



COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The Columbia City Council conducted a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at City Hall (City Council Chambers), 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201. The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m. and the following members were present: The Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr., The Honorable Will Brennan, Mayor Pro-Tempore, The Honorable Aditi Bussells, The Honorable Tina N. Herbert, and The Honorable Peter M. Brown. The Honorable Tyler D. Bailey participated remotely. Also present were Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager and Ms. Levanie S. Summerville, Assistant City Clerk. This meeting was advertised in accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 2:00 P.M.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 2:09 p.m. for the discussion of **Items 1** through **3**.

1. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements pursuant to S. C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2)
 - *Transit Center*
2. Receipt of legal advice relating to matters covered by attorney-client privilege pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2)
 - *Ordinance No.: 2025-055 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 15, Parks and Recreation, Sec. 15-5 User Fees*
3. Receipt of legal advice relating to a pending, threatened or potential claim pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2)
 - *Elias F. Naassan v. City of Columbia (2024-CP-40-01736)*
 - *Estate of Muller v. City of Columbia v. Irmo Fire District (2025-CP-40-02870)*
 - *Stanley Smith, et al. v. City of Columbia (2021-CP-40-01317)*



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REGULAR MEETING AT 4:00 P.M.

City Council adjourned the Executive Session and convened the regular meeting at 4:06 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

The Honorable Edward H. McDowell offered the invocation.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda as amended to defer **Item 29** (Ordinance No.: 2025-055 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 15, Parks and Recreation, Sec. 15-5 User Fees).

PUBLIC INPUT

Ms. Diane Wiley requested clarification on what is planned for the properties listed in **Item 22** (Annexation, Future Land Use Map Amendment, and Zoning Map Amendment for 3404 Two Notch Road, 3422 Two Notch Road, and 1138 Head Street, TMS# 14102-06-23) and expressed her opposition to car dealerships at those locations.

Ms. Krista Hampton, Director / Planning and Development Services clarified that the properties are proposed to be annexed for automotive service. Once a property is zoned, they may do what is permitted under the zoning classification.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4. Council is asked to approve the September 16, 2025 Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes. – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to approve the September 16, 2025 Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes.

PRESENTATIONS



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5. Special Recognition - Mr. William "Skip" Holbrook, Police Chief / Columbia Police Department – *Received as information*

Mr. William "Skip" Holbrook, Police Chief / Columbia Police Department presented Deputy Police Chief Melron Kelly with the **2025 Life Saving Award** in recognition of his swift and selfless actions on September 15, 2025. Deputy Chief Kelly responded to a severe automobile accident at the intersection of Main Street and Sunset Drive, where one of the vehicles had caught fire. His quick decision-making and bravery led to the successful rescue of an elderly citizen who was trapped inside the vehicle.

Mr. Melron Kelly, Deputy Police Chief / Columbia Police Department said that he heard the accident on his way to a meeting and did not hesitate to respond.

6. Latino-Hispanic Business Day Proclamation - The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor – *Received as information*

Mayor Rickenmann and members of City Council proclaimed October 15, 2025 as Latino-Hispanic Business Day in the City of Columbia.

Mayor Rickenmann recognized Ms. Vanessa Mota for her involvement with the Small Business Advisory Council. He noted that she serves to ensure her community is integrated into the broader community and to foster collaboration.

Mr. Ulises Chavez, PR Manager/Mota Enterprises LLC thanked the Mayor and City Council for the recognition and emphasized the importance of such acknowledgment for the Latino and Hispanic community in the City of Columbia.

7. Customer Service Week Proclamation - The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor – *Received as information*

Ms. Devina Codes, Deputy Director / Customer Service thanked the Mayor and City Council for recognizing Customer Service Week and shared this year's theme, "*Mission Possible*." She highlighted the department's accomplishments, noting that the Digital Team conducted more than 6,000 one-on-one chats with citizens this year. In addition, a team of 23 customer service representatives processed 21,496 new Columbia Water contracts and handled over 175,000 calls during the year.



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Mayor Rickenmann thanked the Customer Services team for reducing wait times and helping residents. He also shared a personal story about their quick response to a geyser in his front yard.

Mayor Rickenmann and members of City Council proclaimed October 6-10, 2025 as Customer Service Week in the City of Columbia.

8. Fire Safety Month Proclamation - The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor

Mayor Rickenmann thanked the Columbia Fire Department and highlighted their efforts over the past year, which included completing 4,300 fire inspections, reviewing 88 site plans, responding to 58 fire alarms, approving 74 sprinkler plans, conducting more than 160 fire safety presentations, and distributing 350 free fire alarms. Thank you for all that you do for the citizens of this community.

