



COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2018

WORK SESSION - 2:00 P.M.

The Columbia City Council met for a Work Session on Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina, 29201. The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 2:11 p.m. and the following members of City Council were present: The Honorable Sam Davis, The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine, The Honorable Moe Baddourah, The Honorable Howard E. Duvall, Jr., The Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr., and The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann. Also present were Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Moore, City Clerk. This meeting was advertised in accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

INVOCATION

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

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION

1. Proposed Revisions to the Mentor Protégé Program Guidelines - Ms. Melissa Lindler, MPA, Director of the Office of Business Opportunities

Ms. Melissa Lindler, MPA, Director of the Office of Business Opportunities recalled that the Mentor Protégé Program (MPP) started in 2008. We decided to review the guidelines to ensure that the program is more effective for everyone involved. In March, we held a focus group meeting with protégés and a separate meeting with mentors. To date, we have 22 construction mentors and 20 protégés and 35 professional service mentors and 25 protégés. The concerns and revisions were taken to our MPP Advisory Council on July 19, 2018 and November 8, 2018. We also included Columbia Water and Procurement and Contracts in the review process.

Ms. Ayesha Driggers, Program Compliance Administrator for the Office of Business Opportunities proposed to increase the protégé percentages based on a project-by-project. The projects require 20% participation by the protégé, but there may be options to increase that. We are proposing to allow protégés to have two mentors. We've implemented outreach efforts to encourage the participation of more protégés which will also increase the number of teams. Mentors can request an additional protégé on a case-by-case basis, if their primary protégé is overextended. In construction, we allow a water plant team and a water line team. In professional services you can have five different teams: water distribution, wastewater collection, water treatment, storm water, and wastewater treatment. The protégés have different skill sets and we wanted them to be flexible. If arbitration occurs, we want that to be held in South Carolina.



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Councilor Devine suggested that mediation be required for certain disputes.

Ms. Ayesha Driggers, Program Compliance Administrator for the Office of Business Opportunities said the guidelines were changed in 2014 to require graduation after eight years. A protégé can graduate earlier if they exceed the financial threshold. We added language to ensure that mentors and protégés adhered to the City's prompt payment policy. Teams must bid or submit on a project within a year or they may be removed from the program. This will depend on the type of projects that are put out to bid. Any approved mentor or protégé that does not actively form a team within a year may be removed from the program. Protégés must be notified of change orders and given the opportunity to provide services. The team must also maintain the minimum percentage, where appropriate. The construction management team reviews change orders to ensure that they are necessary and at a reasonable cost. There is no minimum percentage required for mentors in MPP projects, but we do require a minimum for protégés.

Councilor Baddourah said there are concerns that the mentors are not taking the protégés under their wings. They are not "showing them the ropes".

Ms. Ayesha Driggers, Program Compliance Administrator for the Office of Business Opportunities continued to report that dissolved relationships will be effective immediately. Participants can form new teams immediately and bid on projects without waiting 30-days. The assistant city manager responsible for oversight and implementation of the MPP, will recommend suspension or termination with final approval by the City Manager. This was previously done at a staff level. Lastly, our current MPP Advisory Council members have served for a long time. Now is a good time to encourage new members for four year terms. We would like for previous members to serve as ex-officio members. The guidelines say that at least 40 percent of CIP projects will be Mentor Protégé. It has been approximately 30 percent over the last two years, but we've increased our Columbia Disadvantaged Business Enterprise projects. This presents a great opportunity to look at other disadvantaged business enterprises that are not in the MPP. We will also look for opportunities to do more protégé only and protégé led projects.

There was a consensus to add language that requires mediation in the event of a dispute. The mediation will be paid for by both parties. The Mentor Protégé Program guidelines will be revised based on today's discussion.



