jr. offered the invocation.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda subject to adding the Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day Proclamation to Presentations.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Council is asked to approve the September 21, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve the September 21, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes.

PRESENTATIONS

2. Resolution No.: 2021-103 Approving the Honorary Naming of the corner of Booker Street and Piedmont Avenue "Bible Way Piedmont Lane" – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: 2021-103 Approving the Honorary Naming of the corner of Booker Street and Piedmont Avenue "Bible Way Piedmont Lane".



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Councilor McDowell said Bible Way is one of our churches that has always been of help to the community. The pastor and members present today represent what it means to be an inclusive community, surrounded by persons who have different needs and a church that is able to meet those needs. We are grateful and thankful for all the church does.

3. 2021 National Fire Prevention Month Proclamation - The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin

Mayor Benjamin and the members of City Council proclaimed the month of October 2021 as Fire Prevention Month in the City of Columbia.

4. Domestic Violence Awareness Month – The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine

Councilor Devine said I want to introduce Dr. Joseph Ray, Acting Director of Counseling & Placement at Allen University, who is shadowing me today. He is participating in the Education Leaders Experience sponsored by Colonial Life and the Center for Educational Partnerships at USC.

Mayor Benjamin and the members of City Council proclaimed the month of October 2021 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Columbia.

Ms. Sara Barber, Executive Director for the South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (SCCADVADA) introduced Ms. Ann Kita as the new Executive Director of Sistercare and Ms. Evelyn Figgures as the Director of Shelters for Sistercare.

Councilor Devine thanked Sister Care for their work in the effort to stop domestic violence. We want a community where your services are no longer needed but we know that they are really needed especially in light of COVID-19 with domestic violence numbers increasing in the past two years. Thank you for all you do in light of all the difficulties to shelter people right now. I want to remind everyone that this Saturday we will have the 15th Annual Mayor's Walk Against Domestic Violence. Everyone who signs up to participate virtually will receive a gift bag with a water bottle, hand towel, hand sanitizer, and mask. You can still register and take a walk in one of our amazing city parks or in your neighborhood to bring awareness to domestic violence.



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5. Hotel Trundle Day Proclamation - The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin

Mayor Benjamin and the members of City Council proclaimed Tuesday October 5, 2021 as Hotel Trundle Day in the City of Columbia.

Mayor Benjamin said I don't think you will find a business that more accurately represents the spirit of Columbia; the adaptive reuse, the historic preservation, and how you have quickly become a meaningful and indispensable part of our cultural and arts infrastructure. Everywhere I go, I hear about the amazing way that you treat your customers and also the way that you treat your employees, especially during the pandemic. Marcus and Rita, you are amazing. We are thankful for you and hope that God continues to bless you with prosperity as we know you will be a blessing to this community for many more years to come.

Mr. Marcus Munse, Owner of Hotel Trundle said this is a huge honor. Who would have thought five years ago when we said let's take on this venture and develop our own hotel brand that there would be a Hotel Trundle Day. This is really incredible. The support of the community, friends, and family has been absolutely paramount. We couldn't have done it without you all and without the support that we continue to receive. Thank you so much.

6. Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day Proclamation - The Honorable Tameika Isaac-Devine

Councilor Devine said October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month but October 13th is Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day.

Mayor Benjamin and the members of City Council proclaimed the day of October 13, 2021 as Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day in the City of Columbia.

Councilor Devine said I also want to recognize that October is Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month. I want to recognize all the parents who have lost a child in child birth.

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

7. Ordinance No: 2021-081 Extension of Emergency Ordinance No.: 2021-078 Related to COVID-19 – *Approved*



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Mayor Benjamin said we continue to see a decline in the number of cases but we are still holding the line on a fairly high number of deaths from COVID-19. There is some anticipation based on the data that there may indeed be another spike after Thanksgiving. I think the most important message we can continue to push to everyone is that we have to get vaccinated. We are seeing a pandemic of the unvaccinated right now. The ability to withstand the effects of COVID-19 go up significantly if in fact you have received one of the vaccines. I want to encourage people again within the sound of my voice to accept and receive the vaccine. We are going to continue to push in the spirit of collaboration and mutual responsibility as we go forward.

Councilor Rickenmann said please get vaccinated. The numbers in the hospitals right now continue to be unvaccinated individuals. We still have high numbers of bed use.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve Ordinance No: 2021-081 Extension of Emergency Ordinance No.: 2021-078 Related to COVID-19.

