



The Columbia City Council conducted a Council Meeting and a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. and the following members of Council were present: The Honorable Sam Davis, The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine, The Honorable Leona K. Plough, The Honorable Moe Baddourah, The Honorable Howard E. Duvall and The Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr. Also present were Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Moore, City Clerk. This meeting was advertised in accordance to the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Little Miss Jasmine Johnson led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Chaplain Michael Baker, Columbia Police Department offered the Invocation.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Councilor Devine introduced seven year old Jasmine Johnson who performed at the Praise Fest for Peace as part of the Annual National Youth Violence Prevention Week. She noted that Jasmine is home schooled and has no formal vocal training.

Little Miss Jasmine Johnson presented beautiful renditions of “I Trust in God” and “Ride on King Jesus”.

Mayor Benjamin told many youth in the audience that were accompanied by Mr. James Sanders and other community leaders that their City loves them and this Council and City is going to invest in them. He told Jasmine that her performance was awesome and he encouraged her to nurture her God-given gift.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager recognized the Palmetto Council for International Visitors.

Mayor Benjamin welcomed the group of young Kyrgyzstai leaders being hosted by the Palmetto Council for International Visitors to Columbia.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda, subject to removing **Items 4** and **5** from the Consent Agenda.

PUBLIC INPUT RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS

No one appeared at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [December 1, 2015 Council Meeting](#) - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve the December 1, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes, as presented. Mr. Baddourah was not present for the vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a single motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve the **Consent Agenda Items 2, 3 and 6 through 18**. Mr. Baddourah was not present for the vote.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS and AGREEMENTS

2. Council is asked to approve [Contract Amendment #2 for Project SS7262](#); Three Rivers Pump Station and Colonial Life Pump Station Services, as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to Weston & Sampson in the amount of \$54,000.00. This firm has headquarters in Peabody, MA and a local office in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Capital Outlay Projects Budget, 5529999-SS7262-658660 – **Note:** This contract amendment is a Mentor Protégé Program Project and a Clean Water 2020 Program Project. 4D Engineering, a Small Business Enterprise of Lexington, SC is the Protégé and will provide drainage and permitting site services at \$15,600.00 (5.55%) of the contract value. The original budgeted amount is \$281,275.00 and the revised contract amount is \$335,275.00. The following sub-consultants will receive \$18,160.00 (21.04%) of the contract amendment value: - Approved*

Sub-consultants	Locations	Services	Contract %	Amendment Amount
LCK Construction Services (FBE/SBE)	Columbia, SC	Construction Inspection	11.95%	\$5,400.00
Construction Support Services (SBE/MBE)	Columbia, SC	Surveying	7.35%	\$7,860.00
Terracon Consultants (SBE)	Columbia, SC	Geotechnical Work	1.74%	\$4,900.00

3. Council is asked to approve a [Change Order for the Purchase of Uniforms and Accessories](#), as requested by the Police Department. Award to Wright Johnston Uniforms in the amount of \$75,000.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Police Administrative Services/Uniforms and Clothing, 1012402-624100 – **Note:** This increase is needed to pay incurred costs for delivered products and additional new hires / recruits. The original budgeted amount is \$75,000.00. - Approved*

4. Council is asked to approve an [Agreement for Flood Plain Studies and Maps](#), as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to Pace Engineering Consultants in the amount of \$86,500.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Engineering Storm Water Improvement-Special Contracts, 5534202-638305 – **Note:** This is not a flood related contract. The original budgeted amount is \$48,500.00; supplemental funds will come from Emergency Stormwater Maintenance and Improvement Project SD8398. The following sub-consultants will receive \$18,000.00 from the contract amendment amount: - Approved*

Sub-consultants	Locations	Services	Amount
Louis Berger Company	Columbia, SC	Flood Modeling and Report Preparation	\$17,000.00
Jessica Boynton (WBE)	N. Charleston, SC	GIS Specialist	\$1,000.00

Councilor Plough asked staff to clarify why this item is on the agenda after the contract has been executed.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager explained that there was an addition to the scope of work that was originally approved and Council is being asked to ratify the agreement. We are working with procurement staff and we will be bringing back a policy.

Mr. Baddourah returned to the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Plough and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve an Agreement for Flood Plain Studies and Maps, as requested by Utilities and Engineering. Award to Pace Engineering Consultants in the amount of \$86,500.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC.

5. Council is asked to approve [Project SS7380; Emergency Repairs to 30” Sewer Force Main near Independence Avenue and Stoop Creek](#), as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to McClam & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$116,869.90. This firm is located in Little Mountain, SC. *Funding Source: The city will provide funding upfront for this project from account 5516206-638400 – **Note:** It is anticipated that a minimum of 75% (\$87,652.43) of the contract will be reimbursed from FEMA and the remaining amount of \$29,217.47 will come from the water/sewer reserve fund. This is a Clean Water 2020 Program Project and the estimate original budgeted amount is \$116,869.90. - Approved*

Councilor Plough requested the current balance in the water and sewer reserve fund.

Ms. Melissa Gentry, P.E., Assistant City Manager for Operations said the reference is to the \$10 million that we acknowledged would be set aside for water and sewer related flood recovery items.

Ms. Melisa Caughman, Budget and Program Management Director noted that the \$10 million is not from our CIP; it came from water and sewer cash.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said our FEMA reimbursements will continue and we are playing a balancing act until the reimbursements are received.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Plough and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve Project SS7380; Emergency Repairs to 30” Sewer Force Main near Independence Avenue and Stoop Creek, as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to McClam & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$116,869.90. This firm is located in Little Mountain, SC.