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2. Update from the Black Expo - Mr. Darrin Thomas, President of Thomas Media Group

Mr. Darrin Thomas, President of Thomas Media Group reported that last year's event focused on the five pillars of economic empowerment: jobs, health, education, wealth creation, and entrepreneurship. Our attendance continues to be a mixed bag with 60 percent coming from Richland and Lexington Counties and 40 percent coming from outside of the Columbia Metropolitan Statistical Area. We would not be in our 22nd year if it weren't for the support of this Council and the City.

Councilor Devine said other groups do provide their numbers in their applications for funding. We need to make sure that information comes to us from Dee Dee. The funding for next year is not at a level that will allow them to have the Black Expo. We need to revisit that. I like the shift that you made this year. It is always a struggle when you are trying to get people to do stuff that's not just entertaining, but also educational. I have ideas of folks who people will come and see, but they also have that message that will be empowering and inspiring. If we try to get them, the money will have to be there.

3. Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Budget Overview - Ms. Melisa Caughman, Budget & Program Management Director

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager explained that the theme for this year's budget cycle is revenue generation and economic development. In years past, we had to focus on public safety and we will always maintain our approach to public safety. The foundation is there. A safe city then builds upon growth and development and vice versa. I want to begin to shift and change the narrative to begin looking at how we continue to grow our City with the tax base we have and with the wonderful service delivery that we pride ourselves on.

Ms. Melisa Caughman, Budget & Program Management Director said we want to set our focus and a roadmap with input from City Council. The theme is Smart City initiatives and preparing for our growth. We are guided by EnVision Columbia, City Council priorities, the work plan, departmental budget requests, capital projects, mandated costs, and limited resources. We hope to demonstrate how the budget looks from a priority based perspective. We plan to spend more time discussing revenue options with you. She presented a list of budget discussion topics: development/revitalization, revenue generation, affordable housing, homeless services, Council directed projects, County Fire/911, and the Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center. This is not an exhaustive list.



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Councilor Devine said there are so many needs in our parks and there is a mentality that there isn't money so they won't ask for it. I encouraged Mr. Davis to give you the full list so we can understand what the needs are. I don't want to take care of outside needs to the detriment to our internal needs. I want to see a full assessment of our park facilities.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said Jeff is going to provide a bigger picture of the plan for capital needs. We've gone down a path to channel some CDBG funds towards parks.

Councilor McDowell said we have an abundance of vacant buildings that need to be torn down. We previously talked about using CDBG funds for demolitions. The growth of our City is going to depend a lot upon how other folks look at those buildings.

Ms. Melissa Gentry, P.E., Assistant City Manager said we have approximately \$300,000 for residential demolitions.

Councilor Davis said I'd like for us to take another look at the property maintenance ordinance. We need to find out why we still have almost the same number of houses that should be torn down. We need something to hold landlords' feet to the fire. Do we have sufficient manpower?

Councilor Duvall said we need to stabilize funding for the ShotSpotter® service and we need a more robust video system for the City; a system that will give our departments real-time information. Owens Field is used more than any park in the City and it needs maintenance. Last year, we talked about improving the entrances into Columbia.

Councilor Rickenmann said the top line is most important. Over the next few days, you will see information about how we are at a disadvantage. We have to change who we partner with and where we spend dollars. We need accountability, because our growth level is very handicapped. Annexation is going to be important along with retail and commercial enhancement and economic development. We need to spend a couple of days working on this. Our millage rate is significantly different from our sister cities. We have to make some smart and hard decisions about who we fund next year.

Mr. Jeff Palen, Chief Financial Officer, Assistant City Manager said staff is working on a comprehensive 5-year plan for capital projects. We are looking at our needs within the general fund and other areas within the City. Every year we talk about different items. We will put all of that together and come back to you with a plan. We need to focus on the expansion of the Convention Center if that is something we are moving forward on. We already mentioned our parks and that will include Finlay Park. We are looking at Public Works and our facilities. We



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will look at how we pay for things. It might be the issuance of debt or using the cash that we generate. We will talk about individual projects to ensure that everyone is still on board with the various projects. Then we will talk about how we implement these things over the next 5 years.