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION / ACTION

8. COVID-19 Update - The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin

- *COVID-19 Situational Report - Mr. Harry Tinsley, Emergency Management Director*

Mr. Harry Tinsley, Emergency Management Director said current forecast models project a continued downward trend in new COVID-19 cases over the next few weeks. Hospitalizations are also trending down. South Carolina confirmed case count stands at 697,635. Over the past 14-days, our state has seen 33,590 combined cases, down from 54,439. There have been 11,077,472 administered tests to date and 1,248 new confirmed cases. The positivity rate is 8.9% with 16,007 tests. There were 26 new confirmed deaths and one probable death at the last reporting. The state's total deaths due to COVID-19 over the past 14 days are 11,036 confirmed. In Richland County, there were 54,292 confirmed cases. There are 621 confirmed deaths to date. Over the past 14 days, there were 1,575 new confirmed cases, down from 3,128. Richland County is averaging 112 new cases each day, down from 223 at our last meeting. As of September 29th, Richland County's 14 – day recent disease activity incidence rate remains low with a percent positivity rate of 6.4%. The statewide hospitalizations bed utilization rate is 79.41%. As of Oct 5th, there were 1,670 patients currently hospitalized with confirmed or suspected COVID-19. That is down from 2,381 from the last meeting. The Richland County hospitalizations bed utilization rate is 70.3% with 98 patients hospitalized. DHEC reports that 5,057,043 doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been administered in South Carolina. As of



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October 3rd, approximately 52.7% of South Carolina's population 12 years of age and older are fully vaccinated and 60.8% have received at least one vaccine. In Richland County, 55.1% have completed their vaccinations and 63.5% residents have received at least one vaccine. According to the CDC's latest reporting on October 4th, 65.5 % of the U.S. population 12 years of age and older have been fully vaccinated, 64.9% have received at least one dose, 83.6% of those 65 and older have been fully vaccinated, and 77.7% of the population 18 years of age and older have received at least one dose. DHEC is partnering with us for clinics scheduled this month to include: Drew Wellness on Wednesday the 6th, Hyatt Park on Wednesday the 13th, MLK Park on Wednesday the 20th, and Melrose Park on Wednesday the 27th. Prisma is our partner for mobile clinics on Saturday the 9th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Vista and Tuesday the 19th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Five Points. We continue to work with our partners on additional clinics to include weekends and after hour opportunities. All clinics are listed at resilient.columbisc.gov.

9. Business License Update - Mr. Jeff Palen, Assistant City Manager / Chief Financial Officer and Ms. Lakesha Y. Shannon, MBL, Business License Administrator

Mr. Jeff Palen, Assistant City Manager / Chief Financial Officer said Act 176 known as the Business License Tax Standardization Act was passed by the General Assembly in September 2020 for the purpose of streamlining the business license process by creating the same process for all taxing jurisdictions across the state. This process is not optional; all cities and towns must update their business license ordinance to comply with the new law which will become effective on January 1, 2022. The act also requires the South Carolina Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office to host a statewide portal for business licenses renewals. The act standardizes everything from business year periods, renewal dates, application, classification of businesses, and the ability to renew online. City staff along with assistance from the Municipal Association of South Carolina (MASC) has begun a multi-step process to comply and implement Act 176. Steps that we completed include: converted business license year to run from May 1st through April 30st and passed Ordinance 2021-040 on May 18, 2021 which sets the new business year as required by the Act. We also extended business licenses to cover the gap from January 1st through May 1st. The next part of the plan was for staff to review all of our business license tax data for accuracy. The law required that we use the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes to place each business into an appropriate rate class. The current city ordinance utilizes over 150 business codes. The new ordinance will reduce classifications to nine rate classes. Act 176 also mandates that MASC create a new class schedule every odd year to be approved by the Office of Revenue and Fiscal Affairs and then adopted by each municipality. We have also worked on rebalancing to prevent a windfall or a loss. Cities and towns must rebalance their business license tax rates to ensure revenue neutrality during the 2022 business license cycle relative to 2020 revenues. City staff working with MASC staff has finished working on the rebalance of our rate



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schedule utilizing NAICS codes as required by the Act. The target revenue in 2022 was \$10,940,214 and the calculated revenue is \$10,908,888, which is a deficit of \$31,326. The law requires when we set the rates that we would generate the same amount. We do anticipate there will be some differences. The total business count that we looked at from 2022 is 8,592. Of these, 165 businesses would see an increase of \$1,000 or more if they generate the same revenue and 336 businesses would see a decrease of \$1,000 or more if they generate the same revenue. This leaves 8,091 businesses that saw a change of less than \$1,000 with 24 showing a change of zero if they generate the same revenue. The next steps will be to ask Council to repeal and replace our current business license ordinance and class schedule with the new model ordinance and class schedule at the October 19th meeting with second reading on November 9th. The ordinance will take effect on January 1st, 2022. Staff has been working to set up an account with MASC to allow our businesses to renew their annual license online. We anticipate that to take effect on February 1, 2022. After the adoption of the ordinance, staff will begin to notify stakeholders of the change of the business license period, due dates, the new class codes, the new rate schedule, and the ability to renew online through the portal. We will also have this posted on the website so business owners can obtain the information online.

