



Columbia City Council Regular Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, September 1, 2026 at 4:00 PM

City Hall • Council Chambers

1737 Main Street, 3rd Floor, Columbia, SC 29201

City Clerk's Office: (803)545-3045 or cityclerk@columbiasc.gov

The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor

The Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr. • The Honorable William Brennan

The Honorable Tina N. Herbert, Mayor Pro-Tempore • The Honorable Peter M. Brown

The Honorable Tyler D. Bailey • The Honorable Sam P. Johnson

Call to Order

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Adoption of the Agenda

Public Input

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

Approval of Minutes

1. Council is asked to approve the August 18, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Presentations

2. Community Partnership & Public Service Recognition Initiative — Mr. Mykle Bowman, ASC Management Group

Consent Agenda Items 3 through 18

3. Council is asked to authorize the City Manager to Purchase DataGard - Backup and Disaster Recovery and Cloud Backup Services, as requested by the Information Technology Department on July 20, 2026. Award to VC3, Inc., using The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) Cooperative Contract in the amount of \$204,960.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC.

Funding Source: Information Technology - Maintenance and Service Contract (1011120-638200). The original budget amount is \$204,960.00.
4. Council is asked to authorize the City Manager to approve the Purchase of Vehicles/Heavy Equipment for several City Divisions, as requested by the Fleet Services Division. Award to multiple vendors using the South Carolina State Contract and Sourcwell Cooperative Contract in the total amount of \$699,308.73.



Item	Vendor & Location	Description	Procurement Method	Funding Source	Amount
a.	COS Chevrolet, LLC dba Hendrick Chevrolet Charlotte, NC	One (1) 2026 Chevrolet 3500HD Crew Cab Truck for the Wastewater Management Division, as requested on July 17, 2026.	South Carolina State Contract #4400037566	Utilities Wastewater Maintenance — Heavy Equipment—Capital (5516205-658500). The original budget amount is \$65,340.00.	\$65,340.00
b.	Dick Smith Ford, Inc. Columbia, SC	One (1) 2027 Ford F350XL Regular Cab Truck for the Street Division, as requested on July 16, 2026.	South Carolina State Contract #4400035139	Streets—Water and Sewer Repair — Heavy Equipment—Capital (5513202-658500). The original budget amount is \$54,325.00.	\$54,325.00
c.	Dick Smith Ford, Inc. Columbia, SC	Three (3) 2027 Ford F250XL SuperCab Trucks for Water Distribution, as requested on July 15, 2026.	South Carolina State Contract #4400035139	Utilities Water Distribution and Maintenance — Heavy Equipment—Capital (5516203-658500). The original budget amount is \$158,820.00.	\$158,820.00
d.	National Auto Fleet Group Watsonville, CA	One (1) 2027 Western Star Dump Truck for Water Distribution, as requested on July 14, 2026.	Sourcwell Contract #032824-NAF	Utilities Water Distribution and Maintenance — Heavy Equipment—Capital (5516203-658500). The original budget amount is \$260,581.00.	\$260,581.00
e.	Infrastructure Solutions Group, Inc. Mechanicsville, VA	One (1) Brinex Advantage Brine Maker Tank for the Street Division, as requested on July 28, 2026.	Sourcwell Contract #031423-HPI	Capital Replacement — Machinery and Equipment—Capital (6308972-658300). The original budget amount is \$160,242.73.	\$160,242.73
Total					\$699,308.73



5. Council is asked to authorize the City Manager to approve a Grant Agreement to provide business development services, as requested by the Office of Business Opportunities on August 6, 2026. Award to DESA, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00. The initial term of the agreement will take effect upon execution of agreement with an end date twelve (12) months from commencement. This firm is located in Columbia, SC.

Funding Source: Public Services Administration - Professional Services (5511109-636600). The original budget amount is \$300,000.00.

Endorsed by the Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee on August 25, 2026.

6. Council is asked to authorize the City Manager to enter into Supplemental Agreement No. 4 to Memorandum of Agreement 43-20, Capital Improvement Project WM4422/SS7460; Carolina Crossroads Water and Sewer Relocations, Phase 3A; SCDOT (Water/Sewer Utility Conflicts), as requested by and awarded to the South Carolina Department of Transportation at no cost to the City.