Ms. Melisa Caughman, Budget & Program Management Director provided an overview of the fiscal year 2019/2020 budget schedule.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 3:55 p.m. for the discussion of **Items 4** through **6** as outlined.

4. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2)
 - *SCE&G Franchise Agreement*
 - *Lamar Sign Lease*
5. Receipt of legal advice related to matters covered by attorney-client privilege pursuant to §30-4-70(a)(2)
 - *Dockless transportation (stand-up scooters)*
 - *Entity fees*
6. 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)
 - *Project Zion*
 - *Project Kline*



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COUNCIL MEETING - 6:00 P.M.

The Columbia City Council conducted a Meeting on Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina, 29201. The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m. and the following members of City Council were present: The Honorable Sam Davis, The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine, The Honorable Howard E. Duvall, Jr., The Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr., and The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann. The Honorable Moe Baddourah arrived at 6:21 p.m. Also present were Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Moore, City Clerk. This meeting was advertised in accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Master Shamar Butler, Student Body President / Dreher High School led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda with the following amendments. Mr. Baddourah was not present for the vote.

- Withdraw **Item 20** (*Global Entrepreneurship Week and Women's Entrepreneurship Day Proclamation*)
- Add a *Marketing Update from Capital City Lake Murray Country Regional Tourism Board*
- Remove **Item 13** (*Ordinance No.: 2018-063*) from the Consent Agenda
- Defer **Item 25** (*Resolution No.: 2018-108*), **Item 26** (*Ordinance No.: 2018-069*), and **Item 27** (*Ordinance No.: 2018-067*).

PUBLIC INPUT RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS

No one appeared at this time.



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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

7. Council is asked to approve the October 16, 2018 and November 6, 2018 City Council Meeting Minutes.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to approve the October 16, 2018 and November 6, 2018 City Council Meeting Minutes. Mr. Baddourah was not present for the vote.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 8 THROUGH 16

Upon a single motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve the **Consent Agenda Items 8** through **12** and **14** through **16** as presented. Mr. Baddourah was not present for the vote.

8. Council is asked to approve the Renewal of Cornerstone On Demand Automated Recruiting Software Solutions, as requested by the Human Resources Department. Award to Cornerstone OnDemand, Inc., in the amount of \$53,531.12. This firm is located in Santa Monica, CA. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Program Management Office - Software License; 621895-627510. The original budgeted amount is \$53,531.12.

9. Council is asked to approve the purchase of Focus XI Body Camera Packages and Focus Xi Vehicle Integration Docks, as requested by the Police Department. Award to COBAN Technologies, in the amount of \$103,140.00. This vendor is located in Houston, TX. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Police Administrative Services - Computer Equipment/Hardware-1012402-627500. The original budgeted amount is \$103,140.00.

10. Council is asked to approve a Contract Renewal for Citywide Security Cameras, as requested by the Police Department. Award to Statewide Security Systems in an amount not to exceed \$114,000.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Police Administrative Services- Professional Services: 1012402-636600. The original budgeted amount is \$114,000.00. This is the second and final year of the two one-year renewal options. The term of this renewal will be for October 15, 2018 to October 14, 2019.



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11. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of GIS Annual Software Maintenance Services, as requested by the Information Technology Services Department. Award to Environmental Systems Research, using the General Services Administration Contract in the amount of \$62,833.54. This firm is located in Redlands, CA. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Geographic Information System - Maintenance & Service Contract; 5511121-638200 (\$39,658.54) Police Administrative Service - Maintenance & Service Contract; 1012402-638200 (\$3,300.00) Development Services - Maintenance & Service Contract; 1014101-638200 (3,400.00) Engineering - Maintenance & Service Contract; 5511706-638200 (\$4,600.00) Traffic Engineering - Maintenance & Service Contract; 1013203-638200 (2,225.00) Public Works Administration - Maintenance & Service Contract; 1011124-638200 (4,100.00) Utilities Wastewater Maintenance - Maintenance & Service Contract; 5516205-638200 (\$5,100.00) Utilities Wastewater Maintenance - Maintenance & Service Contract; 5516205-638200 (\$500.00). The original budgeted amount is \$62,883.54.

