



Columbia City Council Regular Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, October 6, 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 September 15, 2026 Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes.

Presentations

2. Customer Service Week Proclamation — The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor
3. Fire Prevention Month Proclamation — The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor
4. National Community Planning Month Proclamation — The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, Mayor
5. National Recreation and Park Association Innovation in Park Design Award for Finlay Park — Mr. Henry Simons, Assistant City Manager for Operations and Mr. Kenya Bryant, Director of Parks and Recreation

Consent Agenda Items 6 through 27

6. Council is asked to approve the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 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.

Endorsed by the Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee on September 8, 2026.

7. Council is asked to authorize the City Manager to enter into an Annual Contract Renewal for Emergency Notification System Services, as requested by Columbia-Richland 911 Communications on August 18, 2026. Award to Everbridge, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$120,187.63. The term of the contract is from October 1, 2026 to September 30, 2027. This firm is located in Pasadena, CA.

Funding Source: City of Columbia-Emergency Communications / 311 - Maintenance and Service Contract (1012701-638200) \$60,093.81; Richland County-Emergency Communications - Maintenance and Service Contract (2082702-638200) \$60,093.82. The original budget amount is \$120,187.63.

8. Council is asked to authorize the City Manager to enter into an Annual Contract Renewal for Geographic Information System (GIS) Software License and Maintenance Services, as requested by the Information Technology Department on August 25, 2026. Award to Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc., using the South Carolina State Contract in the amount of \$120,300.00. The term of the contract is from December 20, 2026 to December 19, 2027. This vendor is located in Redlands, CA.

Funding Source: Geographic Information System - Maintenance and Service Contract (5511121-638200). The original budget amount is \$120,300.00.

9. Council is asked to authorize the City Manager to approve Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Funding for Auditing Services, as requested by the Finance Department on August 17, 2026. Award to Scott and Company, LLC, in the amount of \$137,500.00. The current term of the contract ends on August 7, 2028 with the option to renew for two (2) additional one-year periods. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC.

Funding Source: Accounting - Audit Costs (1011401-635600) \$68,750.00; Finance Water Administration - Audit Costs (5511409-635600) \$68,750.00. The original budget amount for year two is \$137,500.00.

10. Council is asked to authorize the City Manager to enter into Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Contract Renewal for NowCare Premium Support Services for Gate Equipment, as requested by the Parking Services Division on August 3, 2026. Award to Amano McGann, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$150,165.36. This firm is located in Charlotte, NC.

Funding Source: Parking Lady Street Deck - Maintenance and Service Contract (5313104-638200) \$37,541.34; Parking Sumter Street Deck - Maintenance and Service Contract (5313106-638200) \$37,541.34; Parking Park Street Deck - Maintenance and Service Contract (5313109-638200) \$37,541.34; Parking Lincoln Street Deck - Maintenance and Service Contract (5313112-638200) \$37,541.34. The current budget amount is \$150,165.36.



11. Council is asked to authorize the City Manager to Purchase Forty-Four (44) Thermal AttackPRO Imaging Cameras, as requested by the Columbia Fire Department on August 27, 2026. Award to Municipal Emergency Services, Inc., using the Sourcewell Cooperative Contract in the amount of \$133,768.80. This vendor is located in Sandy Hook, CT.

Funding Source: City of Columbia-Fire Suppression - Special Departmental Supplies (1012303-627100) \$45,117.00; Richland County-Fire Administration - Special Departmental Supplies (2082301-627100) \$88,651.80. The original budget amount is \$133,768.80.

12. Council is asked to authorize the City Manager to Purchase 2,496 Green 96-gallon Refuse Roll Carts, as requested by the Solid Waste Division on September 2, 2026. Award to Toter Incorporated, using the Omnia Partners Cooperative Contract in the amount of \$165,056.90. This vendor is located in Charlotte, NC.

Funding Source: Solid Waste Roll Carts - Roll Carts and Recycle Bins (1014401-627600). The original budget amount is \$165,056.90.

13. Council is asked to authorize the City Manager to Purchase Vehicles / Heavy Equipment, as requested by the Fleet Services Division. Award to multiple vendors using the South Carolina State Contract and Sourcewell Cooperative Contract in the amount of \$1,673,450.41.