Mayor Rickenmann and members of City Council proclaimed October 2025 as Fire Prevention Month in the City of Columbia.

Mr. Aubrey Jenkins, Fire Chief / Columbia Fire Department thanked the Mayor and City Council for the recognition. He shared that Fire Prevention Month began with a neighborhood parade and the department is focusing on lithium battery safety this year. He also noted the department has held a prestigious Class 1 rating since 2016, a status held by just one percent of fire stations nationwide.

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

Ms. Lucinda Statler, Planning Administrator / Planning and Development Services reflected on 28 years of the department's work focused on engaging residents to shape the city's growth. She noted key improvements, including the 2021 adoption of the Unified Development Ordinance and increased public transparency through regular reports. She highlighted Director Krista Hampton's 15 years of leadership, praising her skill, grace, and professionalism in guiding the department through complex challenges.

Mayor Rickenmann thanked Ms. Hampton for 30 years of dedicated service, leadership, her care for the Columbia community, and her ability to effectively lead a department. He expressed heartfelt appreciation on behalf of the city's 144,000 residents.



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Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager also praised Ms. Hampton by recognizing her grace, expertise, and kindness throughout her tenure. We appreciate all of those traits and hope the next person will be able to at least fit into the footprint you have left behind.

Councilor Herbert thanked Ms. Hampton for her integrity.

Ms. Krista Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services shared that she began as a city intern in 1997, initially planning to stay only a few years. She expressed how important the city is to her personally and professionally. She described the work as rewarding yet demanding and expressed confidence in the team carrying it forward. Now, she looks forward to supporting the city as a resident and cheerleader. She thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve.

Mayor Rickenmann and members of City Council declared October 2025 as National Community Planning Month in the City of Columbia.

10. Black Expo Update - Mr. Darrin Thomas, President of Thomas Media Group, LLC

Mr. Darrin Thomas, President of Thomas Media Group thanked the Mayor and City Council for their support and shared that this year's main event saw its best turnout in over 15 years with 16,880 attendees. The Taste of Black Columbia event drew 700 guests, featured 22 chefs, and was hosted by Anthony Anderson. He also announced that Ms. Veronica Walker from the City's Public Relations, Media & Marketing team received the Community Impact Award.

Mayor Rickenmann encouraged everyone to attend Black Expo, highlighting it as a chance to connect with amazing people from across the state. He praised the Health Fair for providing valuable medical screenings and services that many in the community didn't know were available.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 11 THROUGH 28

Upon a single motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to approve **Consent Agenda Items 11** through **28**.

Dr. Bussells expressed excitement about **Item 13** (a new Contract for Utilities and Operations at the Recovery Community Center at Hope Plaza) finally getting off the ground and is looking forward to its opening.



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11. Council is asked to approve the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Contract Renewal for services related to the retention of Military Personnel, Services and Operations located at Fort Jackson, as requested by the Economic Development Department on August 26, 2025. Award to the Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$53,500.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Economic Development - Special Projects (5518419-638500). The original budget amount is \$53,500.00.

12. Council is asked to approve the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Contract Renewal for Professional Services for Improvement and Operational Services within the Downtown Business Improvement, as requested by the Economic Development Department on August 26, 2025. Award to the City Center Partnership in the amount of \$70,000.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Economic Development - Special Contracts (5511301-638300). The original budget amount is \$70,000.00.

13. Council is asked to approve a new Contract for Utilities and Operations at the Recovery Community Center at Hope Plaza, as requested by the Homeless Services Department on September 26, 2025. Award to Christ Central Ministries, Inc., in the amount of \$87,800.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Rapid Shelter Homeless - Special Contracts (1014501-638300) \$87,800.00. The original budget amount is \$87,800.00. This contract is funded through the South Carolina Opioid Recovery Fund.

14. Council is asked to approve the Contract Renewal for Emergency Notification System Services, as requested by Columbia-Richland 911 Communications on September 2, 2025. Award to Everbridge Systems, in the amount of \$115,565.03. The term of the contract is October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: City of Columbia - Maintenance and Cloud Based Software Solutions (1012701-632170) \$57,782.52; Richland County - Maintenance and Cloud Based Software Solutions (2082702-632170) \$57,782.51. The original budget amount is \$115,565.03.