12. Council is asked to approve an Engineering Services Agreement for Project SS7450; Crane Creek Lower North Branch Capacity Upgrade Phase II, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to AECOM Technical Services, Inc., in the amount of \$644,356.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: 5529999-SS745001-658650. The original budgeted amount is \$750,000.00. This is a Mentor Protégé Program Project. AECOM Technical Services, Inc., is the Mentor and will provide overall design and coordination of the entire project, including producing construction plans and specifications, project coordinating with all subcontractors, bid administration, and construction administration at 75% (\$485,310.00) of the contract value. DESA, Inc., a Minority Business Enterprise (Woman) of Columbia SC is the Protégé and will provide project management, engineering services during construction, and periodic construction observation at 21.6% (\$139,246.00) of the contract value.

The following sub-consultants will provide additional services:

Civil Engineering Consulting Services, Inc., a Minority Business Enterprise (Woman) of Columbia, SC will provide survey and utility mapping services at 1.55% (\$10,000) of the contract value.

Terracon Consultants, Inc., of Columbia, SC will provide geotechnical investigation services at 1.52% (\$9,800) of the contract value.



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13. Ordinance No.: 2018-063 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Sign Location Lease between the City of Columbia and The Lamar Companies for lease of 207 Gervais Street at Canal Street, Richland County TMS #07314-02-05 - *First reading approval was given on November 6, 2018. – Approved on second reading, as amended.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Mayor Benjamin, Council voted six (6) to one (1) to give second reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2018-063 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Sign Location Lease between the City of Columbia and The Lamar Companies for lease of 207 Gervais Street at Canal Street, Richland County TMS #07314-02-05, as amended in *Section 2a to state that if the termination notice is issued at a time that causes the removal period to fall within the fish migration season and the removal is determined to have a possible impact to the migration pattern, the physical removal should be delayed until the end of fish migration season. However, the planning and any permitting required to facilitate the removal shall continue forward in order that the actual removal can be implemented as soon as the fish migration season ends.* Voting aye were Mr. Rickenmann, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Baddourah, Ms. Devine, Mr. Davis, and Mayor Benjamin. Mr. Duvall voted nay.

14. Ordinance No.: 2018-065 - Authorizing the City of Columbia, South Carolina to execute and deliver an Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement in the amount of not exceeding \$8,000,000 between the City and the Lessor thereof to defray the cost of acquiring certain equipment; and other matters relating thereto - *First reading approval was given on November 6, 2018. – Approved on second reading.*
15. Resolution No.: R-2018-103 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at First Thursday on Main Street - *Approved*
16. Resolution No.: R-2018-107 - Soda City Market (2019-2023) - *Approved*

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Benjamin said we had an opportunity in September for one of our leaders to be recognized in Washington, for her achievement in economic development and leadership in the areas of economic policy, business development, and entrepreneurship advocacy as our City Manager. He thanked City Manager Teresa Wilson for her leadership and service. He presented Ms. Wilson with the 2018 Walker's Legacy Women in Economic Development Achievement Award.



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Councilor Devine announced that Mayor Benjamin was recognized in the November edition of *Ebony Magazine* as one of the 2018 Power 100 for being one of the most influential and inspiring African Americans. This is a tremendous honor for him and our City as he continues to elevate the profile of Columbia. Congratulations Mayor Benjamin.

17. Recognition of the 2018 Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials Award Recipients - Ms. Jacqueline Richburg, Director of Telecommunications

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said these folks work under tremendous pressure while working to take calls in our 911 Telecommunications Center. It is a job that goes unnoticed. It is the call that people make and the response they receive that can save lives.

