



COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2020

The Columbia City Council conducted a virtual meeting on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 using video conferencing technology. The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 2:05 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.

INVOCATION

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda as amended to add an Executive Session discussion of the Hospitality Tax and Saluda Greenway to **Item 31**.

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION / ACTION

Councilor Devine recognized October as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month. We are the only city in South Carolina that recognizes this month. Although we are not doing a proclamation, we are still recognizing this month and we send our prayers to all the families who have been affected by the loss of an infant.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager recognized the five-year employment anniversary of Mr. Clint Shealy, Assistant City Manager of Columbia Water.

1. COVID-19 Update - The Honorable Mayor Benjamin

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

Mr. Harry Tinsley, Emergency Management Director said our state has not seen a significant spike associated with Labor Day or the return of kids to school. Our daily case counts remain stable, averaging between 600-700 new cases each day. Currently, 12 counties and 63 municipalities have mask ordinances in place and we are seeing significant decreases in case activity. Over 1.5 million tests have been completed in the state. Over 5,000 were positive at a 12.9% test rate. Unfortunately, there were 17 reported deaths which brings the total to 3,275. In



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Richland County, the total case count is 15,025 and the total deaths due to COVID-19 is 237. The hospital capacity in the state remains good at a 77.87% utilization rate and 71.07% ICU bed utilization rate. There are currently 655 COVID-19 patients hospitalized; 167 are in ICU and 87 of those are on a ventilator. The testing site at 220 Lee Street has tested over 2,500 screenings with a 11.8% positive result rate. The partnership with CVS and Benedict College has had over 2,400 screenings done with a 13.1% positive result rate. The recovery rate stands at 93.2%.

– *University of South Carolina Update - President Robert Caslen*

Mr. Robert Caslen, University of South Carolina President said we made the decision to close the university at the beginning of Spring Break. We didn't understand the virus but we knew our students who had been all over the world were in contact with the virus. We have 80% of the students who live off campus in the City, about 11,200 students did return to their apartments during the close down. During this time the number of positive cases were not significant. We contribute that to social distancing and masks. We put a planning team together to look at what it was going to take to keep the university open. The plan included four principles: the health and safety of our students, faculty, and staff; to contain the spread within the community; deliver education on the standards that are expected; and the health and well-being of the university. The plan also included three phases. The first phase was to use the summer as a gradual increase of bringing students back on campus. In almost every group that returned we saw a spike but the students got their act together. There was peer to peer leadership and those numbers came back down. The second phase was to bring everyone back at the beginning of the fall semester but they were not required to come back. As a result of that decision, the provost had an enormous burden to be able to deliver every single class either in person, synchronous, or asynchronous. So far it's been successful but there has been concern about the quality based on tuition. The third phase was that we wanted to reserve the option to shut down the university if we felt that we got to a place where there is unacceptable risk. The return of the students was indeed challenging. We experienced the same increases in student positives that you saw at other universities like Alabama, North Carolina, and Notre Dame. We anticipated we were going to get another spike after Labor Day similar to what we experienced after Memorial Day and that did not occur. The numbers continue to drop significantly. With 35,000 students on campus we currently only have 33 active cases. Yesterday we tested 350 students with saliva testing and we had zero positives. Our percent positive right now is less than one percent. We watch very carefully the hospitalization and ICU numbers throughout the Midlands. We have not seen any evidence that we have contributed to the spread. A 34-year-old USC Aiken nursing student contracted the virus. Unfortunately, he had underlying conditions and passed away. That is the only student within the system who has passed away due to COVID. We are trying to understand why we have seen a reduction in the numbers. That can be contributed to student behavior and a degree of immunity. We are doing some randomized testing right now. We are grateful for the City



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putting ordinances in place along with the governor's orders because it has made a difference. Right now we have 2,778 students that have been referred to the Office of Student Conduct because of some violation of the ordinance and 56 of them are at a level of suspension.