Item	Description	Vendor & Location	Procurement Method	Funding Source	Amount
a.	One (1) CAT 914-14A Wheel Loader for the Solid Waste Division, as requested on August 12, 2026.	Blanchard Machinery Company West Columbia, SC	South Carolina State Contract #4400031291	Capital Replacement — Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment— Capital (6308972-658500). The original budget amount is \$200,554.25.	\$200,554.25
b.	Five (5) 2027 International MV607 Trash Hauling Trucks for the Solid Waste Division, as requested on August 18, 2026.	Carolina International Trucks, Inc. Columbia, SC	South Carolina State Contract #4400037441	Capital Replacement — Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment— Capital (6308972-658500). The original budget amount is \$680,728.20.	\$680,728.20
c.	One (1) 2027 Mack LR Dual Drive Truck for the Solid Waste Division, as requested on August 17, 2026.	Carolina Environmental Systems, Inc. Kernersville, NC	Sourcewell Contract #110-223-THC	Capital Replacement — Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment— Capital (6308972-658500). The original budget amount is	\$406,950.00

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d.	One (1) 2027 Peterbilt 520 Truck for the Solid Waste Division, as requested on August 18, 2026.	Hunter Truck Sales & Service, Inc. Smithfield, PA	Sourcewell Contract #032824-PMC	Capital Replacement — Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment— Capital (6308972-658500). The original budget amount is \$385,217.96.	\$385,217.96
Total					\$1,673,450.41

14. Council is asked to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement for Project WM4863; Arcadia Lakes Drive Dam Replacement at Coopers Pond Water Line Relocation (Water Utility Conflicts), as requested by and awarded to the South Carolina Department of Transportation at no cost to the City.
15. Council is asked to authorize the City Manager to enter into an Agreement for Project SS7562; Gills Creek Sewer Relief Encroachment Agreement, as requested by Columbia Water. Awarded to Norfolk Southern in the amount of \$78,706.00.
Funding Source: Gills Creek Sewer Relief - Capital Project Costs (5516221-658650). The original budget amount is \$78,706.00.
16. Council is asked to authorize the City Manager to approve Project WM485601; Pay Difference Agreement to upsize the proposed 8" water main to a 12" water main for Arbordale Phase 1, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Kelly Mill Development, LLC in the amount of \$92,615.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC.
Funding source: Water and Sewer Capital Projects - Capital Project Costs (5529999-WM485601-658650). The original budget amount is \$92,615.00.
17. Council is asked to authorize the City Manager to pay the final invoice for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Wet Well Cleaning Services at the Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant, as requested by Columbia Water on September 2, 2026. Award to EnviroWaste Services Group, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$90,947.85. The current term of the contract ended on June 30, 2026. This firm is located in Pineville, NC.
Funding Source: Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant - Maintenance & Service Contract (5516208-638200). The current budget amount is \$297,648.00. The expenditure amount for this payment is \$90,947.85. The revised budget amount is \$388,595.85.
18. Council is asked to authorize the City Manager to approve the Annual Fee for One-



Call Notification Services for Assistance with Locating Underground Utilities for the Water Distribution and Maintenance Division, as requested by Columbia Water on July 1, 2026. Award to Palmetto Utilities Protection Services (PUPS), Inc., dba South Carolina 811 (SC811), in the amount of \$113,826.60. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC.

Funding Source: Utilities Water Distribution and Maintenance - Membership and Dues (5516203-631400). The original budget amount is \$113,826.60.

19. Council is asked to authorize the City Manager to enter into a new Professional Services Contract for Project SS7678; Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant Influent Pump Station Rehabilitation Assessment and Design, as requested by Columbia Water on August 28, 2026. Award to AECOM Technical Services, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$253,000.00. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed with an end date eighteen (18) months from commencement and the option to renew for two (2) additional one-year periods. This firm is located in Columbia, SC.

Funding Source: Water & Sewer Capital Projects — Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant Influent Pump Station & Headworks — Capital Project Costs (552999-SS767801-658650). The original budget amount is \$253,000.00.

AECOM Technical Services, Inc., is the prime and will provide engineering and design services at 87.35% (\$221,000.00) of the total contract amount.

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

Howard Engineering, Inc., a Minority Business Enterprise (W), located in Columbia, SC, will provide electrical engineering services at 12.65% (\$32,000.00) of the total contract amount.

20. Council is asked to authorize the City Manager to enter into a new Professional Services Contract for Project SS7679; Wastewater Treatment Plant Train 1 Return Activated Sludge Pump Station Modification and Secondary Clarifier 5 Drain Repair, as requested by Columbia Water on August 28, 2026. Award to Highfill Infrastructure Engineering, P.C., in an amount not to exceed \$260,600.00. The initial term of the contract will take effect upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed with an end date fifteen (15) months from commencement and the option to renew for two (2) additional one-year periods. This firm is located in Columbia, SC.

Funding Source: Water & Sewer Capital Projects — Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant Train 1 Return Activated Sludge Primary Sludge & Secondary Clarifier — Capital Project Costs (5529999-SS767901-658650). The original budget amount is \$260,600.00.