Ms. Jacqueline Richburg, Director of Telecommunications recognized Ms. Kizzy Dunlap, Telecommunicator as the National Emergency Number Association Telecommunicator of the Year Award recipient and Ms. Regina Goodwin, Shift Supervisor as the National Emergency Number Association Palmetto Award recipient.

Mayor Benjamin recognized Representative Chris Hart, Richland One Commissioner Beatrice King, Richland One Commissioner Jamie Devine, Richland County Treasurer David Adams, the Dreher High School community, and community leaders.

18. Special Presentation for the Harlem Heights Project - Senator John L. Scott, Jr., S.C. Senate District 19, Richland County

Senator John L. Scott, Jr., S.C. Senate District 19, Richland County introduced Audrey and Kim Quarles, President and Vice President and Ms. Little, Treasurer for the Harlem Heights Community along with Representative Chris Hart. In 2012, we started working on the Harlem Heights/Fairwold project with \$525,000 in grant funds for planning and engineering. In 2016, we looked at Bethel Bishop in Council District Two and provided \$341,000 for that project. In order to complete the Harlem Heights/Fairwold project, we want to present a check in the amount of \$100,000 and another check in the amount of \$500,000. That should be enough money to complete the project. I've watched this project for over 65 years as this community continues to be flooded. We hope this community can begin to move forward. To Councilman Ed McDowell, we are still looking to help you with your project. We made an early commitment to make sure the families in Bethel Bishop and Colony Apartments receive the best quality of life they can.



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19. National Apprenticeship Week Proclamation - The Honorable Stephen K. Benjamin

Mayor Benjamin and the members of City Council proclaimed November 12-16, 2018 as National Apprenticeship Week in the City of Columbia.

Mr. Charles Vaughn, State Director for the United States Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration / State Offices of Apprenticeship introduced Mr. Cleveland Williams, Apprenticeship Training Representative for the State Offices of Apprenticeship. We have 100 City employees participating in the apprenticeship program. We just passed the 20,000 mark for active apprentices. This is a great City and we are glad that you participate with us.

Mr. Robert Crenshaw, Apprenticeship Consultant for Apprenticeship Carolina said I've had direct workings with the City's Water Treatment Plant and the Wastewater and Water Maintenance Divisions. It is an awesome collaboration with a focus on training employees to be topnotch performers with full proficiency. It has been a catalyst and a model for others to follow.

20. Global Entrepreneurship Week and Women's Entrepreneurship Day Proclamation - The Honorable Stephen K. Benjamin – *Consideration of this item was deferred.*

21. Recognition of Columbia Weighs In Challenge Winners - The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin

Mayor Benjamin said we all want to live longer and healthier lives. I issued a challenge in which we were all trying to lose weight together and understand the importance of eating better and staying active. He recognized the following Columbia Weighs In Challenge winners: Mr. John Green, Ms. Wanda Cannon, Mr. Glenn Sawyer, Ms. Helen Lee, Ms. Kim Griffin, and Ms. Lucinda Statler. The top three finalists were Ms. Margaret Floyd who lost 31 pounds, Mr. Scott Robinson who lost 30 pounds, and Ms. Kelly Sims who also lost 30 pounds. Our number one weight loss winner, Benji Barfield lost 32 pounds. He thanked Blue Cross Blue Shield for providing backpacks for the finalists.

Councilor McDowell introduced his mother, Mrs. Ernestine McDowell.