Mr. Joseph L. (Lee) Pearson, MS, DrPH, Associate Dean for Operations and Accreditation said The United States is approaching 7.5 million cases of COVID-19 and sadly we have now surpassed 210,000 deaths. In South Carolina we have now surpassed 152,000 cases of COVID-19 and sadly more than 3,400 deaths. We are at a good position as a state. The rate of transmission is low. The positivity rate has gone down to 11-12%. We want as many people to get tested and we are grateful for our partnership with the City. The daily new cases per 100,000 are right at a 15.6% positivity rate. Our efforts are paying off and that is reflective of the strong leadership in the City to have a face covering ordinance. We remain vigilant and continue to reinforce the mitigation protocols that we know are working. We have adequate hospital capacity in the midlands at 78.6%. The challenge of Coronavirus around the world is not over. Globally we have 35 million diagnosed cases and over one million deaths. We are seeing spikes worldwide. You can see our university dashboard on our COVID-19 website, which we update every Tuesday and Friday. As of last Friday, we had 39 active cases and a 1.4% positivity rate. We have the campus alert matrix which includes eleven criteria that the president, provost, and our cabinet watch very carefully on the conditions on our campus and fortunately we are in the green zone. We have had 2,400 cases since August 1st and almost all cases have recovered. The dashboard provides a daily breakdown of where we stand with our total cases. In regards to our case demographics, we have more women being infected than men. That is because women are getting tested more often than men. Predominately Caucasian women are testing positives because we have not seen as much participation from the minorities on campus. Because of this we have implemented a randomized testing strategy requesting 3,750 students a week to participate in testing and we are over sampling so we can get proper representation of our demographic groups. We value our partnership with the City of Columbia and the proactive communication and information sharing. We are also grateful for the collaborative approach and strategic steps towards prevention.

Councilor Duvall asked for clarity on the testing results and possible mass testing. We need more activity from the University Police. We spend a tremendous amount of CPD manpower in the Five Points area, which is the student's recreation area. University officers need to be telling students to mask up and social distance. I would like to see more assistance from the University Police to help the City make the students modify their behavior.



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Mr. Robert Caslen, University of South Carolina President said we were one of four universities in America to have our own testing and laboratory capacity. We use saliva testing. We were testing about 1,000 students a day when they returned. We have run into the issue of testing fatigue and we are working through that. It is not the numbers tested but the percent positive. Before Labor Day it was 17-18% and yesterday it was less than 1%. We do not have to do mass testing right now because if you have the right random sampling that will give us a better perspective of where we are with respect to positive cases. We are also using environmental testing on 12 buildings per day to check the sewer for remains of the virus. We have seen significant drops of the virus in the waste, which explains why we have lower numbers. We are also going to do random testing of the antibody and this will tell us how many students have had the virus and recovered. We are going to encourage massive testing after Thanksgiving break. I have watched the working relationship between our Chief and Chief Holbrook. We support the request for assistance when they are responding to incidents with our students. It's my understanding we have an agreement of when and how to respond. I will be glad to put our police force in Five Points to direct student behavior.

Councilor Rickenmann asked what the university is doing to provide entertainment to the students since a lot of the places on campus are closed in the evenings and weekends. I would like to bring USC students and the City together on a working committee to deal with things moving forward. The committee will be composed of three council members, Five Points merchants, USC PD, CPD, representatives from the president's office and dean's office, Panhellenic groups, minority student groups, graduate students, and landlords.

Mr. Robert Caslen, University of South Carolina President said we have campus recreation that offers activities daily on site and off campus. We have two fitness centers which are open in the evenings and weekends. This fall we opened Russell Underground which is a new multipurpose venue that is fully equipped with high quality audio and live streaming capabilities. We have hosted over 70 unique student organization events. We have resident life and university housing that plan events in the resident halls.

Councilor McDowell asked about the collaboration between USC PD and CPD.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said Chief Holbrook, Chief Jenkins and the public safety officials at the university had a meeting yesterday. There is collaboration and it has been discussed when USC PD should engage in situations.



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Mr. William “Skip” Holbrook, Columbia Police Chief said our level of collaboration has been better than ever. Since COVID we have made adjustments. When the students returned we put a plan together on how we may respond jointly to the issues that pop up in the entertainment district and neighborhoods surrounding the university. We have four or five USC officers that join CPD officers on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights. Since August, we have responded to 42 house parties and USC PD has responded to 11 of them with us. The level of cooperation that we get is good. We have to continue to explore how we might better be able to address some of the student conduct off-campus.

Mayor Benjamin said I want to thank code enforcement, fire marshals, City police department, and USC police department. Constant communication is key. I appreciate the presentation and thank you for the continued partnership.

