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**COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2021**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 1:06 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. Davis, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda, subject to withdrawing Items 1 and 2 and amending Item 17 to include Use of Public Spaces and Parks.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. Receipt of legal advice related to matters covered by attorney-client privilege pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2) **Withdrawn**

*COVID-19*

**EMERGENCY ORDINANCE**

2. Ordinance No.: 2021-012 An Emergency Ordinance Extending and Amending Certain Emergency Ordinances **Withdrawn**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

3. Council is asked to approve the February 2, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes. **Approved**



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### CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION / ACTION

4. 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*

### CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 5 THROUGH 11

5. Council is asked to approve a Professional Services Agreement for State Lobbying Services from February 2021 to June 2021, as requested by the Office of Governmental Affairs. Award to Ed Givens - Fellowship Strategies, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. **Approved**

*Funding Source: Governmental Affairs (1011103-636600). The original budget amount is \$30,000.00.*

6. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of two Ford Escape Hybrid Vehicles for the Engineering Department, as requested by the Fleet Services Division. Award to Santee Automotive, using the SC State Contract in the amount of \$50,860.00. This vendor is located in Manning, SC. **Approved**

*Funding Source: Engineering - Water Systems Improvement - Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment-Capital (5516220-658500) \$25,430.00; Engineering - Water Systems Improvement - Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment-Capital (5516221-658500) \$25,430.00. The original budget amount is \$50,860.00.*

7. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of five Chevrolet Silverado Trucks for the Engineering Department, as requested by the Fleet Services Division. Award to Love Chevrolet using the SC State Contract in the amount of \$158,580.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. **Approved**

*Funding Source: Engineering Water Systems Improvement - Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment - Capital (5516220-658500) \$79,290.00; Engineering Water Systems Improvement - Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment-Capital (5516221-658500) \$79,290.00. The original budget amount is \$158,580.00*

8. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of two GVWR Single Axle Dump Trucks for the Street Division, as requested by the Fleet Services Division. Award to Carolina International Trucks, using the SC State Contract in the amount of \$218,614.22. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. **Approved**

*Funding Source: Streets - Water and Sewer Repair - Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment - Capital (5513202-658500). The original budget amount is \$230,000.00.*



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9. Council is asked to approve Contract Amendment #2 for Project SS7428; Lower Saluda Relief Sewer and Major Pipe Rehabilitation, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Brown and Caldwell in the amount of \$467,000.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. **Approved**

*Funding Source: Water and Sewer Capital Projects; Capital Project Costs (5529999-SS742801-658650). The original budget amount was \$1,185,000.00. The budget amount for this amendment is \$467,000.00. The total revised budget amount is \$1,652,000.00.*

*This is a Clean Water 2020 Program Project and a Mentor Protégé Program Project. Brown and Caldwell is the mentor and will provide overall project management, bidding, and project closeout services at 63.85% (\$1,054,840.00) of the revised total contract amount. 4D Engineering, a Minority Business Enterprise (W) of Lexington, SC, is the protégé and will provide assistance with construction administration, onsite inspection of bypass systems and erosion/sedimentation controls, and submittal review services at 21.02% (\$347,300.00) of the revised total contract amount.*

*The following subconsultants will provide additional services:*

*Chao and Associates, a Minority Business Enterprise of Columbia, SC, will perform surveying and easement exhibit services at 13.81% (\$228,060.00) of the revised total contract amount.*

*Environmental Permitting Consultants, Incorporated will perform wetlands delineation and permitting services at 1.32% (\$21,800.00) of the revised total contract amount.*

10. Council is asked to approve an Agreement for Project SS7583; Saluda River 02 (SR02) Engineer-Led Find and Fix Rehabilitation for an initial term of one year and nine months with the option to renew for one additional one-year period, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$948,765.00. The firm is located in Columbia, SC. **Approved**

*Funding Source: Water and Sewer Capital Projects - Capital Project Costs (5529999-SS758301-658650). The original budget amount is \$948,765.00.*

*This is a Mentor Protégé Program Project. Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc. is the mentor and will provide overall project management services, pre-construction assessment services, permitting services, engineering services, and construction inspection services at 79.93% (\$758,365.00) of the total contract amount. 4D Engineering, a Minority Business Enterprise (W) of Lexington, SC, is the protégé and will provide onsite construction inspection services at 20.07% (\$190,400.00) of the total contract amount.*



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11. Ordinance No.: 2021-002 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Lease Agreement between the City of Columbia and P.C. Partnership, LLC for a portion of the Northern right of way area of Washington Street at Sumter Street for installation and maintenance of a grease trap **Approved on second reading.**

*First reading approval was given on February 2, 2021.*

#### **ORDINANCE - FIRST READING**

12. Ordinance No.: 2021-009 Granting an encroachment to Gadsden Place, LLC for use of the right of way areas of the 1200 block of Gadsden Street for the installation and maintenance of sidewalks, driveways, parking, curbing, landscaping and irrigation adjacent to its building at 1209 Gadsden Street and 1211 Gadsden Street, Richland County TMS#08912-07-06 and 08912-07-14 **Approved on first reading.**

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

13. Resolution No.: 2021-006 Authorizing Construction and Improvements by the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) of Interstate 20 and associated Ramps for the Carolina Crossroads, Phase 2 – Broad River Road at I-20 Interchange Design-Build Project (P039719) **Approved**

14. Resolution No.: 2021-008 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Fifth Amendment to Lease Agreement between the City of Columbia and Hamilton Capitol Center, LLC for lease of approximately 2,524 square feet in the Capitol Center, known as Suite 250, 1201 Main Street (Office of Economic Development) **Approved**

15. Resolution No.: 2021-010 Authorizing the Acquisition of Lexington County TMS # 002751-01-048 containing 6.47 acres and TMS # 002751-01-049 containing 5.85 acres, identified as two buffer parcels located south of Bower Parkway; Project Name: Upper Kinley Creek Sanitary Sewer Improvements; CIP Project #SS7331; CF#250-505 **Approved**

#### **PUBLIC INPUT ON CLOSING AND TRANSFER OF STREET**

16. Resolution No.: 2021-007 Public Input on Closing and Transfer of an unopened 0.39-acre portion of Lyon Street adjacent to Richland County TMS #11411-03-01, 11411-03-02, 11411-03-03, 11411-04-22, 11411-04-23, 11411-04-24, 11411-04-25, 11411-04-26, 11411-04-27 and 11411-04-28 **Received as information. No action was taken.**

*No comments were received at this time.*



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### CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REFERRALS / REPORTS

#### 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 1:27 p.m. for the discussion of Items 17 through 19 as amended.

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
  - *Ordinance No.: 2021-012 - An Emergency Ordinance Extending and Amending Certain Emergency Ordinances*
  - *Public Art*
  - *Closing and Transfer of an unopened 0.39-acre portion of Lyon Street*
  - *Climate Protection Action Committee*
  - *City Center Partnership*
18. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2) **Received as information. No action was taken.**
  - *EdVenture*
  - *Columbia Housing Authority*
19. Receipt of legal advice relating to a pending, threatened or potential claim pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2) **Received as information. No action was taken.**
  - *Richland County v. City of Columbia*

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Moore Hammond, CMC  
City Clerk