



**COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2021**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 2:14 PM by Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin.

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Late	Arrived
Stephen K. Benjamin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sam Davis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Tameika Isaac Devine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Howard E. Duvall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Edward H. McDowell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Daniel J. Rickenmann	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Will Brennan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

**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. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda, subject to adding Zoning Matters to Item 17 and deferring Item 18.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Council is asked to approve the December 1 and 15, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes.  
**Approved**

**CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION / ACTION**

2. COVID-19 Update - The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin **Received as information. No action was taken.**
  - COVID-19 Situational Report - Mr. Harry Tinsley, Emergency Management Director
3. Midlands Business Leadership Group Governmental Cooperation Initiative - Mr. James Bennett, MBLG and Ms. Meghan Hickman, EngenuitySC **Received as information. No action was taken.**



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**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 4 THROUGH 12**

4. Council is asked to approve the renewal of Cityworks Software and License Support for the term of 1/15/2021 through 1/14/2022, as requested by the Information Technology Services Department. Award to Azteca Systems, LLC, in the amount of \$100,000.00. This vendor is located in Sandy, UT. **Approved**

*Funding Source: Public Works Administration - Computer Equipment, Hardware, & Peripherals (1011124-627500) \$1,990.00; Public Works Administration - Maintenance & Service Contract (1011124-638200) \$5,000.00; Forestry Horticulture - Maintenance and Service Contract (1011217-638200) \$7,500.00; Streets & Sidewalks - Maintenance and Service Contract (1013201-638200) \$2,000.00; Traffic Operations - Maintenance and Service Contract (1013204-638200) \$3,000.00; Street Storm Drain - Maintenance and Service Contract (5534203-638200) \$1,500.00; Street - Water & Sewer Repair - Maintenance and Service Contracts (5513202-638200) \$2,000.00; Customer Service - Special Contracts (5511407-638300) \$3,000.00; Meter Reading - Maintenance and Service Contract (5516202-638200) \$15,000.00; Utilities Wastewater Maintenance -Software License (5516205-627510) \$49,010.00; Solid Waste Street Sweeping - Maintenance and Service Contract (5534408-638200) \$10,000.00. The original budget amount is \$100,000.00.*

5. Council is asked to approve an Economic Development Grant Agreement for an Office Expansion Project within the City of Columbia, as requested by the Economic Development Department. Award to First Reliance Bank in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00. This firm is located in Florence, SC. **Approved**

*Funding Source: ED Special Allocation (5511301-638508). The original budget amount is \$200,000.00.*

6. Council is asked to approve the Management and Administration of Employee Medical Services at the Employee Health Center, as requested by the Human Resources Department. Award to Doctors Care, P.A. in the amount of \$1,133,814.12. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. **Approved**

*Funding Source: Employee Health Center - Medical Services (6048920-636900) \$953,814.12; Employee Health Center - Drug and Medical Supplies (6048920-624900) \$75,000.00; Employee Health Center - Special Departmental Supplies (6048920-627100) \$60,000.00; Employee Health Center - Coronavirus Services (6048920-638412) \$45,000.00. The original budget amount is \$1,133,814.12.*

7. Council is asked to approve Change Order #1 for the purchase of Blended Phosphate for Corrosion Control at the Columbia Canal Water Treatment Plant, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Carus, LLC in the amount of \$50,000.00. This vendor is located in Peru, IL. **Approved**

*Funding Source: Utilities Columbia Canal WTP - Chemicals (5516206-624800). The original budget amount is \$106,210.00.*



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8. Council is asked to approve Contract Amendment #2 for Water and Sewer Rate Study Services, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Black and Veatch Management Consulting, LLC as a sole source in the amount of \$111,420.00. This firm is located in Kansas City, MO with services provided from Orlando, FL. **Approved**

*Funding Source: Utilities and Engineering Administration/Professional Services (5511109-636600). The original budget amount was \$118,125.00. The budget amount for this amendment is \$111,420.00. The total revised budget amount is \$229,545.00.*

9. Council is asked to approve a Contract for Project WM4514; New Water Main along Beacon Hill Road and Beacon Hill Court, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to DS Utilities, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$268,696.80, which includes contingency. This firm is located in Little Mountain, SC. **Approved**

*Funding Source: Engineering - Water & Sewer Improvements (5529999-WM451401-658650). The original budget amount is \$399,656.00.*