Councilor Duvall said 165 businesses had an increase and 336 had a decrease. Is there any generalization that you can make of that or is it all across the board?

Mr. Jeff Palen, Assistant City Manager / Chief Financial Officer said it is kind of all across the board. We have looked at some other communities as they did theirs and it was very easy to generalize which industry. Unfortunately, with over 150 business codes it is a little harder for us to figure out if there is a general area. There is not just one area that I can pinpoint. Most businesses will fit into classes one through seven based upon their NAICS code. We do have a class eight and a class nine. Class eight is a state mandated classification and class nine are a handful of other industries that don't fit into others. We will be able to compare our rates to other communities because we will be using the same class codes statewide.

Councilor Brennen asked how much time will this uniform approach save a small business when obtaining a business license.

Mr. Jeff Palen, Assistant City Manager / Chief Financial Officer said it is going to depend on the business but with the renewal process going online, it will definitely save time. People use to wait until the last minute to renew their licenses and we would also have long lines getting closer to the deadline so the online portal will help with that. If you are a brand new business you still have to come into the office to go through the process. If you are a business that operates across



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multiple jurisdictions, this should save a lot of time because everyone's application should be the same.

10. Clean Water 2020 Update - Mr. Clint Shealy, P.E., Assistant City Manager for Columbia Water and Mr. Bryan Cully, P.E., Program Manager for CDM Smith

Mr. Clint Shealy, P.E., Assistant City Manager for Columbia Water said I want to start off by thanking our staff for their efforts and continuing to provide essential wastewater services throughout a pandemic and what I would only characterize as unprecedented vacancies and staffing shortages. Many thanks to them and the work that they do each day. I also appreciate the program management team led by Brian Cully and CDM Smith. Their continued support and excellent assistance as we walk through this journey together is greatly appreciated.

Mr. Bryan Cully, P.E., Program Manager for CDM Smith said the list of consent decree programs that are required in the consent decree has not changed. All of these have gone in on time to the EPA with only two programs remaining and those are scheduled to go in next year. Once EPA approves, then we have to implement. Some of these programs are fairly straightforward to implement like the training program and some are very complicated and require massive amounts of man hours like the continuing sewer assessment program. I have highlighted three programs, two are the remaining to be submitted and the infrastructure rehabilitation report for the wastewater collections system. The consent decree does have a force majeure clause included. When COVID hit, we did the proper thing and told the EPA this is probably going to be a force majeure event due to COVID but we don't know what the impacts are. We are still waiting to see what happens. In the consent decree you see the programs and the timelines but the consent decree program was meant to evolve or pivot from operation and day-to-day maintenance to more of an infrastructure and capital improvement project delivery. You are seeing our program pivot with the consent decree requirements and the schedules. This has allowed us some time to take those great lessons learned and process improvements that we have done on the wastewater side and bring that over to the drinking water side. The infrastructure rehabilitation reports in the list of programs once approved by the EPA will allow seven years to complete. Assuming we take most of that time, 2028 is when we will be able to write to the EPA and petition to end the consent decree. We always knew that delivering the consent decree was going to be a very long term multi-decade type activity. I am happy to report to you that our initial assessment with the basket of projects still remains on target for the original \$750 million estimated in 2012. In terms of progress, Council has encumbered and approved about \$363 million. The CIP load is on the back end of the delivery so that is all planned. As far as the consultant support, CDM Smith is working alongside Columbia water staff to deliver and you will see our renewal on the next council meeting agenda. That is for the 10th year of the 11-year