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15. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Globe Turnout Gear, as requested by the Columbia Fire Department on September 16, 2025. Award to Newton Fire and Safety Equipment, Inc. using the HGAC Cooperative Contract in the amount of \$390,420.00. This vendor is located in Graham, NC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: City of Columbia - Fire Suppression- Safety Clothing and Supplies (1012303-625900) \$156,168.00; Richland County - Fire Administration - Safety Clothing and Supplies (2082301-625900) \$234,252.00. The original budget amount is \$390,420.00.

16. Council is asked to approve a new Contract for Uniform Apparel and Floor Mat Rental Services, as requested by several City Departments on September 15, 2025. Award to UniFirst Corporation using the Sourcewell Cooperative Contract in an amount not to exceed \$422,328.72. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed with an end date nine (9) months from commencement and the option to renew for four (4) additional one-year periods. This vendor is located in Lexington, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Supplies - Uniforms and Clothing (6208956-624100). The original budget amount is \$422,328.72.

17. Council is asked to approve new Sole Source Contracts for several City Departments. Award to multiple vendors in the total amount of \$622,710.00. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed with an end date on June 30, 2026 and the option to renew for one (1) additional one-year period. – *Approved*

Item	Vendor and Location	Description	Amount
a.	Transworld, Inc. North Charleston, SC	De-Energizing Testing for the Lake Murray Water Treatment Plant, as requested by Columbia Water on September 5, 2025.	\$57,750.00

Funding Source: Utilities Lake Murray Water Treatment Plant – Maintenance and Service Contract (5516207-638200). The original budget amount is \$57,750.00.



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b.	Keefer Engineering, LLC Columbia, SC	Concurrent Sewer Assessment and Rehabilitation (CSAR-AI) Investigation and Rehabilitation Pilot program, as requested by Columbia Water on September 17, 2025.	\$462,000.00
<i>Funding Source: Water and Sewer Capital Projects – Concurrent Sewer Assessment and Rehabilitation Investigation and Rehabilitation – Capital Project Costs. The original budget amount is \$462,000.00.</i>			
c.	G & I Security Company, LLC Columbia, SC	Security Services, as requested by the Homeless Services Department on September 25, 2025.	\$102,960.00
<i>Funding Source: Rapid Shelter Homeless – Special Contracts (1014501-638300). The original budget amount is \$102,960.00. This contract is funded through the South Carolina Opioid Recovery Fund.</i>			
Total			\$622,710.00

18. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Vehicles for several City Departments, as requested by the Fleet Services Division. Award to multiple vendors using the North Carolina Sheriff's Association Cooperative Contract and South Carolina State Contract in the total amount of \$791,775.00. – *Approved*

Item	Vendor	Vehicles	Procurement Method	Amount
a.	Versalift North Carolina, LLC dba Versalift Southeast Burlington, NC	One (1) 2024 Ford F-600 Versalift Aerial Truck for the Fleet Services Division, as requested on September 5, 2025.	North Carolina Sheriffs' Contract #26-10-0422	\$190,770.00
<i>Funding Source: Capital Replacement - Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment-Capital (6308972-658500). The original budget amount is \$190,770.00.</i>				



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b.	AllSource Enterprises, LLC dba Safe Industries Piedmont, SC	One (1) Rehab Rescue Truck for the Columbia Fire Department, as requested on September 10, 2025.	North Carolina Sheriffs' Contract #FES24-03-Commercial Heavy Rescue	\$534,435.00
<i>Funding Source: Capital Replacement - Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment-Capital (6308972-658500). The original budget amount is \$534,435.00.</i>				
c.	COS Chevrolet, LLC dba Hendrick Chevrolet Charlotte, NC	Two (2) 2026 Chevrolet Equinox LT for the Wastewater Treatment Plant, as requested on September 4, 2025.	SC State Contract #4400037566	\$66,570.00
<i>Funding Source: Wastewater Compliance - Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment-Capital (5516231-658500). The original budget amount is \$66,570.00.</i>				
Total				\$791,775.00

19. Council is asked to approve a new Professional Services Contract for Project SS7664; Project Management and Oversight Services for Capital Improvement Projects and Operations and Maintenance Projects, as requested by Columbia Water on July 7, 2025. Award to Michael Baker International, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed with an end date two (2) years from commencement and the option to renew for one (1) additional one-year period. This contractor is located in Columbia, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Engineering Wastewater Systems Improvement - Professional Services (5516221-636600). The original budget amount is \$150,000.00.

20. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of a new Hydraulic Elevator at the Lake Murray Water Treatment Plant, as requested by Columbia Water on August 28, 2025. Award to TK Elevator Corporation using the OMNIA



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Cooperative Contract in the amount of \$211,375.71. This vendor is located in Atlanta, GA. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Water and Sewer Capital Projects - Lake Murray Water Treatment Plant Elevator Upgrade - Capital Project Costs (5529999-WM488001-658650). The original budget amount is \$211,375.71.