2. Comet Update - Mr. John Andoh, CCTM, CPM, Executive Director and CEO / Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority

Mr. John Andoh, Executive Director and CEO / Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority said the COMET is planning to downscale Laurel and Sumter [COMET Central] to a bus stop with buses no longer originating or ending at this location by the end of 2021. There will be no parking of buses and there would no longer be passengers changing routes at this location. A customer service office and restrooms will remain during business hours. Buses will be redirected to either Taylor and Harden, Assembly and Blanding, or River and Lucius. The COMET has a lease for this facility through June 30, 2035. We are working with City staff to do a bus stop Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the bus shelters that were constructed by the City between 1996 and 2000. Since 2018, the COMET has been maintaining them with an anticipated MOU to transfer the shelters to the COMET. We are in the development phase of building a bus stop in North Columbia, across from the COMET. We will be using this bus stop to decrease deadhead times and consolidate bus stops at this intersection. The conceptual bus stop at Lucius is far away from residential areas and is surrounded by trees.

Mr. Eric Harris, Planning and Development Specialist Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority said our network has not been redesigned in 129 years and the last review of the COMET system was done in 2009. We want to redesign the current network to address service deficiencies, to optimize services, to be more cost efficient, and to align network strategies with community needs. The ridership alternative will make our system as accessible as possible in dense locations while catering to those who actually need the service. With our existing network, we are up to 53 routes including USC. With our alternatives you will be able to see 15 minute headways. Currently, we are in phase one of public outreach. We have an interactive design your transit simulator where you have the opportunity to use an imaginary budget and fluctuate how



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you want to use those dollars to meet the needs of your community. We also have a survey to give us a narrow scope of what you experience from day-to-day and the resources that we need to implement.

Mr. John Andoh, Executive Director and CEO / Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority said as part of Vision 2020, there is a desire to construct a future intermodal facility that would handle intercity rail, intercity bus, and local bus services in one location. The anticipated timeframe to develop the facility is in the next five to ten years at a cost of \$2 to \$7 million. Amtrak, Greyhound, and Megabus are interested in serving a future intermodal facility in Columbia. We are evaluating sites. An Intermodal Transit Center (ITC) is a multi-purpose building located within a city in which several types of transportation come together to create a hub. The possible sites identified and being reviewed by Amtrak are between Cayce and Pontiac, which is northeast Richland County.

Councilor Devine asked about future funding from the county including the penny tax.

Mr. John Andoh, Executive Director and CEO / Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority said we have made these conversations a focus for this fiscal year and an updated Vision 2030 that will focus on how we fund the COMET beyond the expiration of the penny tax. We have done a financial model and we are projecting that we will have enough funds through fiscal year 2028-2029. We will also start engaging our member agencies including the City of Columbia, Richland County, City of Forest Acres, and Lexington County on what will be our approach to generate local funding. As of last month, the penny funds allocated to the COMET was at \$115 million.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 3 THROUGH 19

Upon a single motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to approve the **Consent Agenda Items 3 through 19**.

3. Council is asked to ratify the City Manager's execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Columbia and the Fifth Circuit Public Defender's Office for Representation of Indigent Defendants, as requested by Municipal Court. Award to the Richland County Fifth Circuit Public Defender's Office in the amount of \$137,318.00. -*Approved*

Funding Source: Public Defender (1018404-638522). The original budget amount is \$137,318.00.



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4. Council is asked to approve the Renewal of Mobile Area Routing and Vehicle Location Information System (MARVLIS) Software Support, as requested by the Columbia Police Department. Award to Bradshaw Consulting Services, Inc. in the amount of \$75,417.90. This firm is located in Aiken, SC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Police Administrative Services; Maintenance and Service Contract (1012402-638200). The original budget amount is \$75,417.90.

5. Council is asked to approve the purchase of a KWMI Diesel Easement Machine for the Wastewater Maintenance Division, as requested by the Fleet Services Division. Award to Southern Vac, using the North Carolina Sheriffs Association Cooperative Contract in the amount of \$59,670.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Utilities Wastewater Maintenance/Machinery & Equipment-Capital (5516205-658300). The original budget amount is \$80,000.00.

6. Council is asked to approve the Annual Drinking Water Fee for Fiscal Year 2020/2021, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control in the amount of \$61,074.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: 50/50 split from 5516206 639900 (CCWTP) and 5516207 639900 (LMWTP) budgets. The original budget amount is \$60,000.00. Additional funding provided through the Miscellaneous Expense budget.