This is a Mentor Protégé Program Protégé Only project. Highfill Infrastructure Engineering, P.C. is the protégé and will provide engineering design services at 79.47% (\$207,100.00) of the total contract amount.

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

Bunnell-Lammons Engineering, Inc., located in Columbia, SC, will provide geotechnical investigation services at 4.60% (\$12,000.00) of the total contract



amount.

Freese and Nichols, Inc., located in Forth Worth, TX, will provide data collection, cost estimates, and alternative analysis services at 14.20% (\$37,000.00) of the total contract amount.

Hussey, Gay, Bell, & Deyoung, Inc., located in Columbia, SC, will provide surveying services at 1.73% (\$4,500.00) of the total contract amount.

21. Council is asked to authorize the City Manager to enter into a new Sole Source Contract for Replacement Wear Shoes, Sprockets, and Coupling Kits for the Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant, as requested by Columbia Water on September 3, 2026. Award to Evoqua Water Technologies, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$298,126.40. The initial term of the contract 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. This vendor is located in Waukesha, WI.

Funding Source: Utilities Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant - Hardware and Building Material (5516208-623200) \$75,805.20; Utilities Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant - Machinery and Equipment-Capital (5516208-658300) \$222,321.20. The original budget amount is \$298,126.40.

22. Council is asked to authorize the City Manager to enter into Contract Amendment #6 for Project SS7617; Wastewater Collection Flow Monitoring Services, as requested by Columbia Water on September 10, 2026. Award to Woolpert, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$344,295.00. The current term of the contract ends on April 30, 2027. This firm is located in Columbia, SC.

Funding Source: Engineering Wastewater Systems Improvement - Professional Service (5516221-636600). The current budget amount is \$445,550.00. The budget amount for this amendment is \$344,295.00. The revised budget amount is \$789,845.00.

23. ZONING MAP AND TEXT AMENDMENT for 2359 Washington Street, Richland County TMS# 11411-02-06

Ordinance No: 2026-085 - Amending the Official Zoning Map to modify the zoning for 2359 Washington Street, Richland County TMS# 11411-02-06

Council District: 2

Proposal: Request to rezone the property from Residential Mixed District (RM-2) to Residential Mixed District (RM-2), Historic Preservation Overlay District (OV-HP, Individual Landmark, Type 2) and amend the Unified Development Ordinance, Chapter 17, Appendix B: Type 2 Landmarks to establish the property as a City of Columbia Landmark.

Applicant: Thomas Kennedy, Integrity Business Innovations, LLC

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 08/13/2026; Recommended Approval (7-0)



HPDRC Recommendation: 07/16/2026; Approved (4-0)

First reading approval was given on September 15, 2026.

24. ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 617 Richland Street, Richland County TMS# 09010-02-09

Ordinance No: 2026-086 - Amending the Official Zoning Map to modify the zoning for 617 Richland Street, Richland County TMS# 09010-02-09

Council District: 2

Plan Number: ZMA-2026-0011

Proposal: Request to rezone the property from Regional Activity Center/Corridor District (RAC) to Residential Mixed-District (RM-2); the property is in and will remain within the Downtown Columbia Overlay District (OV-DC)

Applicant: Tan Benson, United Real Estate

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 8/13/2026; Recommend Approval (7-0)

First reading approval was given on September 15, 2026.

25. ZONING MAP AMENDMENT for 4115, 4209 & 4210 N. Main Street, 1101 Duke Avenue, 900 & 1100 Wildwood Avenue, Parcel on Kinderway Avenue, 903, 910 & N/S Hillcrest Avenue, 4201 & W/S Arlington Street, Richland County TMS#s 09211-09-01, 09214-01-01, 02, -03 & -10, 09214-03-01, 09215-14-01, 09215-15-01 & -02, 09215-16-01, 09215-20-01 & -02, 09215-21-01, 09215-22-04, -05 & -06

Ordinance No: 2026 – 087 — Amending the Official Zoning Map to modify the zoning for 4115, 4209 & 4210 N. Main Street, 1101 Duke Avenue, 900 & 1100 Wildwood Avenue, Parcel on Kinderway Avenue, 903, 910 & N/S Hillcrest Avenue, 4201 & W/S Arlington Street, Richland County TMS#s 09211-09-01, 09214-01-01, 02, -03 & -10, 09214-03-01, 09215-14-01, 09215-15-01 & -02, 09215-16-01, 09215-20-01 & -02, 09215-21-01, 09215-22-04, -05 & -06

Council District: 1

Plan Number: ZMA-2026-0012

Proposal: Request to rezone the property from Planned Development District (PD), Residential Single Family Small-Lot District (RSF-3), and Community Activity Center/Corridor District (CAC) to Institutional – General District (INS-GEN), Neighborhood Activity Center/Corridor District (NAC), and Residential Mixed-District (RM-2); portions of the property are in, and will remain within, the Historic Preservation Overlay District (OV-HP; portions classified as Individual Landmark Type I and portions within Seminary Ridge Historic District) and the North Main Corridor Design Overlay District (OV-NMC)



Applicant: Lindsey Ott, Clear Dot Charter School

Staff Recommendation: Approval

PC Recommendation: 8/13/2026; Recommend Approval (7-0)

First reading approval was given on September 15, 2026.