21. Council is asked to approve a new Construction Contract for Project SS6786; Sanitary Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation Annual Maintenance Contract, as requested by Columbia Water on May 12, 2025. Award to Vortex Services, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$2,298,725.00. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed with an end date one (1) year from commencement with the option to renew for three (3) one-year periods. This contractor is located in Greenville, SC. – *Approved*

Funding Source: Water and Sewer Capital Projects - Annual Gravity Sewer Manhole Lining - Capital Project Costs (5529999-SS678626-658650). The original budget amount is \$2,298,725.00.

Vortex Services, LLC, will provide rock removal and subcontractor coordination services at 80.10% (\$1,841,278.73) of the total contract amount.

The following subcontractors will provide additional services:

ProCoat, Inc. a Minority Business Enterprise (W), located in Winston Salem, NC, will provide manhole rehabilitation services at 2.20% (\$50,571.95) of the total contract amount.

Keefer Engineering, LLC, a Minority Business Enterprise (W), located in Lexington, SC, will provide manhole inspection services at 9.80% (\$225,275.05) of the total contract amount.

D.E. Walker Construction, Co., located in Charlotte, NC, will provide open cut manhole services at 7.90% (\$181,599.27) of the total contract amount.

22. ANNEXATION, FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 3404 Two Notch Road, 3422 Two Notch Road, and 1138 Head Street, TMS# 14102-06-23 – *Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2025-074 - Annexing 3404 Two Notch Road, 3422 Two Notch Road, and 1138 Head Street, Richland County TMS # 14102-06-23 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.



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

Council District: 2

Applicant: Joseph McDougall

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 08/14/2025; Approval (5-0)

First reading approval was given on September 16, 2025.

23. ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for Portion of 151 Clemson Road, TMS# 25705-07-27 (portion) – *Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2025-075- Amending the Official Zoning Map to modify the zoning for portion of 151 Clemson Road, Richland County TMS # 25705-07-27 (portion) – Approved on second reading.

Proposal: Request to rezone the property from Mixed Use District (MU-2) to Mixed Use District (MU-2), Outdoor Advertising Sign Overlay District (OV-OAS) to allow an outdoor advertising (billboard) sign.

Council District: 4

Applicant: Mason Sullivan, Lamar Advertising of Columbia

Staff Recommendation: Denial

PC Recommendation: 08/14/2025; Approval (4-2)

First reading approval was given on September 16, 2025.



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24. Amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance to include 2608 Cardinal Street, TMS#09114-02-24, as a Type 3 Landmark – *Approved on second reading.*

Ordinance No.: 2025-073 - Amending the Unified Development Ordinance of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Appendix C: Type 3 Landmarks – Approved on second reading.

Proposal: Amend the Unified Development Ordinance, Chapter 17, Appendix C: Type 3 Landmarks to establish the property as a City of Columbia Landmark.

Council District: 1

Applicant: Andrew Livengood, Zoning Administrator, Planning & Development Services

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 08/14/2025; Approval (5-0)

D/DRC Recommendation: 08/21/2025; Approval (6-0)

First reading approval was given on September 16, 2025.

25. Ordinance No.: 2025-071 - Approval for Conveyance of Tract 15 (0.078 Acre) Being a Portion of the Columbia Northeast Fire & Police Station located at 446 Spears Creek Church Road to the South Carolina Department of Transportation for Spears Creek Church Road Widening Project; Richland County TMS#25700-02-15 (Portion); CF#250-669 – *Approved on second reading.*

First reading approval was given on September 16, 2025.

26. Ordinance No.: 2025-072 - Amending the Business License Ordinance of the City of Columbia to update the class schedule as required by Act 176 of 2020 – *Approved on second reading.*

First reading approval was given on September 16, 2025.



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27. Ordinance No.: 2025-076 - Authorizing the City of Columbia, South Carolina, to execute and deliver an equipment lease purchase agreement in the amount of not exceeding \$4,000,000 between the City and the Lessor thereof to defray the cost of acquiring certain equipment; and other matters relating thereto. – *Approved on second reading.*

First reading approval was given on September 16, 2025.

28. Ordinance No.: 2025-077 - Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Leases for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program/Housing and Urban Development Flood Properties Acquired through the FEMA Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act for 1651 Roslyn Drive – *Approved on second reading.*

First reading approval was given on September 16, 2025.