7. Council is asked to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement for Certification Training Services to Support the Apprenticeship Program, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Central Carolina Technical College in the amount of \$141,600.00. The vendor is located in Sumter, SC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Utilities Wastewater Maintenance- Employee Training & Professional Development (5516205-631200) \$55,700.00; Utilities Metro Wastewater Plant- Employee Training & Professional Development (5516208-631200) \$22,700.00; Utilities Water Distribution & Maintenance- Employee Training & Professional Development (5516203-631200) \$63,200.00. The original budget amount is \$141,600.00.

8. Council is asked to approve an Agreement for Project WM4281; Hardscrabble Road Waterline Relocation, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to HDR Engineering, Inc. of the Carolinas in the amount of \$135,990.00. The firm is located in Columbia, SC. - *Approved*



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Funding Source: Water and Sewer Capital Projects-Hardscrabble Road Waterline Relocation (5529999-WM428101-658650). The original budget amount is \$135,990.00.

This is a Mentor Protégé Program Project. HDR Engineering, Inc. of the Carolinas is the mentor and Mr. provide project management, construction coordination, and record plan development services at 80.0% (\$108,792.00) of the total contract amount. Highfill Infrastructure Engineering, PC of Columbia, SC, is the protégé and Mr. provide construction coordination, field reviews and inspection, coordination with City staff, and plan review services at 20.0% (\$27,198.00) of the total contract amount.

9. Council is asked to approve an Agreement for Project WM4423; Columbia Avenue (S-48) & New Unnamed Roads Phase 2 Water Relocations, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Michael Baker International, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$345,785.00, which includes contingency. The firm is located in Columbia, SC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Water and Sewer Capital Projects-Columbia Ave (S-48) & New Roads Phase 2 Water Relocations (5529999-WM442302-658650). The original budget amount is \$345,785.00.

This is a Mentor Protégé Program Project. Michael Baker International, Inc. is the mentor and Mr. provide project management, utility coordination, design, permitting, bidding assistance, construction management, and construction observation services at 69.1% (\$217,350.00) of the total contract amount. Chao & Associates, Inc., a Minority Business Enterprise of Columbia, SC, is the protégé and Mr. provide utility coordination, design, permitting, and construction observation services at 22.1% (\$69,500.00) of the total contract amount.

The following sub-consultant Mr. provide additional services:

Stewart Engineering, Inc. of Raleigh, NC Mr. provide subsurface utility engineering (SUE) at 8.8% (\$27,500.00) of the total contract amount.

10. Council is asked to approve a Contract for Project SS7425-01; Rocky Branch RB03 Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Study and Rehabilitation, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to CaJenn Construction and Rehabilitation Services, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$11,980,268.57, which includes contingency. This firm is located in Hoboken, GA. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Water & Sewer Capital Projects (5529999-SS742501-658650) The original budget amount is \$13,323,310.50.

CaJenn Construction and Rehabilitation Services, Inc., the prime contractor, Mr. provide sewer rehabilitation services at 70.2% (\$7,646,153.25) of the total contract value.



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The following sub-contractors Mr. provide these services:

LCI-Lineberger Construction, Inc., a Minority Business Enterprise (W) of Lancaster, SC Mr. provide milling and paving services at 1.6% (\$175,000.00) of the total contract value.

BLD Services, LLC of Kenner, LA Mr. provide service lateral and CIPP services at 26.4% (\$2,870,000.00) of the total contract value.

United Specialty Construction, LLC of Lilburn, GA Mr. provide point repairs at 1.8% (\$200,000.00) of the total contract value.

11. Ordinance No.: 2020-076 Repealing Ordinance No.: 2014-079 Granting an encroachment to Kenzil F. Summey and Alison Renee Lee for placement and maintenance of a steel Palmetto tree with concrete foundation within the sidewalk right of way area of the northern side of the 500 block of Lady Street adjacent to 1313 Pulaski Street, Richland County TMS #08912-04-01- *First reading approval was given on September 15, 2020 - Approved on second reading.*

The property owner is removing a private art project; therefore, the encroachment is no longer needed.