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22. Marketing Update - Ms. Miriam Atria, President / CEO of Capital City/Lake Murray Country Regional Tourism Board

Ms. Miriam Atria, President / CEO of Capital City/Lake Murray Country Regional Tourism Board announced that Lake Murray and the tourism region was chosen as the go to destination by the County Music Awards. We will be headed to the Grammy Awards for another announcement. Then we will be working on a special promotion with Duck Dynasty. The USA Bass Fishing Team brought home the gold and we are going to turn bass fishing into an Olympic sport. In 2020, the Bass Fishing Tournament will be at Lake Murray. The Anglers and Appetites Show was filmed across our region. It highlights fishing and eating establishments in the region. She presented a short video clip of Anglers and Appetites that will air on Fox Sports Southeast and CBS Sports. Today, we were awarded the 2018 Champion of Economic Impact Award for the 2017 Forrest Wood Cup. She unveiled the new television ad for Lake Murray Country. Last year, we had a billion media impressions.

RESOLUTIONS

23. Resolution No.: R-2018-105 - Release and Abandonment of a Portion of the City's Existing 10' Water Line Easement along a portion of Richland County TMS#23100-02-10; Lot 4, The Lakes at Barony Place, Phase 1 & a portion of Phase 2; CF#223-17 & CF#343-18 - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2018-105 - Release and Abandonment of a Portion of the City's Existing 10' Water Line Easement along a portion of Richland County TMS#23100-02-10; Lot 4, The Lakes at Barony Place, Phase 1 & a portion of Phase 2; CF#223-17 & CF#343-18.

24. Resolution No.: R-2018-106 - Ratifying and Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Letter of Intent between the City of Columbia and the State of South Carolina and the City Manager's execution of a Purchase and Sale Agreement documents to consummate the purchase of 2221 Devine Street, Richland County TMS #11312-02-03 and 11312-02-09 - *Approved*



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Upon a motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2018-106 - Ratifying and Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Letter of Intent between the City of Columbia and the State of South Carolina and the City Manager's execution of a Purchase and Sale Agreement documents to consummate the purchase of 2221 Devine Street, Richland County TMS #11312-02-03 and 11312-02-09.

25. Resolution No.: 2018-108 - Amending Resolution No.: R-2018-094 - Adopting a Policy and Criteria to Consider the Inclusion of Real Property in a Multi-County Industrial Park to Apply Richland County's Special Source Revenue Credit incentive to Real Property within the Corporate Limits of the City of Columbia developed with the inclusion of structured public parking within project – *Consideration of this item was deferred.*

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

26. Ordinance No.: 2018-069 - Consenting to the Inclusion of Property in a Multi-County Industrial/Business Park (Kline City Center, portion of Richland County TMS #08912-13-02) – *Consideration of this item was deferred.*
27. Ordinance No.: 2018-067 - Consenting to the Inclusion of Property in a Multi-County Industrial/Business Park (BullStreet Mixed Use Residential and Retail Development, Richland County TMS #08912-13-02) – *Consideration of this item was deferred.*
28. Ordinance No.: 2018-066 - Acknowledging the Amended and Restated Master Agreement Governing the I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial Park; Ratifying and Consenting to the Property Located in the I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial Park; and Other Related Matters – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2018-066 - Acknowledging the Amended and Restated Master Agreement Governing the I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial Park; Ratifying and Consenting to the Property Located in the I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial Park; and Other Related Matters.



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29. Ordinance No.: 2018-070 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Lease between the City of Columbia and the State of South Carolina Department of Administration, Real Property Services for the lease of 2221 Devine Street - *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2018-070 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Lease between the City of Columbia and the State of South Carolina Department of Administration, Real Property Services for the lease of 2221 Devine Street.

APPOINTMENTS

30. Council is asked to approve the appointment of one (1) individual to the Midlands Authority for Conventions, Sports, and Tourism.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Mr. John Hardee to the Midlands Authority for Conventions, Sports, and Tourism.

OTHER MATTERS

31. Council is asked to approve the 2019 City Council Meeting Schedule.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to approve the 2019 City Council Meeting Schedule.

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS DISCUSSED DURING THE WORK SESSION

No matters were discussed at this time.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS / REFERRALS

No reports or referrals were made at this time.