7. Council is asked to authorize the City Manager to enter into a new Professional Services Contract for Project WM4924; Brentwood Court Waterline Relocation Project, as requested by Columbia Water on June 29, 2026. Award to Hazen and Sawyer, in an amount not to exceed \$139,010.00. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed with an end date three (3) years from commencement and the option to renew for two (2) additional one (1) year periods. This firm is located in Columbia, SC.

Funding Source: Water and Sewer Capital Projects — Brentwood Court Waterline Relocation - Capital Project Costs (552999-WM492401-658650). The original budget amount is \$139,010.00.

This is a Mentor Protégé Program project. Hazen and Sawyer is the mentor and will provide design plans and specifications at 75.90% (\$105,510.00) of the total contract amount.

DESA, Inc., located in Columbia, SC, a Minority Business Enterprise (W) is the protégé and will provide construction observation, and administration services at 24.10% (\$33,500.00) of the total contract amount.

8. Council is asked to authorize the City Manager to enter into a new Construction Contract for Project WM4862; Water Main Extension from Howell Court to the Public Works Facility located at 2910 Colonial Drive, as requested by Columbia Water on July 23, 2026. Award to GH Smith Construction, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$81,755.80, which includes contingency. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed with an end date one hundred twenty (120) days from commencement. This contractor is located in Columbia, SC.

Funding Source: Water and Sewer Capital Projects — Water Main Extension from Howell Court to Public Works — Capital Project Costs (5529999-WM486201-658650). The original budget amount is \$81,755.80.

This is a Mentor Protégé Program project. GH Smith Construction, Inc. is the mentor and will provide water line installation and project oversight services at 51.71%



(\$36,760.60) of the total contract amount.

Smoak Construction, LLC, a Minority Business Enterprise (W) located in Little Mountain, SC, is the protégé and will provide onsite work, cleanup, safety control, and inspection services at 20.00% (\$14,218.40) of the total contract amount.

The following subcontractor will provide additional services and/or materials:

Staline Waterworks, Inc., located in Columbia, SC, will provide pipe, valves, and fittings supply materials at 28.29% (\$20,113.00) of the total contract amount.

9. Council is asked to authorize the City Manager to enter into new Sole Source Contracts for several City Departments. Award to multiple vendors, in the total amount of \$182,547.95. The initial term of the contracts will take effect upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed with an end date on June 30, 2027 and the option to renew for one additional one-year period.

Item	Vendor & Location	Description	Funding Source	Amount
a.	Transworld, Inc. North Charleston, SC	De-Energized Testing at the Canal Water Treatment Plant, as requested on July 17, 2026.	Utilities Columbia Canal Water Treatment Plant - Special Contracts (5516206-638300). The original budget amount is \$91,999.80.	\$91,999.80
b.	Templeton and Associates Equipment Sales, Inc. Suwanee, GA	Purchase of a Vaughan Model Suction Chopper Pump and Rebuild of an existing pump for the Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant, as requested on July 20, 2026.	Utilities Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant - Meters, Parts, and Supplies (5516208-625600) \$24,985.43; Machinery and Equipment-Capital (658300) \$59,562.72; Equipment Repair/Service Supply (631800) \$6,000.00; The original budget amount is \$90,548.15.	\$90,548.15
Total				\$182,547.95

10. Council is asked to authorize the City Manager to enter into a new Professional Services Contract for Project SS6911; Sanitary Sewer Root Control, as requested by Columbia Water on April 28, 2026. Award to Duke's Root Control, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$663,829.00. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed with an end date one hundred eighty-three (183) days from commencement. This firm is located in Elgin, IL.

Funding Source: Utilities Wastewater Maintenance - Professional Services (5516205-636600). The original budget amount is \$663,829.00.