12. Ordinance No.: 2020-090 Granting an encroachment to Richard Ladson and Jeanette Ladson for the use of the right of way area of the 700 block of Abelia Road for the installation and maintenance of a garden wall, landscaping, and irrigation adjacent to 701 Abelia Road and 3827 Devine Street, Richland County TMS#13808-10-11 - *First reading approval was given on September 15, 2020 - Approved on second reading.*

13. ANNEXATION, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 2125 Apple Valley Road; TMS# 07502-01-03 - *Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2020-060 Annexing and Incorporating 2125 Apple Valley Road, Richland County TMS# 07503-01-03 into the Plan Columbia Land Use Plan Putting the Pieces Together adopted by Ordinance No.: 2015-014 on February 17, 2015 - First reading approval was given on September 15, 2020 - Approved on second reading.

Council District: 1

Proposal: Request to annex, assign land use classification of Urban Edge Residential Large Lot (UER-2) and assign zoning of General Residential District (RG-1). The property is currently classified as Mixed Residential (High Density) and zoned RM-MD by Richland County.

Applicant: Marguerite W. Sanders



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Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 06/01/2020; Approval (6-0)

First reading approval was given on September 15, 2020.

14. ANNEXATION AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 906 Brantley Street; TMS# 07306-02-36 - *Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2020-081 Annexing 906 Brantley Street, Richland County TMS #07306-02-36 - First reading approval was given on September 15, 2020 - Approved on second reading.

Council District: 2

Proposal: Request to annex the property and assign zoning of Single Family Residential District (RS-1). The property is currently classified as Mixed Residential (High Density) and zoned RS-LD by Richland County.

Applicant: Maria S. Smith

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 07/13/2020; Approval (7-0)

First reading approval was given on September 15, 2020.

15. ANNEXATION, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 3801 Eureka Street; TMS# 13708-09-22 - *Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2020-083 Annexing and Incorporating 3801 Eureka Street, Richland County TMS #13708-09-22 into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 adopted by Ordinance No.: 2020-028 on August 4, 2020- First reading approval was given on September 15, 2020 - Approved on second reading.

Council District: 3

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

Applicant: Kevin Patrick Pazdernik

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 08/03/2020; Approval (6-0)



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First reading approval was given on September 15, 2020.

16. ANNEXATION, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 3834 and 3836 W. Beltline Blvd.; TMS# 11609-09-03 - *Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2020-084 Annexing and Incorporating 3834 West Beltline Boulevard and 3836 West Beltline Boulevard, Richland County TMS #11609-09-03 into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 adopted by Ordinance No.: 2020-028 on August 4, 2020- First reading approval was given on September 15, 2020 - Approved on second reading.

Council District:2

Proposal: Request to annex the property, assign land use classification of Community Activity Corridor (AC-2) and assign zoning of General Commercial District (C-3). The property is currently classified as Mixed Residential (High Density) and zoned GC by Richland County.

Applicant: Whit Investments, LLC

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 08/03/2020; Approval (6-0)

First reading approval was given on September 15, 2020.

17. ANNEXATION, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 18.1-acre portion of 300 Clemson Road; TMS# 25700-02-03(p) - *Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2020-085 Annexing and Incorporating an 18.1-acre portion of 300 Clemson Road, Richland County TMS #25700-02-03(p) into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 adopted by Ordinance No.: 2020-028 on August 4, 2020 - First reading approval was given on September 15, 2020 - Approved on second reading.

Council District: 4

Proposal: Request to annex the property, assign land use classification of Urban Edge Mixed Residential (UEMR) and assign zoning of General Residential District (RG-2). The property is currently classified as Mixed Use Corridor and Neighborhood (Medium Density) and zoned RU by Richland County.

Applicant: Lee Lorick Prina II, Trustee

Staff Recommendation: Approval



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PC Recommendation: 08/03/2020; Approval (6-0)

First reading approval was given on September 15, 2020.

18. **ZONING MAP AMENDMENT** for 1801 Assembly Street, TMS# 09015-15-04 -
Approved on second reading.

Council District: 2

Proposal: Request to rezone the parcel from Office and Institutional District (C-1), -Design/Development District (-DD) to Central Area Commercial District (C-4), -Design/Development District (-DD).

Applicant: Andrew Rogerson, Garvin Design Group

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 08/03/2020; Approval (6-0)

First reading approval was given on September 15, 2020.

19. **ZONING MAP & TEXT AMENDMENT** for 1601 Hampton Street, TMS# 11402-05-13
- Approved on second reading.

Ordinance No.: 2020-086 Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Land Development and Zoning, Article V, Historic Preservation and Architectural Review, Division 4, Landmarks, Sec. 17-691 Buildings and sites list, (d), to add 1601 Hampton Street, Richland County TMS #11402-05-13- First reading approval was given on September 15, 2020 - Approved on second reading.