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contract. We are actively managing over 70 projects and most of those are large multimillion dollar projects. We are tracking 120 projects. The renewal for year ten has 25% of the fee going to sub-consultants. All of them are minority or women owned businesses and all of them except one have offices in Columbia. Since 2016, we have constructed 155,000 linear feet of large diameter pipe. We have rehabilitated 550,000 linear feet of mainline pipe, that is about 10%. We have rehabilitated 5,500 manholes, we have replaced/rehabilitated 6,700 laterals, we have rehabilitated 11 pump stations and there is another 19 on the drawing board right now bringing us to 30 out of 50 pump stations. We are at over 4.5 million feet of CCTV inspection since 2016. These preventative measures are huge in how you effectively run a system that is implementing asset management. We have done this with in-house and contractor work. Sanitary sewer overflows are very important. We had a huge drop at the very beginning due to implementing a fats, oils, and grease program. To get that curve further down, it will take a lot of effort and costs, large and timely CIP projects, and preventative maintenance. Spending the rest of the \$750 million and getting staff in to do preventative maintenance is the way we drive that the rest of the way down. We do have a water distribution task force that brings together a lot of different areas within Columbia water and within the Columbia municipality for that common cause. We are making a lot of advancements on customer service. Included in that is actually bringing contractors in to help work down that backlog. The city is currently executing its first alternative delivery project in Columbia Water. It is a Construction-Manager-At-Risk (CMAR) contract project. Everything doesn't have to be traditional design bid build. It gives you a lot more flexibility as the owner. I think it's important that we start quantifying some of the actual environmental benefits of these projects that are happening and align the outcomes with some of the other cities environmental goals. We had six pipeline projects that have eliminated pump stations. We have connected them with a gravity pipe. There are six locations now that aren't using power around the clock and we are not going out to do operations and maintenance. The biggest users of power at a municipality is probably the treatment plants. We have a \$25 million aeration improvements project wrapping up that has greatly reduced power consumption. The wastewater treatment plant digester improvements of \$30 million has greatly reduced the amount of biosolids going to the landfill per year by 9,800,000 pounds. Hauling costs are down by 35% and landfill costs are down by 27%. We are seeking beneficial uses of the biogas that is now being produced in larger quantities.

Mayor Benjamin said this is a fantastic report. On so many different fronts we were faced with daunting challenges but it's amazing with the leadership that this council has shown to prioritize infrastructure, water and sewer, and storm water and decide that we were going to stay the course and take advantage of historically low costs of capital to show people that you can do good and do well. When you are making these types of decisions and investments, it is really about posterity but we are seeing the impacts and the benefits right now. It is amazing what you get



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when you put the right team together and give people the resources they need to do their job and do it well. We need to continue to pay attention to the human infrastructure in investing locally with small minority owned businesses.

Councilor Duvall asked if the solar farm is still on the drawing board for the wastewater treatment plant.

Mr. Clint Shealy, P.E., Assistant City Manager for Columbia Water said yes sir. We are in the review queue for Dominion right now for the solar farm at Metro. We are also doing a feasibility study for one at the Lake Murray Water Treatment Plant that would interconnect with the distribution side rather than the transmission side.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 11 THROUGH 32

Upon a single motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve **Consent Agenda Items 11** through **32**.

11. Council is asked to approve the purchase of Storage Area Network Support Services, as requested by the Information Technology Department. Award to the Hewlett Packard Enterprise Company, using the SC State Contract in the amount of \$67,941.50. This vendor is located in Roseville, CA. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Information Technology - Maintenance & Service Contract (1011120-638200). The original budget amount is \$67,941.50.

12. Council is asked to approve Contract Amendment #2 for Security Guard Services, as requested by the Columbia Police Department. Award to Security Management of SC, LLC in the amount of \$800,000.00. The firm is located in Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: General Fund (1012402-636600) \$400,000.00 and Water - Sewer (5512703-636600) \$400,000.00. The budget amount for this amendment is \$800,000.00.

13. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of a 2021 CAT Compact Track Loader and Mini Excavator for the Wastewater Maintenance Division, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Blanchard Machinery using the SC State Contract in the amount of \$108,269.00. This vendor is located in West Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Utilities Wastewater Maintenance - Machinery & Equipment-Capital (5516205-658300). The original budget amount is \$108,269.00.



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14. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Cured-In-Place Liner Equipment with an Enclosed Trailer for the Wastewater Maintenance Division, as requested by the Fleet Services Division. Award to Schwalm USA, LLC using the HGAC Cooperative Contract in the amount of \$165,247.65. This vendor is located in Greenville, SC. – *Approved*
Funding Source: Utilities Wastewater Maintenance - Machinery and Equipment - Capital (5516205-658300). The original budget amount is \$165,247.65.
15. Council is asked to approve the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Purchase of Vehicle Tires, as requested by the Fleet Services Division. Award to Frasier Tire Service, Inc., using the SC State Contract in the amount of \$216,000.00. This vendor is located in Sumter, SC. – *Approved*
Funding Source: Equipment Services Fuel Parts and Repair - Tires and Lubes (6308970-672500). The original budget amount is \$216,000.
16. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of an Elgin Pelican Dual Sweeper for the Solid Waste Division, as requested by the Fleet Services Division. Award to Public Works Equipment using the Sourcewell Cooperative Contract in the amount of \$229,013.00. This vendor is located in Monroe, NC. – *Approved*
Funding Source: Solid Waste Street Sweeping - Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment - Capital (5534408-658500). The original budget amount is \$229,013.00.
17. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of FloFoam for the Anerobic Digester at the Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Polydyne Inc., as a Sole Source in the amount of \$99,735.84. This vendor is located in Riceboro, GA. – *Approved*
Funding Source: Utilities Metro Wastewater Plant - Chemicals (5516208-624800). The original budget amount is \$99,735.84.
18. Council is asked to approve the Purchase and Installation of Custom Storage Racks for the Wastewater Maintenance Division, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Patterson Pope, as a Sole Source in an amount not to exceed \$134,835.00. This vendor is located in Norcross, GA. – *Approved*
Funding Source: Water and Sewer Capital Projects - Capital Project Costs; Beltline Columbia Storage Cano - Capital Project Costs (5529999-658650) (SS752801-658650). The original budget amount is \$134,835.00.
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19. Council is asked to approve Contract Amendment #1 for SharePoint Hosting Master Services, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to the Bross Group, as a Sole Source in an amount not to exceed \$155,442.37. This vendor is located in Lakewood, CO. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Engineering Administration - Special Contracts (5511701-638300). The budget amount for this amendment is \$155,442.37.

20. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Parts, Repairs, Services, Warranties and Extended Coverage on CAT Branded Generators and Engines for the Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant, Lake Murray Water Plant and Wastewater Maintenance Division, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Blanchard Machinery, as a Sole Source in the amount of \$169,750.00. This vendor is located in West, Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Utilities Metro Wastewater Plant - Machine and Equipment - Capital (5516208-658300) \$100,000.00; Utilities Lake Murray Water Plant - Maintenance and Service Contract (5516207-638200) \$21,150.00; Utilities Wastewater Maintenance - Maintenance and Service Contracts (5516205-638200) \$48,600.00 The original budget amount \$169,750.00.

21. Council is asked to approve an Agreement for Project SS7592; Project Management Services for an initial term of eight months with the option to renew for two additional one-year periods, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Michael Baker International in the amount of \$130,240.00. The firm is located in Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Engineering Wastewater System Improvements - Special Contracts Water/Sewer, Stormwater (5516221-638305). The original budget amount is \$130,240.00.

22. Council is asked to approve a Contract for Project SS7547; Yacht Cove Force Main Replacement, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Shady Grove Construction, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$169,995.90 which includes contingency. This firm is located in Irmo, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Engineering - Water & Sewer Improvements (5529999-SS754701-658650). The original budget amount is \$217,063.00.

Shady Grove Construction, LLC, a Local Business Enterprise and a Minority Business Enterprise (W), is the prime contractor and will provide waterline installation services at 78.64% (\$121,531.87) of the total contract amount.



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

Fortiline Waterworks of Atlanta, GA, will provide pipe appurtenances at 15.16% (\$23,428.74) of the total contract amount.

Capital Concrete Company of Lexington, SC, will provide concrete flow fill at 3.24% (\$5,000.00) of the total contract amount.

Dun-Right Services of Florence, SC, will provide lining services at 2.96% (\$4,581.12) of the total contract amount.

23. Council is asked to approve a Contract for Project SS7546; Mallard Pointe Force Main Replacement, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Stutts & Williams, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$193,565.90 which includes contingency. This firm is located in Lexington, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Water & Sewer Capital Projects - Capital Projects Costs (5529999-SS754601-658650). The original budget amount is \$193,565.90.

This is a Mentor Protégé Program project. Stutts & Williams, LLC is the mentor and will provide tie-ins, appropriate traffic control, and assist with project execution at 61.22% (\$107,725.00) of the total contract amount. RCG Construction, LLC, a Minority Business Enterprise (W) of Irmo, SC, is the protégé and will provide force main installation services at 20.00% (\$35,194.00) of the total contract amount.

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

Ferguson Waterworks of Elgin, SC, will provide force main materials at 9.23% (\$16,250.00) of the total contract amount.

Knights Companies of Summerville, SC, will provide flowable fill services at 7.56% (\$13,300.00) of the total contract amount.

Sloan of Columbia, SC, will provide asphalt services at 1.99% (\$3,500.00) of the total contract amount.

24. Council is asked to approve Contract Amendment #3 for Project SS7522; Construction Administration and Inspection Services for Annual Pipe Rehabilitation, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Brown & Caldwell in the amount of \$205,866.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Water and Sewer Capital Projects - Capital Project Costs (5529999-SS696619-658650) The original budget amount is \$284,800.00. The budget amount for this amendment is \$205,866.00. The total revised budget amount is \$490,666.00.



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This is a Mentor Protégé Program project. Brown & Caldwell is the mentor and will provide engineering services during construction, along with site visits and construction observation at 64.06% (\$314,305.00) of the total revised contract amount. 4D Engineering, a Minority Business Enterprise (W) located in Lexington, SC, is the protégé and will provide engineering services during construction, along with site visits and construction observation at 35.94% (\$176,361.00) of the total revised contract amount.

