



COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2020

The Columbia City Council conducted a Special Called Meeting on Thursday, November 5, 2020 using video conferencing technology. The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 12:04 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 THE AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda, subject to adding an Executive Session discussion of COVID-19 under the Receipt of legal advice related to matters covered by attorney-client privilege pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2), prior to discussing Item 1.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 12:07 p.m. for the Receipt of legal advice related to matters covered by attorney-client privilege pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2) - COVID-19.

Council returned from Executive Session at 12:24 p.m.

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

1. Ordinance No.: 2020-093 An Emergency Ordinance Extending Certain Emergency Ordinances Related to COVID-19 - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve Ordinance No.: 2020-093 An Emergency Ordinance Extending Certain Emergency Ordinances Related to COVID-19, subject to amending paragraphs one and two to add the words "which cover the nose and mouth" immediately after the words "face covering(s)".



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Mayor Benjamin said we recognize the economic crisis caused by a public health crisis. If we can get our hands around the public health crisis, the economic crisis and educational crisis will fix themselves. We want to stress accountability through collective responsibility. I want to thank our team of fire marshals and other public safety officers working in the community. We are not where we want to be but we won't get there unless we do it together.

PUBLIC INPUT

No comments were received at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 12:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Moore Hammond, CMC
City Clerk