Council District: 2

Proposal: Request to rezone the parcel from Office and Institutional District (C-1), -Design/Development Area (-DD) to Office and Institutional District (C-1), -Design/Development Area (-DD), -Design and Preservation Area (-DP) and amend Chapter 17 - Article V, Division 4 - §17-691(d) to designate structure as a Group III Landmark.

Applicant: Kristen Washburn, Thomas Hamilton Title Services LLC

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 07/13/2020; Approval (7-0)

First reading approval was given on September 15, 2020.



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ZONING / PLANNING MATTERS - SECOND READING

20. ANNEXATION AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 166 Riding Grove Road(p); TMS# 28900-01-19(p) - *Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2020-082 Annexing 166 Riding Grove Road, Richland County TMS #28900-01-19(p) - First reading approval was given on September 15, 2020 - Approved on second reading.

Council District:4

Proposal: Request to annex the property and assign zoning of Planned Unit Development - Residential District (PUD-R). The property is currently classified as Neighborhood (Medium Density) and zoned PDD by Richland County.

Applicant: Woodcreek Development, LLC

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 07/13/2020; Approval (7-0)

First reading approval was given on September 15, 2020.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to give second reading approval to the Annexation and Zoning Map Amendment for 166 Riding Grove Road(p) **and** Ordinance No.: 2020-082 Annexing 166 Riding Grove Road, Richland County TMS #28900-01-19(p). Mayor Benjamin recused himself due to a potential conflict of interest.

21. ZONING MAP & TEXT AMENDMENT for 2531 Gervais Street, TMS# 11411-09-11 - *Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2020-089 Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Land Development and Zoning, Article V, Historic Preservation and Architectural Review, Division 4, Landmarks, Sec. 17-691 Buildings and sites list, (d), to add 2531 Gervais Street, Richland County TMS# 11411-09-11- First reading approval was given on September 15, 2020 - Approved on second reading.

Council District: 2

Proposal: Request to rezone the parcel from Office and Institutional District (C-1) to Office and Institutional District (C-1), -Design and Preservation Area (-DP) and amend Chapter 17 - Article V, Division 4 - §17-691(d) to designate structure as a Group III Landmark.

Applicant: Heather Cairns, First and Third LLC



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Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 08/03/2020; Approval

First reading approval was given on September 15, 2020.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to give second reading approval to the Zoning Map and Text Amendment for 2531 Gervais Street **and** Ordinance No.: 2020-089 Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Land Development and Zoning, Article V, Historic Preservation and Architectural Review, Division 4, Landmarks, Sec. 17-691 Buildings and sites list, (d), to add 2531 Gervais Street, Richland County TMS# 11411-09-11. Councilor Devine recused herself due to a potential conflict of interest.

ORDINANCE - SECOND READING

22. Ordinance No.: 2020-073 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Fourteenth Amendment to Purchase Agreement between the City of Columbia and Bright-Meyers 2001 LLC for the sale of 5.97 +/- acres (Capital City Stadium) Richland County TMS #11204-02-02 - *First reading approval was given on September 1, 2020 - Approved on second reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Brennan, Council voted unanimously to give second reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2020-073 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Fourteenth Amendment to Purchase Agreement between the City of Columbia and Bright-Meyers 2001 LLC for the sale of 5.97 +/- acres (Capital City Stadium) Richland County TMS #11204-02-02.

ZONING/PLANNING MATTERS - FIRST READING

23. ANNEXATION, INTERIM COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP AMENDMENT, AND INTERIM ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 1.43-acre portion of 4030 West Beltline Boulevard; TMS# 11609-10-36(p) - *Approved on first reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2020-092 Annexing 1.43-acre portion of 4030 West Beltline Boulevard, Richland County TMS #11609-10-36 (pt) - Approved on first reading



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Proposal: Request to annex, assign interim land use classification of Urban Core Community Activity Center (UCAC-2) and assign interim zoning of General Commercial District (C-3). The property is currently classified as Mixed Residential (High Density) and zoned GC by Richland County.

Applicant: Dick Smith Motors, Inc. / WTC of West Beltline, LLC

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation:09/14/2020: Annex, Assign Interim Land Use & Interim Zoning APPROVE (8 - 0)

Upon a motion made by Mr. Rickenmann and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Annexation, Interim Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment, and Interim Zoning Map Amendment for 1.43-acre portion of 4030 West Beltline Boulevard **and** Ordinance No.: 2020-092 Annexing 1.43-acre portion of 4030 West Beltline Boulevard, Richland County TMS #11609-10-36 (pt).