25. Council is asked to approve a Professional Services Agreement for the Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant Compliance Personnel Training for an initial term of one year and eight months with the option to renew for three additional one-year periods, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Brown and Caldwell, in the amount of \$238,000.00. The firm is located in Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Utilities Metro Wastewater Plant - Professional Services (5516208-636600). The original budget amount is \$238,000.00.

26. Council is asked to approve Contract Amendment #2 for Project SS7581; Wastewater Collection System Manhole Survey, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Vaughn & Melton Consulting Engineers in an amount not to exceed \$261,500.00. This firm is located in Middlesboro, KY. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Engineering Wastewater Systems Improvement; Special Contracts 5516221-SS758101-638305. The original budget amount was \$424,975.00. The budget amount for this amendment is \$261,500.00. The total revised budget amount is \$686,475.00.

This is a Columbia Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program (CDBE) project with a 12% CDBE goal. The CDBE goal of this project was met at 12%. Vaughn & Melton is the prime and will provide field work and technical engineering support for surveying and mapping the City's minor sanitary sewer manholes for the project at 88.00% (\$604,098.00) of the total revised contract amount.

The following subconsultants will provide additional services:

Construction Support Services, LLC, a Minority Business Enterprise of Hopkins, SC, will provide surveying and traffic control support services at 8.00% (\$54,918.00) of the total contract value.

Chao & Associates, Inc., a Minority Business Enterprise located in Columbia, SC, will provide surveying and traffic control support services at 4.00% (\$27,459.00) of the total contract value.

27. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Muffin/Channel/ Auger Monster, Screenings Washer/Honey Monster, and Monster Separation System Products, Repair Services, Parts, Installation, and Routine and Emergency Maintenance for the Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to JWC Environmental Inc.,



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as a Sole Source in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00. This vendor is located in Costa Mesa, CA. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Utilities Metro Wastewater Plant - Machinery and Equipment - Capital; (5516208-658300). The original budget amount is \$300,000.00.

28. Council is asked to approve an Agreement for Project SD8478; North Tanglewood Storm Drainage Improvements for an initial term of twenty months with the option to renew for one year, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Foth Infrastructure & Environment, LLC in the amount of \$401,572.00. The firm is located in West Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Stormwater Improvement Capital Project Control - North Tanglewood Storm Drainage Improvement - Capital Project Cost (5549999-SD847801-658650). The original budget amount is \$401,572.00.

This is a Mentor Protégé Program project. Foth Infrastructure & Environment, LLC of Columbia, SC is the mentor and will provide project management and quality assurance/quality control services at 46.56% (\$186,972.00) of the total contract amount. CES Group Engineers, LLP, a Minority Business Enterprise (W) of Columbia, SC, is the protégé and will provide drainage design construction administration and construction observation services at 35.13% (\$141,080.00) of the total contract amount.

The following subconsultants will provide additional services:

Chao & Associates, a Minority Business Enterprise of Columbia, SC will provide surveying services at 6.41% (\$25,750.00) of the total contract amount.

F&ME of Columbia, SC will provide geotechnical services at 1.99% (\$8,000.00) of the total contract amount.

Vaughn & Melton of Columbia, SC will provide Subsurface Utility Engineering (SUE) services at 9.91% (\$39,770.00) of the total contract amount.

29. Council is asked to approve Contract Amendment #7 for Project SS7306; Wastewater Collection System Flow Monitoring Services for the final year of the contract, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Woolpert, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$420,960.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Engineering Wastewater Systems Improvement - Special Contracts Water Sewer, Stormwater (5516221-638305). The original budget amount was \$184,560.00. The total amount of all amendments and change orders is \$677,959.00. The budget amount for this amendment is \$420,960.00. The total revised budget amount is \$1,283,479.00.



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Woolpert, Inc. of Columbia, SC will provide temporary and permanent flow monitoring services for the project at 100% (420,960.00) of the total revised contract amount.

30. Council is asked to approve Contract Renewals for Fiscal Year 2021/2022. Award to the following vendors in the total amount of \$3,609,312.33. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Economic Development - Professional Services (5511301-636600) \$55,000.00; Police Administrative Services - Uniforms and Clothing (1012402-624100) \$225,000.00; Utilities Water Distribution and Maintenance - Pipe, Fittings and Hydrants, Etc. (5516203-625700) \$384,375.25; Utilities Water Distribution and Maintenance - Pipe, Fittings, Hydrants, Etc. (5516203-625700) \$66,212.33; Utilities Metro Wastewater Plant - Special Contracts (5516208-638300) \$526,000.00; Utilities Wastewater Maintenance - Special Contracts Water/Sewer, Stormwater (5516205-638305) \$614,000.00; Utilities Wastewater Maintenance - Special Contracts Water/Sewer, Stormwater (5516205-638305) \$1,903,100.00; Utilities Wastewater Maintenance - Special Contracts Water/Sewer, Stormwater (5516205-638305) \$500,000.00.