6. Council is asked to approve [Contract Amendment #1 for Project SS695401](#); Construction Administration and Inspection Services for Crane Creek, as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to Michael Baker International in the amount of \$631,913.00. This firm has headquarters in Coraopolis, PA and a local office in Columbia, SC. *Funding & Supplemental Source: 529999-SS695401-638400 – **Note:** This is a Mentor Protégé Program Project and a Clean Water 2020 Program Project. It is anticipated that a minimum of 75% (\$473,934.75) of this contract amendment will be reimbursed from FEMA and the remaining amount of \$157,978.25 will come from the water/sewer reserve fund. Case Consulting of West Columbia is the Protégé and will provide construction administration support, site visits, field observation and monitoring documents control at \$18,000.00 (4.88%) of the contract value. The original budgeted amount is \$741,631.23 and the revised contract amount is \$1,373,550.23. The following sub-consultants will receive \$225,750.00 (16.43%) of the contract amendment value: - Approved*

Sub-consultants	Locations	Services	Contract %	Amount
Hazen & Sawyer	Columbia, SC	Engineering Support, technical specification, opinion of cost, develop front-end bidding, requirements, bidding assistance	10.92%	\$150,000.00
Steadman & Associates	Columbia, SC	Surveying	1.87%	\$25,750.00
Cox & Dinkins	Columbia, SC	Surveying	3.64%	\$50,000.00

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

7. [Ordinance No.: 2016-012](#) – Granting an encroachment to the University of South Carolina for the use of the right of way areas of the 600 and 700 blocks of Lincoln Street for installation and maintenance of high density polyethylene (HDPE) conduit for the West Campus Dorms adjacent to Richland County TMS #08915-09-01 and 08915-10-01 – *First reading approval was given on March 15, 2015. – Approved on second reading.*
8. [Ordinance No.: 2016-018](#) – Granting a Franchise to Lucky Hot Dog Cart with Hot Fire Kitchen for operation of a stationary sidewalk vending cart in the mid-block pad near 1423 Main Street – *First reading approval was given on March 15, 2016. – Approved on second reading.*

ZONING MAP AMENDMENT – SECOND READING

9. [201 Club Ridge Road, 201 Club Ridge Road Parcels A, \(0.41 acres\) SW/S Club Ridge Road and B, \(0.28 acres\) SW/S Club Ridge Road](#), TMS# 28900-01-15 (p); request to confirm zoning of PUD-R (Planned Unit Development-Residential). Property was annexed on February 2, 2016. – *First reading approval was given on March 15, 2016.* – *Approved on second reading.*

Proposal: Confirm PUD-R zoning for recently annexed property
Applicant: HVP3 DEVELOPMENT, LLC, and NEWSTYLE CLUBRIDGE, LLC.
PC Recommendation: Approve (7-0), 01/04/16
Staff Recommendation: Approve confirmation of PUD-R zoning for recently annexed property

[Ordinance No.: 2016-010](#) – Amending the City of Columbia Comprehensive Plan 2018 Future Land Use Map to include 201 Club Ridge Road, Parcel A (0.41 acres) SW/S Club Ridge Road and Parcel B (0.28 acres) SW/S Club Ridge Road, Richland County TMS# 28900-01-15 (p) by Ordinance No.: 2016-004 enacted February 2, 2016 – *First reading approval was given on March 15, 2016.* – *Approved on second reading.*

10. [The Crossing at Woodcreek, Phases One and Two: 201, 202, 215, 216, 223, 224, 231, 234, 241, 242, 249, 250, 255, 269, 277, 291, 297, 309, 320, 328, 335, 338, 345, 346, 353, 354, 361, 362, 369, 370, 379, 380, 387, 388, 395, 396, 403, 404, 411, 412, 421, 422, 427, 434, 435, 443, 444, 451, 463, 479, 480, 486, 492, 497, 498, 506, 507, 514, 517, 524, 525, 532, 537, 540, 547 Palm Sedge Loop, Rabbit Foot Bend, and Palm Sedge Loop](#); TMS# 28910-04-01, -02, -03, -04, -05, -06, -07, -08, -09, -10, -11, -12, -13, -14, -15, -16, -17; 28910-05-01, -02, -03, -04, -05, -06, -07, -08, -09, -10, -11, -12, -13, -14, -15, -16, -17, -18, -19, -20, -21, -22, -23, -24, -25, -26, -27, -28; 28911-04-02; 28911-05-01, -02, -03, -04, -05, -06; 28911-06-01, -02, -03, -04, -05, -06, -07, -08, -09, -10; 28911-07-01, -02, -03, -04, -05, -06, and -07; request to confirm zoning of PUD-R (Planned Unit Development-Residential). Property was annexed on February 2, 2016 – *First reading approval was given on March 15, 2016.* – *Approved on second reading.*

Proposal: Confirm PUD-R zoning for recently annexed property
Applicant: PRIME DEVELOPMENT, LLC, ET AL
PC Recommendation: Approve (7-0), 01/04/16
Staff Recommendation: Approve confirmation of PUD-R zoning for recently annexed property

[Ordinance No.: 2016-011](#) – Amending the City of Columbia Comprehensive Plan 2018 Future Land Use Map to include The Crossing at Woodcreek, Phases One and Two, Richland County TMS# 28910-04-01, 28910-04-02, 28910-04-03, 28910-04-04, 28910-04-05, 28910-04-06, 28910-04-07, 28910-04-08, 28910-04-09, 28910-04-10, 28910-04-11, 28910-04-12, 28910-04-13, 28910-04-14, 28910-04-15, 28910-04-16, 28910-04-17, 28910-05-01, 28910-05-02, 28910-05-03, 28910-05-04, 28910-05-05, 28910-05-06, 28910-05-07, 28910-05-08, 28910-05-09, 28910-05-10, 28910-05-11, 28910-05-12, 28910-05-13, 28910-05-14, 28910-05-15, 28910-05-16, 28910-05-17, 28910-05-18, 28910-05-19, 28910-05-20, 28910-05-21, 28910-05-22, 28910-05-23, 28910-05-24, 28910-05-25, 28910-05-26, 28910-05-27, 28910-05-28, 28911-04-02, 28911-05-01, 28911-05-02, 28911-05-03, 28911-05-04, 28911-05-05, 28911-05-06, 28911-06-01, 28911-06-02, 28911-06-03, 28911-06-04, 28911-06-05, 28911-06-06, 28911-06-07, 28911-06-08, 28911-06-09, 28911-06-10, 28911-07-01, 28911-07-02, 28911-07-03, 28911-07-04, 28911-07-05, 28911-07-06, and 28911-07-07 by Ordinance No.: 2016-005 enacted February 2, 2016 – *First reading approval was given on March 15, 2016.* – *Approved on second reading.*

ANNEXATION, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP AMENDMENT & ZONING MAP AMENDMENT – SECOND READING

11. [3603 Broad River Road](#), TMS#06110-04-05; request to annex, assign land use classification AC-2 (Community Activity Corridor), and zone the property C-3 (General Commercial District). The property is currently classified as Mixed Use Corridor/Mixed Residential (High Density) and zoned GC (General Commercial) in Richland County. – *First reading approval was given on March 15, 2016.* – *Approved on second reading.*

Council District:	1
Proposal:	Annex, assign land use classification AC-2 and zone property C-3
Applicant:	Twister 5318, LLC 8343 Douglas Avenue, Suite 200 Dallas, TX 75225
PC Recommendation:	Approve (6-0); 02/01/16
Staff Recommendation:	Annex, assign AC-2 Land Use Classification and C-3 Zoning

[Ordinance No.: 2016-015](#) –Annexing and Incorporating 3603 Broad River Road, Richland County TMS #06110-04-05 into the Plan Columbia Land Use Plan Putting the Pieces Together adopted by Ordinance No.: 2015-014 on February 17, 2015 – *First reading approval was given on March 15, 2016.* – *Approved on second reading.*

12. [3805 Barwick Street](#), TMS#13805-03-34; request to annex, assign land use classification UCR-1 (Urban Core Residential Small Lot), and zone the property RS-3 (Single-Family Residential District). The property is currently classified as Mixed Use Corridor/Mixed Residential (High Density) and zoned RS-HD (Residential-High Density) in Richland County. – *First reading approval was given on March 15, 2016. – Approved on second reading.*

Council District: 3
Proposal: Annex, assign land use classification UCR-1 and zone property RS-3
Applicant: Myrna Fehl, PO Box 2516, Columbia, SC 29202
PC Recommendation: Approve (6-0); 02/01/16
Staff Recommendation: Annex, assign UCR-1 Land Use Classification and RS-3 Zoning

[Ordinance No.: 2016-014](#) – Annexing and Incorporating 3805 Barwick Street, Richland County TMS #13805-03-34 into the Plan Columbia Land Use Plan Putting the Pieces Together adopted by Ordinance No. : 2015-014 on February 17, 2015 – *First reading approval was given on March 15, 2016. – Approved on second reading.*

ZONING MAP AMENDMENT – SECOND READING

13. [7609 Garners Ferry Road](#), TMS#16315-03-03; request to rezone from C-2 (Neighborhood Commercial) to C-3 (General Commercial). – *First reading approval was given on March 15, 2016. – Approved on second reading.*

Council District: 2
Proposal: Rezone parcel from C-2 to C-3
Applicant: Jian Han, H&BJ Holdings, LLC
PC Recommendation: Approve (7-0), 01/04/16
Staff Recommendation: Approve

EVENT RESOLUTIONS

14. [Resolution No.: R-2016-025](#) – Amending Resolution No.: R-2015-015 Authorizing tastings only of locally produced wine and beer only provided by market vendors and operation of Soda City, an open-air market featuring farmers and food from January, 2016 to December, 2018 within the 1500 block of Main Street excluding Boyd Plaza and the sidewalk areas - *Approved*
15. [Resolution No.: R-2016-016](#) – Authorizing consumption of beer and wine beverages only at the Jam Room Music Festival in the 1400 block of Main Street, the eastern half of the 1100 block of Hampton Street adjacent to Boyd Plaza on November 12, 2016 - *Approved*

16. [Resolution No.: R-2016-021](#) – Authorizing consumption of beer and wine beverages only at the Main Street Latin Festival in the 1300 and 1400 blocks of Main Street, the western half of the 1200 block of Lady Street, the eastern half of the 1100 block of Lady Street and the western half of the 1100 block of Washington Street on August 27, 2016 with a rain date contingency of Sunday, September 4, 2016 - *Approved*
17. [Resolution No.: R-2016-022](#) – Authorizing consumption of beer and wine beverages only at the SC Pride Festival 2016 on Main Street on September 2, 2016 - *Approved*
18. [Resolution No.: R-2016-026](#) – Authorizing consumption of beer and wine beverages only at the Dinner on Main Street on May 22, 2016 - *Approved*

ORDINANCE – SECOND READING

19. [Ordinance No.: 2016-019](#) – Authorizing the issuance and sale by the City of Columbia, South Carolina, of its not exceeding \$11,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, in one or more series, or one or more bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation thereof, for the purpose of funding various capital projects; fixing the form and details of the bonds or notes; authorizing the Mayor, the City Manager and the Assistant City Manager for Finance and Economic Services, or any two of them acting together, to determine certain matters relating to the bonds or notes; providing for the payment of the bonds or notes and the disposition of the proceeds thereof; and other matters relating thereto – *First reading approval was given on March 15, 2016. – Approved on second reading as amended by a vote of five (5) to two (2). Please refer to page 23.*

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager asked Council to consider additional language for the ordinance.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Plough and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to add the following additional language to *Section 22* of Ordinance 2016-019: *The Council previously adopted Resolution No. 2015-077, on August 18, 2015 (the “Reimbursement Resolution”), to declare the City’s official intent to reimburse itself for certain expenditures related to the Bull Street Project for federal tax purposes, from the proceeds of tax-exempt debt issued by or on behalf of the City (defined in the Reimbursement Resolution as the “Bonds”). The Council hereby amends the definition of “Bonds” in Section 1 of the Reimbursement Resolution to delete the text “, including but not limited to installment purchase revenue bonds” therefrom and as the term may be used throughout the Reimbursement Resolution.*

Mayor Benjamin asked Ms. Plough if the intent is not to fund the demolition.

Councilor Plough explained that when Council passed the ordinance on March 15, 2016, Council did not include allocation of GO debt for the demolition specifically. That has been added, but it’s important to note that we have made a commitment to help with the Gonzales Gardens project. She offered support through another instrument.

Ms. Plough moved to provide support for the Gonzales Gardens Project through either a \$1 million financial help from the state housing finance agency or \$1 million in water and sewer funds to assist with onsite water and sewer improvements. Mr. Duvall seconded the motion.

Councilor Devine said including the demolition language in the ordinance doesn't mean that we have to use the bond proceeds for that, but it allows us to do so if we see fit; having the flexibility is prudent. She said the options put forth by Ms. Plough are not guaranteed. She fully anticipates a subsequent request to help with water and sewer improvements on the site.

Mayor Benjamin said he won't support this. He stated that Gonzales Gardens is the second oldest public housing project in the country; people are suffering through dilapidated buildings, asbestos and mold. The Columbia Housing Authority is working to relocate people into higher quality housing. This project will require the same commitment as other projects that were done. We have to make a commitment not only to help with the demolition, but we need to anticipate a separate request to help with infrastructure funding. I want to retain the ability to use bond financing.

Councilor Duvall said Council just passed a motion to disallow the Finance Department from using any Installment Purchase Revenue Bonds and that will save the City of Columbia millions of dollars over the thirty year cost of paying for the infrastructure for the Bull Street Commons Development. I do not want to use the General Fund borrowing capacity to pay for the demolition of Gonzales Garden; we can find other sources for that. I am committed to making sure that Gonzales Gardens is demolished and that a new development blooms on Forest Drive at Taylor Street.

Councilor Devine recalled that this is a time sensitive request. We are not doing the transfer, we supported an increase in public safety funding, and we are implementing the compensation and classification study; we have a lot to do with our cash in the General Fund and we are limited.

Mayor Benjamin asked bond counsel if this gives us the latitude to use these funds for the demolition if other funds are not identified.

Mr. Michael Seezen, Esq., Shareholder / McNair Law Firm said the ordinance allows for a non-exceeding amount of bonds to be issued for any of the projects described in schedule one; it does not require all of the bonds to be issued; it doesn't require only one series to be issued; and it doesn't require bonds to be issued for all of the projects listed.

Mayor Benjamin asked if Council can make a commitment to identifying other funding.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said we are looking at state funds and any other available resources.

Mr. Michael Seezen, Esq., Shareholder / McNair Law Firm explained that there is a 60-day waiting period after the adoption of the ordinance before we allow for the issuance of bonds. An amendment would require two readings and the sixty days would start after that.

Councilor Plaugh asked that they clarify the language to say “*projects that might be funded*”. She asked when the projects would come back for Council approval.

Mr. Michael Seezen, Esq., Shareholder / McNair Law Firm said the ordinance delegates the authority to the City Manager, Mayor and the Assistant City Manager for Finance/Chief Financial Officer.

Councilor Plaugh amended the motion as follows: Throughout this ordinance, both Bull Street and the demolition work associated with public housing known as Gonzales Gardens may be funded and before the bonds are issued this Council may take up whether we want to allocate any of the \$11 million.

Mr. Michael Seezen, Esq., Shareholder / McNair Law Firm said he thinks that will be fine.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager sought clarification on staff’s authority to issue the bonds without coming back to City Council, even with the modification.

Mr. Michael Seezen, Esq., Shareholder / McNair Law Firm said the motion allows for Council to issue bonds for one, the other or both projects.

Councilor Plaugh asked that the projects come back before Council to determine if they want to alter the scope of the ordinance.

Mayor Benjamin said that Ms. Plaugh doesn’t want to fund the demolition project.

Councilor Plaugh agreed.

Councilor Devine asked Ms. Plaugh to state in her motion that she doesn’t want to fund the demolition of Gonzales Gardens; let’s discuss and vote on that.

Councilor Plaugh said I am hopeful that we will get \$1 million from the state housing financing agency to be able to deal with this commitment. I don’t believe that we have an obligation to fund the Housing Authority’s redevelopment beyond the initial \$1 million.

Mayor Benjamin asked if there is a pending request with State Housing.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said yes, we applied and we are looking at all relevant sources. Due to time constraints, the recommendation is that you include the language to give you the ability to fund that project in the event that we don’t find another source of funding.

Mayor Benjamin said this project is important. Providing for workforce housing and affordable housing is important. This is an opportunity for us to get ahead of the incredible challenges that other cities are facing.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager sought clarification on the need to vote on this today when she is being asked to bring this back for Council's consideration prior to issuing bonds. She said you are making sure we don't move forward. If we receive the funding, we wouldn't issue the bonds.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted four (4) to three (3) to table Ms. Plaugh's motion. Voting aye were Mr. McDowell, Ms. Devine, Mr. Davis and Mayor Benjamin. Voting nay were Mr. Duvall, Mr. Baddourah and Ms. Plaugh.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted four (4) to three (3) to give second reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2016-019 – Authorizing the issuance and sale by the City of Columbia, South Carolina, of its not exceeding \$11,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, in one or more series, or one or more bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation thereof, for the purpose of funding various capital projects; fixing the form and details of the bonds or notes; authorizing the Mayor, the City Manager and the Assistant City Manager for Finance and Economic Services, or any two of them acting together, to determine certain matters relating to the bonds or notes; providing for the payment of the bonds or notes and the disposition of the proceeds thereof; and other matters relating thereto, with the following amendment to Section 22: *The Council previously adopted Resolution No. 2015-077, on August 18, 2015 (the "Reimbursement Resolution"), to declare the City's official intent to reimburse itself for certain expenditures related to the Bull Street Project for federal tax purposes, from the proceeds of tax-exempt debt issued by or on behalf of the City (defined in the Reimbursement Resolution as the "Bonds"). The Council hereby amends the definition of "Bonds" in Section 1 of the Reimbursement Resolution to delete the text ", including but not limited to installment purchase revenue bonds" therefrom and as the term may be used throughout the Reimbursement Resolution.* Voting aye were Mr. Duvall, Ms. Devine, Mr. Davis and Mayor Benjamin. Voting nay were Mr. McDowell, Mr. Baddourah and Ms. Plaugh.

PRESENTATIONS

20. [Equal Pay Day Proclamation](#) – The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin

Mayor Benjamin and the members of Council proclaimed Tuesday, April 12, 2016 as Equal Pay Day in the City of Columbia.

Ms. Becky Bailey, American Association of University Women said Equal Pay Day is a day when the wages paid to American women catches up with the wages paid to men from the previous year. Yet, catching up in the workplace has been an elusive quest for women in America. She reported that in 2015, women working full-time in South Carolina earned an average of 80¢ on the dollar to their male counterparts. If trends continue, women in South Carolina won't see equal pay until 2094. The American Association of University Women applauds the Mayor and members of City Council for standing with us in solidarity as we continue to strive for equal pay for equal work.

21. [National Public Safety Telecommunicators' Week Proclamation](#) – Ms. Kimberly Gathers, Columbia-Richland 911 Communications Center Director

Mayor Benjamin and the members of City Council proclaimed April 10-16, 2016 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators' Week.

Ms. Kimberly Gathers, Columbia-Richland 911 Communications Center Director announced that the Columbia–Richland 911 Communications Center was recently reaccredited by the Commission of Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies.

22. [Introduction of NxLevel and Fast Trac Program Graduates](#) – Mr. Angelo McBride, Office of Business Opportunities Administrator

Mr. Angelo McBride, Office of Business Opportunities Administrator introduced the NxLevel Program Graduates.

Ms. Angela Geiger, MBA, DTM, Chief Executive Officer of mental Synergy, LLC said it takes a village to raise an entrepreneur. She thanked the City of Columbia and the Office of Business Opportunities for ensuring that all entrepreneurs are successful. With the help of the NxLevel Program the foundation has been established for all entrepreneurs.

The following NxLevel Program Graduates were introduced:

Marla Mitchell, EduCare Unlimited, LLC
Tina Torres, She Did That Community Development Group
Heather Brandenburg, HaB Yoga
Erika Moore, At Your Service
Jamil Clark, Integrity Property Inspections, LLC
Anthony Ned, The Rooster Booster, LLC

Mr. Angelo McBride, Office of Business Opportunities Administrator introduced the Fast Trac Growth Venture Program Graduates.

Mr. John Gethers, ASKTech, LLC said they took the task of owning a business with their eyes wide open, but it has been one of the most challenging experiences for each of them. We were in need of a road map with tangible solutions. He said the program is magnificent and the course was engaging. He said as graduates they wanted to thank the Office of Business Opportunities, Midlands Technical College and City Council.

The following Fast Trac Growth Venture Program Graduates were introduced:

Shandelle Simmons, B3 Photography
Phyllis Coleman, Human Capital Logistics, LLC
Jamar Washington, J Haleem, LLC

23. [Recycling Update](#) – Ms. Samantha Yager, Recycling Coordinator – *This presentation was deferred.*
24. [Transitions Update](#) – Mr. Craig Currey, Chief Executive Officer of Transitions

Mr. Craig Currey, Chief Executive Officer of Transitions reported that Transitions moved 1,142 clients into permanent housing since June 15, 2011 and 2,613 clients walked into Transitions in 2015. He noted that it costs \$22 per day/night for a client to be at Transitions. He reported that Homeless Court has been running for over a year and he expressed thanks to Judge Dana Turner, Assistant Solicitor Daniel Coble and Public Defender Dino Pounaras for running Homeless Court. He said it was a great step and Charleston along with other areas want to model Columbia's Homeless Court. He noted that 94.7% of Transition's clients are from South Carolina; 5.3% are from out of state, 8% are veterans; 32% have mental health issues; and 23% have substance abuse issues. He provided a cost comparison for the detention center, emergency room and the hospital, with Transitions being the cheapest. A recent study showed that \$3 million is saved annually by clients utilizing the Transitions clinic that is operated by Eau Claire Cooperative Health Center. He expressed gratitude for the City's support. He announced that Transitions went through an extensive strategic planning session. An assessment led by the United Way showed that Transitions needed to shorten the client stay, improve client nutrition, increase staff professionalism and develop alternatives to transitional housing funding. He outlined the strategic planning goals. He reported that the numbers for the Inclement Weather Center were lower this year. He credited the 66% reduction in Veteran clients to the Zero: 2016 initiative. He noted that there is a very transient population at the Inclement Weather Center.

Councilor Devine asked if the shelter being open for fewer days this year had an impact on the numbers.

Mr. Craig Currey, Chief Executive Officer of Transitions said it impacted some of the areas and some of the key indicators did drop. He continued to report that the core group and the cold group decreased. He commended the Police Department for making 234 client drop-offs at the Inclement Weather Center. In closing, he announced that in 2015 Transitions placed twelve clients in permanent housing.

PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE – FIRST READING

25. [Ordinance No.: 2015-099](#) – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 5, Buildings and Building Regulations, Article VIII, Absentee Landlord Regulation Program - *Approved on first reading.*

Councilor Davis thanked the members of the committee and the subcommittee along with residents that provided input. This ordinance is a fair effort to bring about understanding throughout the City of Columbia.

Mr. Baddourah moved to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2015-099 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 5, Buildings and Building Regulations, Article VIII, Absentee Landlord Regulation Program. Mr. Davis seconded the motion.

Mr. Mike Hemlepp, Esq., Senior Assistant City Attorney / Police Advisor explained that a year ago Chief Holbrook expressed an interest in looking at the neighborhood problems that we have in Columbia. We had to construct an ordinance that was broad and flexible enough to address the diverse problems. He said the ordinance is designed to be an enforcement tool. He said while drafting the ordinance, they met with neighborhood associations, landlords, contractors, realtors, residential property managers, the University of South Carolina, South Carolina Appleseed and South Carolina Legal Services.

Ms. Ashley Thomas, Staff Attorney for South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center said they were concerned about unintended consequences for domestic violence victims and that has been addressed. She said there isn't a defense in the ordinance for tenants who are subjected to an eviction due to landlord violations. The tenants will receive a notice when there is a violation, but the concern still remains. She said this ordinance can do a lot of good for the City.

Council opened the Public Hearing at 7:51 p.m.

Ms. Katie Bolden asked if the fee is for everyone.

Mr. Mike Hemlepp, Esq., Senior Assistant City Attorney / Police Advisor said it is a \$25 permit for each residential unit. He explained that if you have more than four units you are currently required to have a business license and you wouldn't have to pay the permit fee.

Ms. Katie Bolden said most people haven't heard of this. She said we haven't gotten over the flood. She asked what will be done with the permit funds. She wants to see the City Manager's proposal in writing. She urged Council to work with her to bring communities together.

Ms. Cheryl Myrick said she doesn't oppose the entire plan, but she is concerned about the fees. She proposed that the fees come out of the high taxes she already pays. She suggested that this be an effort with the County as well.

Ms. Patricia Moorer said she received the information this week and many landlords do not know about this. She asked why Council isn't dealing with the people they are having problems with. She said we are already paying a high tax rate. She doesn't understand why someone would have to live within a 45 mile radius of the property. She said the ordinance is vague.

Mr. Andrew Lucas said he isn't against the whole ordinance. He expressed concerns about evictions that may not be caused by the tenant. He also expressed concerns about parking and how to address those issues on someone else's property. He said landlords are providing a service for tenants wanting to live in Columbia and to soldiers that are temporarily stationed here. He urged Council to look at how to keep tenants here and to make the ordinance fairer.

Mr. Todd Cole said they have a boarding house in Elmwood Park and there are problems with the landlord and the tenants. He said the current tenant is very hostile and difficult to live with; there have been multiple altercations and threats. He said the property was grandfathered in and it is time to revisit the situation.

Ms. Jennifer Gardner asked why the compliant landlords have to pay a fee to get police to do their jobs. She asked if this is a regulatory taking. She requested the definition of a multi-use structure. She asked if a developer is going to pay the fee also.

Mayor Benjamin requested that Ms. Gardner meet with staff to discuss these additional issues prior to second reading consideration.

Ms. Gareth Fenley said she supports this ordinance along with ordinance 2015-101 that has already been enacted. She commended everyone who worked on these ordinances. She asked City Council to make a specific commitment to fund the Police Department with the needed money to develop the procedures and documents to ensure that this ordinance is enforced with fairness, transparency, accountability and respect for the people in Columbia.

Mr. Tom Gottshall, President of the University Hill Neighborhood Association reported that the neighborhood council voted in favor of this. He said we are a member of the Five Points Coalition of Neighborhoods and these problems are common. We have a problem with livability and the willful uncaring of some landlords is frustrating.

Mr. Gerald Hameed Muhammad, Member of the Association of Black Vista Community Development Corporation said we have serious issues with the baseball field to include inadequate access, lack of seating, no restrooms and no lighting. He urged Council to visit the site.

Mayor Benjamin said the park was abandoned years ago. He said we will get that done; it is important and we will make it happen.

Brother Karim Abdul Rahim Akil, Member of the Association of Black Vista Community Development Corporation read a statement to City Council regarding the lack of resources in his community. [*Please click here to read Mr. Akil's comments.*](#)

Mayor Benjamin asked Mr. Randy Davis, Interim Director of the Parks and Recreation Department to speak with Mr. Akil.

Ms. Vi Hendley, Olympia Community Resident reported that more than 80% of the homes in Olympia are owned by absentee landlords. She presented a video clip of a rental property where property owners and renters have gone rogue. She said the problems have persisted for twenty years. The average house yields \$1,800 to \$2,000 per month in rent and cars flood the streets. She insisted that this ordinance is a good start.

Ms. Kit Smith said she was asked to speak on behalf of Mr. Durham Carter. She said they started with eight neighborhoods in the Coalition of Five Points Neighborhoods to address this problem and the group rapidly expanded to twenty neighborhoods. She said we will work closely with your staff to monitor this. We do not want eviction rates to increase. We tried to get the word out and we made appearances at five neighborhood meetings after attending a meeting of the Columbia Council of Neighborhoods. She encouraged Council to vote yes tonight.

Ms. Mara Fleming said she doesn't have an opinion on the landlord ordinance. She said it is very rude and disrespectful of Council to look at Jennifer Gardner as if she is rude, ignorant or as if she is a nuisance. She urged Council to be respectful of the citizens that appear.

Mr. Grant Sullivan, University Hill resident said he and his wife moved to Columbia from Lexington. He said we don't want to discourage people from living in the community and this is a great step in the right direction. He said college students need to understand that they are part of a community and they have to be responsible.

Dr. John Stucker asked everyone in support of the ordinance to stand and many citizens in the audience stood in support of the ordinance.

Ms. Ellen Cooper, Downtown Coalition of Neighborhoods said Council needs to recognize the number of neighborhoods that are represented. She has nothing against renters. She noted that the renters in her neighborhood are not students, but this ordinance will help solve the problems in her neighborhood.

Mr. Alfred Davis, Shandon Neighborhood resident said their neighborhood has gone to the dogs, especially in the 2200-2400 blocks of Lee Street where you will find garbage piled up on the street. He said you have to get on the landlords so that they can get on the tenants.

Mr. Kyle San said he was in opposition to the ordinance until he heard all of the concerns. He now sees why the ordinance was proposed and the benefit of it. He believes that the ordinance will have unintended consequences for tenants dealing with experienced landlords. He said his company focuses on working with tenants, but this ordinance will hold his feet to the fire and may result in evictions.

Ms. Gayle Baker, Hyatt Park Keenan Terrace Neighborhood resident said she supports the ordinance; it is a good balance for tenants, landlords and neighbors. She said there should be accountability to the people you rent to and the type of housing you rent.

Ms. Diane Wiley, Belvedere Neighborhood President said she wasn't aware of this ordinance and her community has 255 rental homes. She said the landlords aren't causing the problems. She asked Council to get Best Way Hotel on Two Notch Road out of Columbia; it is ruining the neighborhood and prostitution is a problem all day long.

Mr. Thomas Carter said he relocated from Colorado Springs, Colorado and there are a lot of students that do things that are uncalled for and they are disrespectful. This ordinance will hold the landlords accountable.

Council adjourned the public hearing at 8:46 p.m.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2015-099 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 5, Buildings and Building Regulations, Article VIII, Absentee Landlord Regulation Program.

Mayor Benjamin asked David Hatcher and Michael Hemlepp, Esq. to vet all questions from citizens and property owners and to bring forth any meritorious amendments for consideration.

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

26. [Ordinance No.: 2016-020](#) – Annexing and Incorporating W/S National Guard Road, Richland County TMS #11100-01-15; E/S Congaree River, Richland County TMS #11100-01-05 and 11100-01-06; and S/S South Stadium Road and SE/S Vine Street, Richland County TMS #11201-02-10 into the Plan Columbia Land Use Plan Putting the Pieces Together adopted by Ordinance No.: 2015-014 on February 17, 2015 – *Approved on first reading.*

Councilor Plough thanked staff for clarifying that the significant costs for police services will be incurred by the University of South Carolina and not the Columbia Police Department.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Ms. Plough, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2016-020 – Annexing and Incorporating W/S National Guard Road, Richland County TMS #11100-01-15; E/S Congaree River, Richland County TMS #11100-01-05 and 11100-01-06; and S/S South Stadium Road and SE/S Vine Street, Richland County TMS #11201-02-10 into the Plan Columbia Land Use Plan Putting the Pieces Together adopted by Ordinance No.: 2015-014 on February 17, 2015.

27. [Ordinance No.: 2016-022](#) – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Land Development and Zoning, Article V, Historic Preservation and Architectural Review, Division 4, Landmarks, Sec. 17-691 Buildings and sites list, (d), to add 1634 Main Street, TMS #09014-04-19 – *This item was withdrawn from the agenda.*

RESOLUTIONS

28. [Resolution No.: R-2016-027](#) – Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Columbia and Richland County relating to the Widening and Improvement of North Main Street Between Anthony Avenue and Fuller Avenue - *Consideration of this item was deferred.*

Councilor Davis stated that people are here to speak to the issue of the present design that doesn't allow egress and ingress between Sunset and the Auto Zone Store. He asked that the item be held.

Mr. Marty White, Hyatt Park Keenan Terrace Neighborhood resident said as a semi-retired home designer and builder he has helped the community understand development around the community. He said the Keenan Terrace Hyatt Park Neighborhood has one artery road that connects to Main Street and that's Avondale Drive. There are two main arteries off of Sunset Drive. All three of these roadways experience heavy traffic, especially during rush hour. We expect that this will increase during construction. He said the design contains a raised median on Main Street between Sunset and Miller Avenue ending north of the intersection of Main Street at Avondale, which will prohibit drivers from turning left onto Avondale from the northbound lanes on Main Street. He said this will inconvenience residents and it will create more traffic on other streets.

Ms. Cheryl Myrick asked Council to listen to their concerns, because SCDOT didn't listen to the residents during a community meeting held at the Earlewood Community Center. She travels North Main and Avondale daily. She urged Council to take their concerns into consideration.

Councilor Davis asked Council to hold the matter until conversations can be held with staff and SCDOT. He said we only have one shot and it's not fair that their concerns have not been addressed.

Ms. Gareth Fenley said she lives one block away from this area and she agrees with Mr. Davis.

Ms. Katie Bolden said she is working with the owner of a building at 3508 North Main who is negotiating the purchase of a parking lot. She asked if DOT is repaving businesses.

Mayor Benjamin explained that the long-term vision is to street scape North Main Street from Elmwood to I-20 and there have been a number of funding sources to help revitalize North Columbia; this process has been going on for quite some time. He cautioned everyone against running afoul against timelines and guidelines for the different sources of funds.

29. [Resolution No.: R-2016-029](#) – A Resolution Requesting that the South Carolina General Assembly and Governor Haley Provide Funding in the 2016-2017 State Budget for Local Governments to pay for Actual Damages and Associated Costs Resulting from the October 4, 2015 Flood and to Pay for Costs Associated with Mitigation Measures to Lessen the Impact of Future Flood Events - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Mayor Benjamin, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2016-029 – A Resolution Requesting that the South Carolina General Assembly and Governor Haley Provide Funding in the 2016-2017 State Budget for Local Governments to pay for Actual Damages and Associated Costs Resulting from the October 4, 2015 Flood and to Pay for Costs Associated with Mitigation Measures to Lessen the Impact of Future Flood Events.

30. [Resolution No.: R-2016-030](#) – A Resolution Requesting that the South Carolina General Assembly and Governor Haley Pass into Law Measures that will Enhance Dam Safety in South Carolina - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Ms. Plough, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2016-030 – A Resolution Requesting that the South Carolina General Assembly and Governor Haley Pass into Law Measures that will Enhance Dam Safety in South Carolina.

OTHER MATTERS

31. Council is asked to approve a [Certificate of Convenience and Necessity](#), as requested by the Business License Division. Award to Mr. Billy W. Lane doing business as Memory Lane Limousine Service located at 1900 North Main Street, Sumter, SC 29153. – *Note: The applicant is planning to place one (1) limousine into service and will add additional limousines at a later date.* - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Mayor Benjamin, Council voted unanimously to approve a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity, as requested by the Business License Division. Award to Mr. Billy W. Lane doing business as Memory Lane Limousine Service located at 1900 North Main Street, Sumter, SC 29153.

32. [Neighborhood Street Lighting Requests](#) - *Approved*

Councilor Plough moved to approve the request with the understanding that the subsidy we are receiving for the Bull Street lighting is received in perpetuity. She explained that there is a substantial reduction in the cost for us to lease the lights, because the developer has agreed to a subsidy.

Ms. Melissa Gentry, P.E., Assistant City Manager for Operations explained that the developer is buying down the cost of the decorative lights and we are paying a lease amount per light. The developer pays a one-time cost to buy the lights and the agreement states that the same opportunity will exist for additional lights for the property.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Plough and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to approve the following Neighborhood Street Lighting Requests, with the understanding that the subsidy we are receiving for the Bull Street Commons lighting is received in perpetuity.