11. Ordinance No.: 2026-065 — Granting an encroachment to Lady Street Associates for the use of the right of way areas of the 1200 block of Marion Street and the 1300 block of Gervais Street for the installation and maintenance of sidewalks and irrigation adjacent to 1331 Gervais Street, Richland County TMS# 11401-03-03 and



11401-03-07

First reading approval was given on August 18, 2026.

12. Ordinance No.: 2026-068 — Granting an encroachment to 836 Catawba LLC for the use of the right of way area of the 800 block of Catawba Street for the installation and maintenance of sidewalks adjacent to 836 Catawba Street, Richland County TMS# 08913-06-01

First reading approval was given on August 18, 2026.

13. Ordinance No.: 2026-075 - Approval for Granting an Easement to Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. for the new Olympia Fire Station on Bluff Road; Richland County TMS#11204-02-06 and TMS#11204-02-34; CF#DPI-2025-06-0028

First reading approval was given on August 18, 2026.

14. Ordinance No.: 2026-076 — Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Office Lease Agreement between the City of Columbia and Huitzi The Bus Coffee Shop for office space located at 1401 Main Street

First reading approval was given on August 18, 2026.

15. Ordinance No.: 2026-078 - Removing certain County-owned real property located at 120 Clemson Road, Richland County TMS # R25608-01-38, from the corporate limits of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 5-3-285, and directing conforming revisions to the Official Zoning Map and Columbia Compass: Envision 2036

First reading approval was given on August 18, 2026.

16. ANNEXATION, FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for NX Shop Road Extension, TMS# 16200-01-24

Ordinance No.: 2026-036 - Annexing NX Shop Road Extension, Richland County TMS# 16200-01-24 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map Council District: 3

Proposal: Request to annex the properties and assign the land use classification of Industrial (IND) and assign the zoning of Light Industrial (LI) with portions in the Floodway Overlay District (OV-FW) and Floodplain Overlay District (OV-FP). The property is currently classified as Economic Development Center/Corridor and zoned Light Industrial (M-1) by Richland County.

Owner/Applicant: Josephine Forrester Laney / Mark James, Cypress Development Partners, LLC

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 04/09/2026; Approval (7-0)



First reading approval was given on May 19, 2026.

17. ANNEXATION, FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 551 Spears Creek Church Road and N/S Spears Creek Road, TMS# 25715-05-02 and 25715-05-01

Ordinance No.: 2026-062 — Annexing 551 Spears Creek Church Road and N/S Spears Creek Road, Richland County TMS# 25715-05-02 and 25715-05-01 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map

Council District: 4

Plan Number: ANNEX-2026-0013

Proposal: Request to annex the properties and assign the land use classification of Urban Edge Community Activity Center (UEAC-1) and assign the zoning of Planned Development District (PD) for a pending annexation. The property is currently classified as Neighborhood (Medium Density) and zoned Planned Development (PD) by Richland County.

Owner/Applicant: Tulane, LLC / Duffy Beal, OnPoint Partners

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 07/09/2026; Approval (9-0)

First reading approval was given on August 18, 2026.

18. ANNEXATION, FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 4116 Farrow Road, TMS# 11606-05-33

Ordinance No.: 2026-064 - Annexing 4116 Farrow Road, Richland County TMS # 11606-05-33 into the City of Columbia, South Carolina, and Incorporating said property into Columbia Compass: Envision 2036 and the Official Zoning Map

Council District: 2

Plan Number: ANNEX-2026-0012

Proposal: Request to annex the properties and assign the land use classification of Urban Core Neighborhood Activity Center (UCAC-1) and assign the zoning of Neighborhood Activity Center / Corridor District (NAC) for a pending annexation. The property is currently classified as Mixed Residential (High Density) and zoned General Commercial (GC) by Richland County.

Applicant: Chris Leevy Johnson, Leevy Johnson Funeral Home Inc.

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 07/09/2026; Approval (9-0)



First reading approval was given on August 18, 2026.

Ordinances - Second Reading

19. Ordinance No.: 2026-077 — An ordinance to establish a temporary moratorium on residential intensification of two-, three-, and four-family dwellings, on the expansion of vehicular use area, and on the conversion or demolition-replacement of single-family detached dwellings within the neighborhood areas depicted in Exhibit A, pending consideration of amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance; to provide for findings, exemptions, a sunset date, and severability; and for other purposes

First reading approval was given on August 18, 2026.