Contractor/Vendor	Project Description	Contract Year	Amount	Location
Economic Development				
310 LTD	Lead Generation Consulting Services	4 th Year of a 5 Year Contract	\$55,000.00	Richmond, VA
Police Department				
Wright Johnston	Police Uniforms	4 th Year of a 5 Year Contract	\$225,000.00	Columbia, SC
Utility Operations				
Core and Main	Annual Repair Materials Water Distribution	3 rd Year of a 3 Year Contract	\$384,375.25	St. Louis, MO
Hayes Pipe Supply, Inc.	Annual Repair Materials Water Distribution	3 rd Year of a 3 Year Contract	\$66,212.33	Nashville, TN
Waste Management (BID001-15-16)	Screenings Grit and Sludge Hauling and Container Rental	7 th Year of a 7 Year Contract	\$526,000.00	Elgin, SC
Waste Management (BID002-15-16)	Screenings Grit and Sludge Landfill Disposal	7 th Year of a 7 Year Contract	\$614,000.00	Elgin, SC
DS Utilities	Sanitary Sewer Easement Maintenance	3 rd Year of a 4 Year Contract	\$1,903,100.00	Little Mountain, SC
Dukes Root Control	Sanitary Sewer Root Control	4 th Year of a 4 Year Contract	\$500,000.00	Syracuse, NY
			Total: \$3,609,312.33	

31. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Water and Wastewater Chemicals for the Columbia Canal Water Treatment Plant, Lake Murray Water Treatment Plant, and Metro



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Wastewater Treatment Plant, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to the following vendors in the total amount of \$4,329,398.00. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Utilities Columbia Canal Water Treatment Plant - Chemicals (5516206-624800) \$1,341,680.00; Utilities Lake Murray Water Plant - Chemicals (5516207-624800) \$1,754,493.00; Utilities Metro Wastewater Plant - Chemicals (5516208-624800) \$1,233,225.00. The total budget amount is \$4,329,398.00.

Columbia Canal Water Treatment Plant		
Vendor/Location	Description	Requested Amount
Cabot Norit Americas, Inc. - Marshall, TX	Activated Carbon (Powdered)	\$80,000.00
Carus, LLC - Peru, IL	Blended Phosphate/ Corrosion Inhibitor	\$100,000.00
Chemtrade Chemicals US, LLC - Parsippany, NJ	Aluminum Sulfate	\$368,500.00
International Dioxide - North Kingstown, RI	Sodium Chlorite	\$450,000.00
JCI Jones Chemicals - Sarasota, FL	Chlorine	\$85,000.00
Polydyne, Inc. - Riceboro, GA	Liquid Polymer	\$21,880.00
Polytec, Inc. - Mooresville, NC	Liquid Lime (Calcium Hydroxide)	\$100,000.00
Tanner Industries, Inc. - Southampton, PA	Anhydrous Ammonia	\$76,900.00
Univar USA Inc. - Downers Grove, IL	Fluoride/Fluorosilicic Acid/Liquid	\$59,400.00
		Total: \$1,341,680.00

Lake Murray Water Treatment Plant		
Vendor/Location	Description	Requested Amount
Cabot Norit Americas, Inc. - Marshall, TX	Activated Carbon (Powdered)	\$710,773.00
Carus, LLC - Peru, IL	Blended Phosphate /Corrosion Inhibitor	\$62,100.00
Chemtrade Chemicals US, LLC - Parsippany, NJ	Aluminum Sulfate	\$418,300.00
JCI Jones Chemicals - Sarasota, FL	Chlorine	\$121,700.00
Polydyne, Inc. - Riceboro, GA	Liquid Polymer	\$23,620.00
Polytec, Inc. - Mooresville, NC	Liquid Lime (Calcium Hydroxide)	\$170,000.00
Tanner Industries, Inc. - Southampton, PA	Anhydrous Ammonia	\$57,000.00
Univar USA Inc. - Downers Grove, IL	Fluoride/Fluorosilicic Acid/Liquid	\$56,000.00
Univar USA Inc. - Downers Grove, IL	Sodium Hydroxide/Caustic	\$135,000.00
		Total: \$ 1,754,493.00



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Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant		
Vendor/Location	Description	Requested Amount
JCI Jones Chemicals - Sarasota, FL	Sodium Hypochlorite	\$464,400.00
Polydyne, Inc. - Riceboro, GA	Liquid Polymer	\$631,800.00
Southern Ionics, Inc. - West Point, MS	Sodium Bisulfite	\$137,025.00
		Total: \$1,233,225.00

32. ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT for revisions to new City of Columbia Zoning Map effective August 30, 2021 in conjunction with the newly adopted Unified Development Ordinance to account for recently annexed and rezoned parcels. - *First reading was given on September 21, 2021 – Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No: 2021-071 Amending the Official Zoning Map for the City of Columbia, Chapter 17, Unified Development Ordinance of the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina – Approved on second reading.