ORDINANCE - FIRST READING

24. Ordinance No.: 2020-091 Authorizing the Participation by the City of Columbia, South Carolina in the Recover SC Local Government Liquidity Program; Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of any Intergovernmental Agreement with the South Carolina Jobs-Economic Development Authority and Such Other Documents and Agreements in Connection with the Sale of Revenue Bonds Issued by the Authority to Fund the RecoverSC Local Government Liquidity Program, Authorizing an Appropriation or the Issuance by the City of a Tax Anticipation Note for the Initial Payment Thereunder; and other Matters Related Thereto - *Approved on first reading*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mayor Benjamin, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2020-091 Authorizing the Participation by the City of Columbia, South Carolina in the Recover SC Local Government Liquidity Program; Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of any Intergovernmental Agreement with the South Carolina Jobs-Economic Development Authority and Such Other Documents and Agreements in Connection with the Sale of Revenue Bonds Issued by the Authority to Fund the RecoverSC Local Government Liquidity Program, Authorizing an Appropriation or the Issuance by the City of a Tax Anticipation Note for the Initial Payment Thereunder; and other Matters Related Thereto.



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RESOLUTIONS

25. Resolution No.: R-2020-084 Authorizing the Purchase of 0.23 Acre being a portion of Common Area in Willowbrook Subdivision, located on the southwestern side of Summerlea Drive (S-376); Richland County TMS#09205-02-23 Project Name: Utility Site for Sanitary Sewer and Storm Drainage Improvements along Summerlea Drive CIP Project #SS7433; CF#250-489 - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2020-084 Authorizing the Purchase of 0.23 Acre being a portion of Common Area in Willowbrook Subdivision, located on the southwestern side of Summerlea Drive (S-376); Richland County TMS#09205-02-23 Project Name: Utility Site for Sanitary Sewer and Storm Drainage Improvements along Summerlea Drive CIP Project #SS7433; CF#250-489.

26. Resolution No.: R-2020-089 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Sublease Agreement with Celia Saxon Shopping Center, LLC for the lease of Suite 110 and Suite 112 2012 Harden Street for the Employee Health Center - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2020-089 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Sublease Agreement with Celia Saxon Shopping Center, LLC for the lease of Suite 110 and Suite 112 2012 Harden Street for the Employee Health Center.

OTHER MATTERS

27. Council is asked to approve a request to add three (3) additional street lights on White Street. - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve a request to add three (3) additional street lights on White Street.



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APPOINTMENTS

28. Affordable Housing Task Force - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Ms. Ivory Matthews, Ms. Tonya Isaac, Ms. Shayla Riley, Ms. Mary Louise Resch, Mr. Gregory Sprouse, Mr. Chris Zimmer, The Honorable Allison Terracio, Dr. Bryan P. Grady, Mr. Dylan Gunnels, and Ms. Regina Williams to the Affordable Housing Task Force.

29. Midlands Housing Alliance - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Ms. Jean Denman to the Midlands Housing Alliance.

30. Planning Commission – *Deferred*

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS/REFERRALS

Upon a motion made by Mr. Rickenmann and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to create a collaborative committee between the City of Columbia and the University of South Carolina administration and student organizations.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said overview of the Planning and Development Services review process by the Economic and Community Development Committee went very well. We introduced our new business liaison and he is now in place. Mr. Brennan requested we come back in 60 days with some metrics to track the various changes that are underway in that development review process. The Office of Business Opportunities also provided an update in regards to the small minority business enterprise activities that are ongoing.

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 4:18 p.m. for the discussion of **Items 31** through **34**, as amended to add discussion of the hospitality tax and Saluda Greenway to **Item 31**.



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31. Receipt of legal advice related to matters covered by attorney-client privilege pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2)
 - COVID-19
 - Business Licenses
32. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements pursuant to S. C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2)
 - Bull Street Garages
 - Landmark
 - 2221 Devine Street
 - Farrow Road Property
 - Public Art
33. Discussion of negotiations incident to the proposed purchase of property pursuant to S. C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2)
 - Adeline Drive
34. 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)
 - Tax Incentives for Affordable Housing Projects

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Moore Hammond, CMC
City Clerk