Zoning / Planning Matters - First Reading

20. ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 513 S. Saluda Avenue TMS# 11212-05-03

Ordinance No.: 2026-059 - Amending the Official Zoning Map to modify the zoning for 513 S. Saluda Avenue, Richland County TMS# 11212-05-03

Council District: 3

Proposal: Request to rezone the property from Employment Campus District in the Airport Safety Overlay District (EC, OV-A) to Residential Mixed District in the Airport Safety Overlay District (RM-2, OV-A).

Applicant: Dallas Massey, Massey Holdings, LLC

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 6/11/2026; Rec. Approval (7-0)

The public hearing was held on July 21, 2026.

21. AMENDMENT TO THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE for Reestablishment of Nonconforming Non-Depository Personal Credit Institutions

Ordinance No.: 2026-039 — Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Article 7: Nonconformities, Sec. 17-7.2. Nonconforming Uses

Proposal: Request recommendation to amend the Unified Development Ordinance, Chapter 17 - Article 7: Nonconformities, Sec. 17-7.2. Nonconforming Uses, to allow the re-establishment of nonconforming non-depository personal credit institutions on the same parcel, subject to conditions.

Applicant: Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor

Staff Recommendation: Council Sponsored



PC Recommendation: 6/11/2026; Recommend Denial (7-0)

The public hearing was held on July 21, 2026.

Ordinances - First Reading

22. Ordinance No.: 2026-069 - Consenting to the Inclusion of Property in a Multi-County Industrial/Business Park (Project Stoa TMS # R05000-04-40; R05003-01-18; R05000-04-47; R05000-04-45, R05000-04-19; R05000-04-20)

Endorsed by the Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee on August 4, 2026.
23. Ordinance No.: 2026-079 — Authorizing the City of Columbia, South Carolina, to execute and deliver an Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement in the amount of not exceeding \$15,000,000 between the City and the lessor thereof to defray the cost of acquiring certain equipment; and other matters relating thereto
24. Ordinance No.: 2026-080 - An Ordinance Granting a Nonexclusive Franchise to PBT Communications, Inc., d/b/a Comporium for the Construction, Operation and Maintenance of Telecommunications Facilities in the City of Columbia, South Carolina

Resolutions

25. Resolution No.: R-2026-058 - Authorizing Release and Abandonment of a Portion of the City's Existing 15' Water Easement along Richland County TMS#14400-01-01A for the new South Carolina Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Treatment Facility near Beckman Road and Faison Drive; CF#13-E-84 & CF#DPI-2024-04-0027
26. Resolution No: R-2026-061 – Authorizing and approving the acceptance of certain loan assistance monies from the South Carolina Water Quality Revolving Fund Authority; authorizing the city manager to execute that certain loan assistance agreement between the City of Columbia and the South Carolina Water Quality Revolving Fund Authority, and other matters relating thereto, for the project named "Evaluation of Advanced Technologies for PFAS Removal."
27. Resolution No.: R-2026-062 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute a First Lease Amendment between the City of Columbia and Main Street Technologies, LLC for the lease of 1401 Main Street, Suite 200
28. Resolution No.: R-2026-063 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Third Lease Amendment between the City of Columbia and Executive Management and Leasing, Inc. for the lease of 1401 Main Street, Suite 670

Event Resolution Items

29. Resolution No.: R-2026-059 - Authorizing consumption of beer, wine, and liquor at Vista Lights presented by Prisma Health on Thursday, November 19, 2026
30. Resolution No.: R-2026-060 - Authorizing consumption of beer, wine, and liquor at



The Drop on Main at the 1600 block of Main Street between Taylor Street and Blanding Street on Thursday, December 31, 2026

Appointments

- 31. Central Midlands Council of Governments
- 32. Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority
- 33. Columbia Prepares Advisory Committee

City Council Committee Reports, Referrals and New Business

Public Input

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Adjournment