Proposal: Revise new City of Columbia Zoning Map effective August 30, 2021 in conjunction with the newly adopted Unified Development Ordinance to account for recently annexed and rezoned parcels.

Applicant: Rachel Bailey, Zoning Administrator

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 08/02/2021; Approval (5-0)

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

33. Ordinance No.: 2021-079 Authorizing the City Manager to execute the First Extension Option of the Lease Renewal Agreement with Truist Bank f/k/a Branch Banking and Trust Company (BB&T) for use of 3905 Ensor Avenue (Lutheran Survey Building) – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2021-079 Authorizing the City Manager to execute the First Extension Option of the Lease Renewal Agreement with Truist Bank f/k/a Branch Banking and Trust Company (BB&T) for use of 3905 Ensor Avenue (Lutheran Survey Building).



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34. Ordinance No.: 2021-080 Authorizing the City of Columbia, South Carolina to Execute and Deliver an Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement in the Amount of Not Exceeding \$9,000,000 Between the City and the Lessor Thereof to Defray the Cost of Acquiring Certain Equipment; and Other Matters Relating Thereto – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2021-080 Authorizing the City of Columbia, South Carolina to Execute and Deliver an Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement in the Amount of Not Exceeding \$9,000,000 Between the City and the Lessor Thereof to Defray the Cost of Acquiring Certain Equipment; and Other Matters Relating Thereto.

APPOINTMENTS

35. Board of Zoning Appeals – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to appoint Sherard Duvall to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a term of three years. Mr. Rickenmann, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Duvall, Ms. Devine, Mr. Davis, and Mayor Benjamin voted aye. Mr. Brennan was absent for the vote.

36. Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Development – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Rickenmann and seconded by Mayor Benjamin, Council voted unanimously to appoint William Baker and Julie Tuttle to the Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Development for a term of four years.

37. Citizens Advisory Council to the Columbia Police Department – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to reappoint Seth Stoughton, Reverend W. Andrew Waldo, Robert "Bob" Wynn Jr., and Kimberly Castell and appoint Carlotta Stackhouse, Nyeem Al-Tariq McDaniels, Tracy Meyers, Patricia W. Brown, David J. Cochrane, and Robert D. Griffin to the Citizens Advisory Council to CPD for a term of three years.

38. Columbia Museum of Art – *Approved*



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Upon a motion made by Mr. Rickenmann and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to appoint Earl Ellis to the Columbia Museum of Art Commission for a term of five years.

39. Columbia Prepares Advisory Committee – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Rickenmann and seconded by Mr. Brennan, Council voted unanimously to appoint J. Scott Jailette, Jennifer Diaby, Amy Husman, and Jean Harris to the Columbia Prepares Advisory Committee for a term of two years.

40. Hospitality Tax Advisory Committee – *Approved*

Councilor Duvall said the Hospitality Tax Advisory Committee has not had a function for the last two funding rounds. I will like to make a motion to extend the entire committee by a year and have Ashley adjust the time and give the remembers an extension of one year but keep the stagger in for next year so we do not start appointing again.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mayor Benjamin, Council voted unanimously to extend the terms of current Hospitality Tax Advisory Committee members for one year.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REFERRALS / REPORTS

Councilor Brennan said the Arts and Historic Committee met. We had a wonderful presentation on Amplify Columbia by Lee Snelgrove of One Columbia. We look forward to working with staff to bring general ideas forward to discuss with Council the local arts agency assignee, the future path of the arts community, and leveraging federal and state grants through an official authority that can team with us.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mayor Benjamin, Council voted unanimously to refer a review of code enforcement policies to the Public Safety Committee.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mayor Benjamin, Council voted unanimously to refer a discussion of the disposal of yard and leaf debris to the Environment and Infrastructure Committee.



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PUBLIC INPUT

No comments were received at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 4:04 p.m. for the discussion of **Items 41** and **42**.

41. Receipt of legal advice related to matters covered by attorney-client privilege pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2)

COVID-19

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

*Capital City Stadium Purchase and Sales Agreement
Riverfront Park Naming Rights Agreement*

Mayor Benjamin left the meeting at 4:48 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Erika D. Moore Hammond, CMC
City Clerk