



COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2017

The Columbia City Council conducted a meeting on Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, 1101 Lincoln Street, Lexington Room B, Columbia, SC 29201. The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 4:25 p.m. and the following members of Council were present: The Honorable Sam Davis, The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine, The Honorable Howard E. Duvall, Jr., The Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr., and The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann. The Honorable Moe Baddourah was absent. Also present were Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Moore, City Clerk. This meeting was advertised in accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. *The minutes are numbered to coincide with the order of the meeting.*

INVOCATION

The Honorable Reverend Edward H. McDowell, Jr. offered the Invocation.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to amend the agenda by adding an Executive Session for the discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements pursuant to §30-4-70(a)(2) - Administrative Services Only Agreement with Cigna Health and Life Insurance Company.

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION / ACTION

1. Active & Pre-65 Retiree Health Care Plan Design Changes & Contribution Strategies - Ms. Pamela Benjamin, Human Resources Director

Mayor Benjamin explained that we asked AON to come back with a plan for design changes for open enrollment in 2018, but the haste to bring back a quick proposal has caused some concerns. We have a lot of work to do to deal with the rising health care costs in Columbia, across the State, and in the private sector. It's going to take more time to present a transparent process; therefore, we are not going to take any action tonight.

Councilor McDowell asked about setting time parameters.

Mayor Benjamin said we will need to send this to a committee to address these issues. I'd rather us take our time to get this right instead of hastening this process; we owe this to our active employees and pre-65 retirees.



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Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to table any action on the Active & Pre-65 Retiree Health Care Plan Design Changes and Contribution Strategies for future discussion and that it be placed on a work session agenda so that we can fully digest it, go through all of the numbers, and get participation from anybody that has a vested interest.

PUBLIC HEARING

2. Community Development DRAFT 2016 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) / Final Public Hearing - Ms. Gloria Saeed, Community Development Director

Ms. Gloria Saeed, Community Development Director presented the draft 2016 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER). She noted that the public comment period began on August 25, 2017 and will end on September 25, 2017. A public hearing was held on September 7, 2017. She reported that fiscal year 2016/2017 grant funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) was \$940,783.00; HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) was \$429,219.00; and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) was \$1,154,666.00. She said the City received \$2,564,668.00 in new funding through the three formula grants. She reported that HUD approved the CDBG Action Plan and as of June 30, 2016, the City received \$86,235.00 in federal disaster recovery funds. She highlighted the following accomplishments: provided grants to assist various neighborhoods with beautification, landscaping, signage, and parking improvements; helped eight (8) participants enroll in the IBA Program; started the Change-up Program through Customer Care; helped Bank-On Columbia provide financial counseling sessions to twenty-five (25) individuals; funded the City of Columbia Art Center in the amount of \$456,644.00; and completed nine (9) projects through the Façade Program. She also reported that HOME funds were used to complete two (2) housing projects totaling \$711,732.00.

Mayor Benjamin asked about the current fiscal year CBDG funds.

Ms. Gloria Saeed, Community Development Director said we haven't spent any money for the current fiscal year.

Council opened the Public Hearing at 4:44 p.m.

Mr. Harry Pugh expressed concerns about storm drainage and flooding in his neighborhood. He presented photos to the members of Council.



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Councilor Duvall gave his contact information to Mr. