



COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2025

The Columbia City Council will conduct a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. at City Hall (Council Chambers), 1737 Main Street, Third Floor, Columbia, SC 29201. Members of the public may view the meeting online at www.columbiasc.gov. Please contact the City Clerk's Office at (803)545-3045 or cityclerk@columbiasc.gov if you have questions regarding this meeting.

The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor
The Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr., District II ▪ The Honorable William Brennan, District III ▪ The Honorable Aditi Bussells, At-Large ▪ The Honorable Tina N. Herbert, District I
The Honorable Peter M. Brown, District IV ▪ The Honorable Tyler D. Bailey, At-Large

CALL TO ORDER

EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 2:00 P.M.

1. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements pursuant to S. C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2)
 - *Transit Center*
2. Receipt of legal advice relating to matters covered by attorney-client privilege pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2)
 - *Ordinance No.: 2025-055 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 15, Parks and Recreation, Sec. 15-5 User Fees*
3. Receipt of legal advice relating to a pending, threatened or potential claim pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2)
 - *Elias F. Naassan v. City of Columbia (2024-CP-40-01736)*
 - *Estate of Muller v. City of Columbia v. Irmo Fire District (2025-CP-40-02870)*
 - *Stanley Smith, et al. v. City of Columbia (2021-CP-40-01317)*

REGULAR MEETING AT 4:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION



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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

PUBLIC INPUT

Individuals are allotted up to three minutes to address City Council about items on the agenda. Items requiring a public hearing cannot be addressed at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4. Council is asked to approve the September 16, 2025 Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes.

PRESENTATIONS

5. Special Recognition - Mr. William "Skip" Holbrook, Police Chief / Columbia Police Department
6. Latino-Hispanic Business Day Proclamation - The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor
7. Customer Services Week Proclamation - The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor
8. Fire Safety Month Proclamation - The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor
9. National Community Planning Month Proclamation - The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor
10. Black Expo Update - Mr. Darrin Thomas, President of Thomas Media Group, LLC

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 11 THROUGH 28

11. Council is asked to approve the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Contract Renewal for services related to the retention of Military Personnel, Services and Operations located at Fort Jackson, as requested by the Economic Development Department on August 26, 2025. Award to the Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$53,500.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC.

Funding Source: Economic Development - Special Projects (5518419-638500). The original budget amount is \$53,500.00.



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12. Council is asked to approve the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Contract Renewal for Professional Services for Improvement and Operational Services within the Downtown Business Improvement, as requested by the Economic Development Department on August 26, 2025. Award to the City Center Partnership in the amount of \$70,000.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC.

Funding Source: Economic Development - Special Contracts (5511301-638300). The original budget amount is \$70,000.00.

13. Council is asked to approve a new Contract for Utilities and Operations at the Recovery Community Center at Hope Plaza, as requested by the Homeless Services Department on September 26, 2025. Award to Christ Central Ministries, Inc., in the amount of \$87,800.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC.

Funding Source: Rapid Shelter Homeless - Special Contracts (1014501-638300) \$87,800.00. The original budget amount is \$87,800.00. This contract is funded through the South Carolina Opioid Recovery Fund.

14. Council is asked to approve the Contract Renewal for Emergency Notification System Services, as requested by Columbia-Richland 911 Communications on September 2, 2025. Award to Everbridge Systems, in the amount of \$115,565.03. The term of the contract is October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC.

Funding Source: City of Columbia - Maintenance and Cloud Based Software Solutions (1012701-632170) \$57,782.52; Richland County - Maintenance and Cloud Based Software Solutions (2082702-632170) \$57,782.51. The original budget amount is \$115,565.03.

15. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Globe Turnout Gear, as requested by the Columbia Fire Department on September 16, 2025. Award to Newton Fire and Safety Equipment, Inc. using the HGAC Cooperative Contract in the amount of \$390,420.00. This vendor is located in Graham, NC.

Funding Source: City of Columbia - Fire Suppression- Safety Clothing and Supplies (1012303-625900) \$156,168.00; Richland County - Fire Administration - Safety Clothing and Supplies (2082301-625900) \$234,252.00. The original budget amount is \$390,420.00.



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16. Council is asked to approve a new Contract for Uniform Apparel and Floor Mat Rental Services, as requested by several City Departments on September 15, 2025. Award to UniFirst Corporation using the Sourcewell Cooperative Contract in an amount not to exceed \$422,328.72. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed with an end date nine (9) months from commencement and the option to renew for four (4) additional one-year periods. This vendor is located in Lexington, SC.

Funding Source: Supplies - Uniforms and Clothing (6208956-624100). The original budget amount is \$422,328.72.

17. Council is asked to approve new Sole Source Contracts for several City Departments. Award to multiple vendors in the total amount of \$622,710.00. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed with an end date on June 30, 2026 and the option to renew for one (1) additional one-year period.

Item	Vendor and Location	Description	Amount
a.	Transworld, Inc. North Charleston, SC	De-Energizing Testing for the Lake Murray Water Treatment Plant, as requested by Columbia Water on September 5, 2025.	\$57,750.00
<i>Funding Source: Utilities Lake Murray Water Treatment Plant – Maintenance and Service Contract (5516207-638200). The original budget amount is \$57,750.00.</i>			
b.	Keefer Engineering, LLC Columbia, SC	Concurrent Sewer Assessment and Rehabilitation (CSAR-AI) Investigation and Rehabilitation Pilot program, as requested by Columbia Water on September 17, 2025.	\$462,000.00
<i>Funding Source: Water and Sewer Capital Projects – Concurrent Sewer Assessment and Rehabilitation Investigation and Rehabilitation – Capital Project Costs. The original budget amount is \$462,000.00.</i>			
c.	G & I Security Company, LLC Columbia, SC	Security Services, as requested by the Homeless Services Department on September 25, 2025.	\$102,960.00
<i>Funding Source: Rapid Shelter Homeless – Special Contracts (1014501-638300). The original budget amount is \$102,960.00. This contract is funded through the South Carolina Opioid Recovery Fund.</i>			
Total			\$622,710.00



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18. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of Vehicles for several City Departments, as requested by the Fleet Services Division. Award to multiple vendors using the North Carolina Sheriff's Association Cooperative Contract and South Carolina State Contract in the total amount of \$791,775.00.

Item	Vendor	Vehicles	Procurement Method	Amount
a.	Versalift North Carolina, LLC dba Versalift Southeast Burlington, NC	One (1) 2024 Ford F-600 Versalift Aerial Truck for the Fleet Services Division, as requested on September 5, 2025.	North Carolina Sheriffs' Contract #26-10-0422	\$190,770.00
<i>Funding Source: Capital Replacement - Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment-Capital (6308972-658500). The original budget amount is \$190,770.00.</i>				
b.	AllSource Enterprises, LLC dba Safe Industries Piedmont, SC	One (1) Rehab Rescue Truck for the Columbia Fire Department, as requested on September 10, 2025.	North Carolina Sheriffs' Contract #FES24-03-Commercial Heavy Rescue	\$534,435.00
<i>Funding Source: Capital Replacement - Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment-Capital (6308972-658500). The original budget amount is \$534,435.00.</i>				
c.	COS Chevrolet, LLC dba Hendrick Chevrolet Charlotte, NC	Two (2) 2026 Chevrolet Equinox LT for the Wastewater Treatment Plant, as requested on September 4, 2025.	SC State Contract #4400037566	\$66,570.00
<i>Funding Source: Wastewater Compliance - Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment-Capital (5516231-658500). The original budget amount is \$66,570.00.</i>				
Total				\$791,775.00



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19. Council is asked to approve a new Professional Services Contract for Project SS7664; Project Management and Oversight Services for Capital Improvement Projects and Operations and Maintenance Projects, as requested by Columbia Water on July 7, 2025. Award to Michael Baker International, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed with an end date two (2) years from commencement and the option to renew for one (1) additional one-year period. This contractor is located in Columbia, SC.

Funding Source: Engineering Wastewater Systems Improvement - Professional Services (5516221-636600). The original budget amount is \$150,000.00.

20. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of a new Hydraulic Elevator at the Lake Murray Water Treatment Plant, as requested by Columbia Water on August 28, 2025. Award to TK Elevator Corporation using the OMNIA Cooperative Contract in the amount of \$211,375.71. This vendor is located in Atlanta, GA.

Funding Source: Water and Sewer Capital Projects - Lake Murray Water Treatment Plant Elevator Upgrade - Capital Project Costs (5529999-WM488001-658650). The original budget amount is \$211,375.71.

21. Council is asked to approve a new Construction Contract for Project SS6786; Sanitary Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation Annual Maintenance Contract, as requested by Columbia Water on May 12, 2025. Award to Vortex Services, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$2,298,725.00. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed with an end date one (1) year from commencement with the option to renew for three (3) one-year periods. This contractor is located in Greenville, SC.

Funding Source: Water and Sewer Capital Projects - Annual Gravity Sewer Manhole Lining - Capital Project Costs (5529999-SS678626-658650). The original budget amount is \$2,298,725.00.

Vortex Services, LLC, will provide rock removal and subcontractor coordination services at 80.10% (\$1,841,278.73) of the total contract amount.

The following subcontractors will provide additional services:

ProCoat, Inc. a Minority Business Enterprise (W), located in Winston Salem, NC, will provide manhole rehabilitation services at 2.20% (\$50,571.95) of the total contract amount.



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Keefner Engineering, LLC, a Minority Business Enterprise (W), located in Lexington, SC, will provide manhole inspection services at 9.80% (\$225,275.05) of the total contract amount.

D.E. Walker Construction, Co., located in Charlotte, NC, will provide open cut manhole services at 7.90% (\$181,599.27) of the total contract amount.

22. ANNEXATION, FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 3404 Two Notch Road, 3422 Two Notch Road, and 1138 Head Street, TMS# 14102-06-23

Ordinance No.: 2025-074 - Annexing 3404 Two Notch Road, 3422 Two Notch Road, and 1138 Head Street, Richland County TMS # 14102-06-23 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map

Proposal: Request to annex the property, assign the land use classification of Community Activity Corridor (AC-2) and assign zoning of Community Activity Center/Corridor District (CAC) for a pending annexation. The property is currently classified as Mixed Residential (High Density) and zoned General Commercial (GC) by Richland County.

Council District: 2

Applicant: Joseph McDougall

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 08/14/2025; Approval (5-0)

First reading approval was given on September 16, 2025.



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23. ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for Portion of 151 Clemson Road, TMS# 25705-07-27 (portion)

Ordinance No.: 2025-075- Amending the Official Zoning Map to modify the zoning for portion of 151 Clemson Road, Richland County TMS # 25705-07-27 (portion)

Proposal: Request to rezone the property from Mixed Use District (MU-2) to Mixed Use District (MU-2), Outdoor Advertising Sign Overlay District (OV-OAS) to allow an outdoor advertising (billboard) sign.

Council District: 4

Applicant: Mason Sullivan, Lamar Advertising of Columbia

Staff Recommendation: Denial

PC Recommendation: 08/14/2025; Approval (4-2)

First reading approval was given on September 16, 2025.

24. Amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance to include 2608 Cardinal Street, TMS#09114-02-24, as a Type 3 Landmark

Ordinance No.: 2025-073 - Amending the Unified Development Ordinance of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Appendix C: Type 3 Landmarks

Proposal: Amend the Unified Development Ordinance, Chapter 17, Appendix C: Type 3 Landmarks to establish the property as a City of Columbia Landmark.

Council District: 1

Applicant: Andrew Livengood, Zoning Administrator, Planning & Development Services

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 08/14/2025; Approval (5-0)

D/DRC Recommendation: 08/21/2025; Approval (6-0)

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25. Ordinance No.: 2025-071 - Approval for Conveyance of Tract 15 (0.078 Acre) Being a Portion of the Columbia Northeast Fire & Police Station located at 446 Spears Creek Church Road to the South Carolina Department of Transportation for Spears Creek Church Road Widening Project; Richland County TMS#25700-02-15 (Portion); CF#250-669

First reading approval was given on September 16, 2025.

26. Ordinance No.: 2025-072 - Amending the Business License Ordinance of the City of Columbia to update the class schedule as required by Act 176 of 2020

First reading approval was given on September 16, 2025.

27. Ordinance No.: 2025-076 - Authorizing the City of Columbia, South Carolina, to execute and deliver an equipment lease purchase agreement in the amount of not exceeding \$4,000,000 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 September 16, 2025.

28. Ordinance No.: 2025-077 - Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Leases for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program/Housing and Urban Development Flood Properties Acquired through the FEMA Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act for 1651 Roslyn Drive

First reading approval was given on September 16, 2025.

PUBLIC HEARING - ORDINANCE FIRST READING

29. Ordinance No.: 2025-055 - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 15, Parks and Recreation, Sec. 15-5 User Fees

PUBLIC HEARING - RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMIT DISTRICT

30. Resolution No.: R-2025-069 - Designating Hollywood/Rosehill Neighborhood a Residential Parking Permit District



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ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

31. Ordinance No.: 2025-080 - Approval for Granting an Easement to Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. along Circleview Road and a portion of city-owned property located on the southwestern side of Circleview Road for the Lower Crane Creek Equalization Storage Facility and Pump Station; Richland County TMS#07414-04-01 and between TMS#07414-04 & TMS#09203-01; CIP Project #SS7560; CF#250-673

RESOLUTIONS

32. Resolution No.: R-2025-063 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute the Bull and Elmwood Relocation Services and Other Work in Progress Agreement between the City of Columbia and Dominion Energy South Carolina Inc.
33. Resolution No.: R-2025-070 - Approving the Installation of the Lincoln Street Tunnel North Entrance Mural Project

Endorsed by the Arts, Historic Preservation & Philanthropy Committee on September 23, 2025.

EVENT RESOLUTIONS

34. Resolution No.: R-2025-065 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at Devine Night Out at the 2700, 2800, and 2900 blocks of Devine Street on Thursday, November 13, 2025
35. Resolution No.: R-2025-067 - Authorizing consumption of beer, wine, and liquor at NEON Joy in Five Points on 747 Saluda Avenue, the perimeter around the Fountain Plaza and 727 Harden Street Parking Lot on Friday, November 21, 2025
36. Resolution No.: R-2025-068 - Authorizing consumption of beer, wine, and liquor at Vista Lights Annual Holiday Festival on Thursday, November 20, 2025

APPOINTMENTS

37. Council is asked to approve the appointment of Ms. Cherlyn Borjes as a full-time Municipal Court Judge for a four-year term effective October 25, 2025.



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CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS, REFERRALS AND NEW BUSINESS

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ADJOURNMENT