*This is a Mentor Protégé Program project. DS Utilities, Inc., a Local Business Enterprise of Little Mountain, SC is the Mentor and will be providing equipment and personnel services at 11.44% (\$25,615.76) of the total contract amount. Patriot Construction, Inc., of Columbia, SC is the Protégé and will be providing pipe installation services at 88.56% (\$198,298.24) of the total contract amount.*

10. Council is asked to approve an Agreement for Project SS7582; Wastewater Collection System Manhole Survey, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Hydrostructures in the amount of \$424,750.00. The firm is located in Cayce, SC. **Approved**

*Funding Source: Engineering Wastewater System Improvement Special Contracts Water/Sewer, Stormwater (5516221-SS758201-638305). The original budget amount is \$424,750.00.*

*This is a Columbia Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (CDBE) Project. The CDBE goal placed on this project was 12.00% and was met at 12.05% (\$51,200.00) of the total contract amount. Hydrostructures of Cayce, SC will provide technical engineering support for surveying and mapping services at 87.95% (\$373,550.00) of the total contract amount.*

*The following sub-consultants will provide additional services:*

*DESA, Inc., a Minority Business Enterprise (W) of Columbia, SC, will provide manhole inspection services at 4.99% (\$21,200.00) of the total contract amount.*

*Construction Support Services, a Minority Business Enterprise of Hopkins, SC, will provide surveying services at 7.06% (\$30,000.00) of the total contract amount.*



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11. Council is asked to approve Contract Amendment #7 for Project WM4326; Water Tank Repainting and Maintenance Services, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Utility Service Company, Inc. in the amount of \$645,742.00. This firm is located in Perry, GA. **Approved**

*Funding Source: Utilities Columbia Canal WTP (5516206-WM432601-638305) \$250,000.00 and Utilities Lake Murray Plant (5516207-WM432601-638305) \$395,742.00. The original budget amount was \$2,104,970.00. The budget amount for this amendment is \$645,742.00. The total revised budget amount is \$2,750,712.00.*

*Utility Service Company, Inc. is the prime and will provide renovation, painting, and preventative maintenance services for the City's water storage facilities at 73.82% (\$2,030,712.00) of the revised total contract amount.*

*The following subcontractors will provide additional services:*

*Bullins Painting of Stoneville, GA will provide blast/paint labor services at 8.73% (\$240,000.00) of the revised total contract amount.*

*Semper Fi Steel of La Grange, KY will provide blast/paint labor services at 13.09% (\$360,000.00) of the revised total contract amount.*

*Nordic Tank & Tower, Inc. of Menahga, MN will provide blast/paint labor services at 4.36% (\$120,000.00) of the revised total contract amount.*

12. Ordinance No.: 2020-108 Consenting to the Inclusion of Property in a Multi-County Industrial/Business Park (Project Cross, Richland County TMS # 25600-04-17 and 25600-04-19) **Approved on second reading.**

*First reading approval was given on December 15, 2020.*

**APPOINTMENTS**

13. Climate Protection Action Committee **Approved**

*Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to appoint Tamera Warren to the Climate Protection Action Committee for a three-year term.*

14. Planning Commission **Approved**

*Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mayor Benjamin, Council voted unanimously to appoint Raquel Thomas to the Planning Commission for a three-year term.*



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**CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REFERRALS / REPORTS**

15. Council is asked to refer an update from the Climate Protection Action Committee (CPAC) and Review of Bylaw Revisions to the Environment and Infrastructure Committee, as requested by Administration. **Approved**
16. Council is asked to refer a Dominion LED Lighting Presentation to the Environment and Infrastructure Committee, as requested by Administration. **Approved**

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Mr. Ken Walker  
Ms. Diane Wiley  
Ms. Mary Williams Parker

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 3:41 p.m. for the discussion of Items 17 and 19 as amended to add Zoning Matters to Item 17.

17. Receipt of legal advice related to matters covered by attorney-client privilege pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2) **Received as information. No action was taken.**

*COVID-19  
Columbia Water Collections*

18. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements pursuant to SC Code §30-4-70(a)(2) **Deferred**

*Venue License Agreement*

19. 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) **Received as information. No action was taken.**

*Absolute Total Care  
Williams Street Project*



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**ADJOURNMENT**

Council adjourned the meeting was at 5:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Moore Hammond, CMC  
City Clerk