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ZONING / PLANNING PUBLIC HEARING & FIRST READING - 7:00 P.M.

32. MAJOR AMENDMENT to a PUD - 3319 Millwood Drive, TMS# 13804-03-09
Approved on first reading.

Council District: 3 & 4

Proposal: Request to make a Major Amendment to a PUD-C

Applicant: Raymond A. Perkins, Jr., Richland School District One

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 09/05/18; Deferred; 10/01/18; Approval (5-4)

No one appeared at this time.

Ms. Krista Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services explained that this matter is a major amendment to a Planned Unit Development at 3319 Millwood Drive that will allow for changes to the playing fields, relocation of the tennis courts, and a number of other details.

Mayor Benjamin said we've had a whole lot of dialogue. It is time to get this done. We have a few more amendments, but nothing substantive enough to effect the delivery of a high quality filed that also meets the needs of the neighborhood. We will have the second reading in December. We will continue to ensure that the young people who attend Dreher High School have a chance to get a complete education; not just the academic, but also the extracurricular needs they have.

Councilor Rickenmann said the changes aren't amendments; they are clarifications to the existing application. I move to approve the amendment to the PUD with the clarifications I'm going to give to Ms. Hampton. Between now and December 4, 2018, we will incorporate amendments related to the map, trees, buffers, the fence, elevation, and having a liaison with the District when future changes are needed.

Councilor McDowell asked if the original document will remain the same with the clarifying issues that Mr. Rickenmann is providing.

Councilor Rickenmann explained that we amended the original PUD and some of those things need to be clarified. I've spoken with folks at the District and we are all on the same page. He asked that Mr. Webb work with Ms. Hampton to ensure that the language is what they agreed to.



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Mayor Benjamin asked that the clarifications be shared broadly.

Council opened the Zoning / Planning Public Hearing at 7:09 p.m.

No one appeared at this time.

Council closed the Zoning / Planning Public Hearing at 7:09 p.m.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Rickenmann and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Major Amendment to a Planned Unit Development at 3319 Millwood Drive, TMS# 13804-03-09, with the understanding that certain items are to be clarified and/or updated prior to second reading consideration. Ms. Devine abstained from voting due to a potential conflict of interest.

Councilor Baddourah introduced his sons, Zeke and Eli Baddourah.

APPEARANCE OF THE PUBLIC

Minister Allen Browning, Hearts for the Homeless and Living Water International Church said several months ago, my wife and I started a charity, Hearts for the Homeless for homeless veterans. I was homeless eight years ago. Last night, we were featured on WISTV News. We partnered with SK Browning Construction out of Orangeburg to provide Thanksgiving dinner to almost 200 people. He presented a request for grant funding for the ministry to help fund its community outreach project. Our objective is to assist the homeless with SSI, disabilities, or temporary labor income to obtain stable residency by helping with deposits for apartments, boarding houses, and SCE&G deposits to reduce the number of wandering homeless in the downtown area.

Mr. Regi Solis, Director of Needful Things requested a proclamation joining in the worldwide recognition of National Homeless Persons Memorial Day on December 21, 2018. Has anyone been looking into an alternative site for the Inclement Weather Center? Over the last few weeks, the rain has caused flood watches and warnings, thereby eliminating the use of the center. How do we protect those who desperately need shelter? I previously brought copies of recent court rulings. I am hoping that we are coming to a decision on how we will comply with these rulings as well as having people's property seized.



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Mayor Benjamin agreed to get the Memorial Proclamation done. We will continue to follow protocol for opening the Inclement Weather Center as it gets colder. Take a look at some of the work the United Way is doing regarding Resilient Richland. This work is going to be groundbreaking and it will help us deal with some of the larger challenges that we're dealing with. We have to discuss how best to deal with the issue of personal belongings.

Councilor Devine requested the National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day event information.

Mayor Benjamin recognized the University of South Carolina School of Journalism and Mass Communication students who were in attendance.

Respectfully submitted by:

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