26. Ordinance No.: 2026-081 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Contract for Sale and Purchase of Real Estate Agreement between the City of Columbia and Sellers Real Estate Holdings, LLC, a South Carolina limited liability company for the sale of 1507 Harden Street, Richland County TMS # R11407-10-10

First reading approval was given on September 15, 2026.

27. Ordinance No.: 2026-082 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Contract for Sale between the City of Columbia and RJL2 LLC, a South Carolina limited liability company for the sale of 2725 Main Street, Richland County TMS # R09110-12-02

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

First reading approval was given on September 15, 2026.

Ordinances - First Reading

28. Ordinance No.: 2026-088 - Granting an encroachment to 50 Year Storm LLC for the use of the right of way area of the 2400 block of Devine Street for the installation and maintenance of metal support light poles with suspended string lighting adjacent to 2414 Devine Street, Richland County TMS# 11312-06-04
29. Ordinance No.: 2026-089 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Contract of Sale between Latisha Miles-Hall and City of Columbia, South Carolina for the sale of 5236 Spalding Avenue, Columbia, SC 29203, Richland County TMS # 11705-16-04
30. Ordinance No.: 2026-090 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Contract of Sale between Deanna Mack and City of Columbia, South Carolina for the sale of 5240 Randall Avenue, Columbia, SC 29203, Richland County TMS # 11705-15-07

Resolutions

31. Resolution No.: R-2026-073 - Establishment of a City of Columbia Flag Display Policy
Endorsed by the Administrative Policy Committee on September 22, 2026.
32. Resolution No.: R-2026-064 - Authorizing Condemnation for Property Acquisition for CIP Project #SS7539 for Major Sewer Pipe Rehabilitation Project, (the Harden Street Rehabilitation Plan) at 2015 Greene Street, Richland County TMS# R11405-09-12
33. Resolution No.: R-2026-071 - Authorizing Condemnation for Easement Acquisition for CIP Project #SS7589-02 for the Broad River Sanitary Sewer Force Main Replacement & Gravity Sewer Capacity Improvements from I-20 to the Broad River



Pump Station; Richland County TMS#07411-03-08 (Sole Oriente, LLC) and TMS#07413-01-01 (Thomas C. Mann); CF#250-544

34. Resolution No.: R-2026-070 - Authorizing Release and Abandonment of a Portion of the City's Existing 15' Water Easement along Richland County TMS#20400-01-26 for the Lake Carolina Wal-Mart Store No. 2498; CF#202-07A & CF#DPO-2025-10-0080
35. Resolution No.: R-2026-076 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Columbia and Hometown Soccer Holdings, LLC for the development of a Major League Soccer affiliated Soccer Stadium
36. Resolution No.: R-2026-79 - Authorizing acceptance and transfer of property from TN Development Corporation and authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the transfer of Richland County TMS R11410-21-18, R11406-10-07, R11411-10-08, R11408-06-11, R11508-12-07, R11409-05-01, R11508-09-23, and R11409-06-23

Event Resolution Items

37. Resolution No.: R-2026-053 - Authorizing consumption of beer, wine, and liquor at the SC Pride Parade and Festival on the 1200, 1300, 1400, and 1500 blocks of Main Street on Friday, October 16, 2026 and Saturday, October 17, 2026
38. Resolution No.: R-2026-066 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at Artista Vista's Live on Lincoln in the 1200 block of Lincoln Street between Gervais Street and Lady Street on Sunday, April 18, 2027
39. Resolution No.: R-2026-067 - Authorizing consumption of beer, wine, and liquor at Yalloween – Y'all-Mart Open Air Flea Market at the 1200 block of Park Street on Sunday, October 18, 2026
40. Resolution No.: R-2026-074 - Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at Oktoberfest Columbia at 3005 Devine Street on Friday, October 9, 2026, Saturday, October 10, 2026, and Sunday, October 11, 2026

Appointments

41. Columbia Housing Board of Commissioners

City Council Committee Reports, Referrals and New Business

42. Council is asked to refer a proposal for taxi cab rate increases to the Administrative Policy Committee, as requested by City Administration.

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Adjournment