PUBLIC HEARING - ORDINANCE FIRST READING

29. Ordinance No.: 2025-055 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 15, Parks and Recreation, Sec. 15-5 User Fees - *Deferred*

PUBLIC HEARING - RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMIT DISTRICT

30. Resolution No.: R-2025-069 - Designating Hollywood/Rosehill Neighborhood a Residential Parking Permit District – *Approved*

Council opened the public hearing at 5:17 p.m.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2025-069 – Designating Hollywood/Rosehill Neighborhood a Residential Parking Permit District.

No one appeared at this time.

Council closed the public hearing at 5:18 p.m.



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ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

31. Ordinance No.: 2025-080 - Approval for Granting an Easement to Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. along Circleview Road and a portion of city-owned property located on the southwestern side of Circleview Road for the Lower Crane Creek Equalization Storage Facility and Pump Station; Richland County TMS#07414-04-01 and between TMS#07414-04 & TMS#09203-01; CIP Project #SS7560; CF#250-673 – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Dr. Bussells and seconded by Mr. Brennan, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2025-080 - Approval for Granting an Easement to Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. along Circleview Road and a portion of city-owned property located on the southwestern side of Circleview Road for the Lower Crane Creek Equalization Storage Facility and Pump Station; Richland County TMS#07414-04-01 and between TMS#07414-04 & TMS#09203-01; CIP Project #SS7560; CF#250-673.

RESOLUTIONS

32. Resolution No.: R-2025-063 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute the Bull and Elmwood Relocation Services and Other Work in Progress Agreement between the City of Columbia and Dominion Energy South Carolina Inc. - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Dr. Bussells and seconded by Mr. Brennan, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2025-063 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute the Bull and Elmwood Relocation Services and Other Work in Progress Agreement between the City of Columbia and Dominion Energy South Carolina Inc.

33. Resolution No.: R-2025-070 - Approving the Installation of the Lincoln Street Tunnel North Entrance Mural Project – *Approved*

Endorsed by the Arts, Historic Preservation & Philanthropy Committee on September 23, 2025.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Ms. Herbert, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2025-070 - Approving the Installation of the Lincoln Street Tunnel North Entrance Mural Project.



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EVENT RESOLUTIONS

34. Resolution No.: R-2025-065 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at Devine Night Out at the 2700, 2800, and 2900 blocks of Devine Street on Thursday, November 13, 2025 – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2025-065 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at Devine Night Out at the 2700, 2800, and 2900 blocks of Devine Street on Thursday, November 13, 2025.

35. Resolution No.: R-2025-067 - Authorizing consumption of beer, wine, and liquor at NEON Joy in Five Points on 747 Saluda Avenue, the perimeter around the Fountain Plaza and 727 Harden Street Parking Lot on Friday, November 21, 2025 – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Dr. Bussells and seconded by Mr. Brennan, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2025-067 - Authorizing consumption of beer, wine, and liquor at NEON Joy in Five Points on 747 Saluda Avenue, the perimeter around the Fountain Plaza and 727 Harden Street Parking Lot on Friday, November 21, 2025.

36. Resolution No.: R-2025-068 - Authorizing consumption of beer, wine, and liquor at Vista Lights Annual Holiday Festival on Thursday, November 20, 2025 – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Dr. Bussells, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2025-068 - Authorizing consumption of beer, wine, and liquor at Vista Lights Annual Holiday Festival on Thursday, November 20, 2025.

APPOINTMENTS

37. Council is asked to approve the appointment of Ms. Cherlyn Borjes as a full-time Municipal Court Judge for a four-year term effective October 25, 2025. – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Ms. Herbert and seconded by Mayor Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Ms. Cherlyn Borjes as a full-time Municipal Court Judge for a four-year term effective October 25, 2025.



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CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS, REFERRALS AND NEW BUSINESS

Upon a motion made by Mayor Rickenmann and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to refer the reconsideration of neighborhood event charges to the Administrative Policy Committee, as requested by the Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann.

PUBLIC INPUT

Ms. Sara Phillips, League of Women Voters highlighted www.vote411.org, which offers polling locations, registration details, and candidate information. Candidates for Columbia's November 4 Municipal Election submitted their profiles and the information was made available to the public on September 23, 2025.

Ms. Kay Moore expressed concerns about predatory landlord practices, including illegal evictions and rising rent costs across Columbia. She urged City Council to hold corporate leaders accountable.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 5:19 p.m. for a discussion regarding the development of security personnel or devices pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70-(a)(3) – Event.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Erika D. Moore Hammond, MMC, CPM
City Clerk