Neighborhoods Listed by Priority	Existing Lights	Requested Lights	Current Lease Cost / Annually	Project Request Total	Total Year to Date
Pinecrest	2	1	237.84	\$118.92	\$2,140.56
Bull Street Commons	0	72	\$0.00	\$5,889.63	\$8,030.19

APPOINTMENTS

33. [Board of Zoning Appeals](#)

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Ms. Plaugh, Council voted unanimously to approve the reappointment of Mr. Reggie McKnight for a second term to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

34. [Hospitality Tax Advisory Committee](#)

Upon a motion made by Ms. Plaugh and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve the reappointment of Mr. Terrence Garrick, Mr. Orlando Patterson, Ms. Rosie Craig and Mr. Jessie Bullard, IV to a second term; the appointment of Mr. Chris Davis and Drew Hampton as restaurateurs; and the appointment of Mr. Scott Smith as an at-large representative to the Hospitality Tax Advisory Committee.

35. [River Alliance](#)

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Ms. Plaugh, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of The Honorable Howard Duvall to the River Alliance.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS/REFERRALS

36. Council is asked to refer a demonstration of the [mySidewalk](#) platform to the Economic and Community Development Committee, as requested by The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to refer a demonstration of the mySidewalk platform to the Economic and Community Development Committee.

Councilor Devine said this would be more appropriate for the Technology Committee if we move forward with the formation of that committee.

Councilor Baddourah moved to direct the City Manager to hire an outside audit firm to inspect all hospitality tax applications and expenditures of hospitality recipients to make sure we are within the law.

Mayor Benjamin asked Mr. Baddourah if we are talking about agreed upon procedures or are we asking for each group to be audited. He said we must determine the cost and the source of funds. The cost and the burden on these organizations will be significant.

Councilor Duvall said we are talking about getting a qualified person to look at the expenses of the agencies that have received hospitality tax for last year and this year; this won't be expensive.

Mayor Benjamin said you saw the level of angst and concern from groups that were before us today and we know what Libby already does.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to move the discussion of hospitality tax funding out of Executive Session.

Councilor Plaugh said we are talking about a compliance review of the records that are in house.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said the Council has talked many times about the role of an internal auditor. That is a position that the City needs to consider. The contingency funds are there if this is something you want to pursue.

Councilor Plaugh moved to amend the motion by substituting a compliance review for the audit.

Councilor Baddourah accepted the amendment for an external compliance review.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted six (6) to one (1) to hire an audit firm to conduct an external compliance review of hospitality tax fund recipients. Voting aye were Mr. McDowell, Mr. Duvall, Mr. Baddourah, Ms. Plaugh, Ms. Devine and Mr. Davis. Mayor Benjamin voted nay.

Councilor Devine announced that the Housing Authority's Annual Wall of Fame Ceremony will be held tomorrow and Deputy Police Chief Melron Kelly and Lieutenant Vandell McCary are being inducted.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager asked Council to rescind the motion to adopt Item 19, because we were experiencing technical difficulties.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted six (6) to one (1) to rescind the motion to give second reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2016-019 – Authorizing the issuance and sale by the City of Columbia, South Carolina, of its not exceeding \$11,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, in one or more series, or one or more bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation thereof, for the purpose of funding various capital projects; fixing the form and details of the bonds or notes; authorizing the Mayor, the City Manager and the Assistant City Manager for Finance and Economic Services, or any two of them acting together, to determine certain matters relating to the bonds or notes; providing for the payment of the bonds or notes and the disposition of the proceeds thereof; and other matters relating thereto, with the following amendment to Section 22: *The Council previously adopted Resolution No. 2015-077, on August 18, 2015 (the "Reimbursement Resolution"), to declare the City's official intent to reimburse itself for certain expenditures related to the Bull Street Project for federal tax purposes, from the proceeds of tax-exempt debt issued by or on behalf of the City (defined in the Reimbursement Resolution as the "Bonds"). The Council hereby amends the definition of "Bonds" in Section 1 of the Reimbursement Resolution to delete the text " , including but not limited to installment purchase revenue bonds" therefrom and as the term may be used throughout the Reimbursement Resolution.* Voting aye were Mr. McDowell, Mr. Duvall, Ms. Plaugh, Ms. Devine, Mr. Davis and Mayor Benjamin. Mr. Baddourah voted nay.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to add the following additional language to Section 22 of Ordinance 2016-019: *The Council previously adopted Resolution No. 2015-077, on August 18, 2015 (the “Reimbursement Resolution”), to declare the City’s official intent to reimburse itself for certain expenditures related to the Bull Street Project for federal tax purposes, from the proceeds of tax-exempt debt issued by or on behalf of the City (defined in the Reimbursement Resolution as the “Bonds”). The Council hereby amends the definition of “Bonds” in Section 1 of the Reimbursement Resolution to delete the text “, including but not limited to installment purchase revenue bonds” therefrom and as the term may be used throughout the Reimbursement Resolution.*

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted five (5) to two (2) to give second reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2016-019 – Authorizing the issuance and sale by the City of Columbia, South Carolina, of its not exceeding \$11,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, in one or more series, or one or more bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation thereof, for the purpose of funding various capital projects; fixing the form and details of the bonds or notes; authorizing the Mayor, the City Manager and the Assistant City Manager for Finance and Economic Services, or any two of them acting together, to determine certain matters relating to the bonds or notes; providing for the payment of the bonds or notes and the disposition of the proceeds thereof; and other matters relating thereto, with the following amendment to Section 22: *The Council previously adopted Resolution No. 2015-077, on August 18, 2015 (the “Reimbursement Resolution”), to declare the City’s official intent to reimburse itself for certain expenditures related to the Bull Street Project for federal tax purposes, from the proceeds of tax-exempt debt issued by or on behalf of the City (defined in the Reimbursement Resolution as the “Bonds”). The Council hereby amends the definition of “Bonds” in Section 1 of the Reimbursement Resolution to delete the text “, including but not limited to installment purchase revenue bonds” therefrom and as the term may be used throughout the Reimbursement Resolution.* Voting aye were Mr. McDowell, Mr. Duvall, Ms. Devine, Mr. Davis and Mayor Benjamin. Voting nay were Mr. Baddourah and Ms. Plaugh.

APPEARANCE OF THE PUBLIC

No one appeared at this time.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 9:33 p.m. for the discussion of **Item 4** and **Item 5** as outlined on the Work Session Agenda.

Council adjourned the meeting at 10:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Moore
City Clerk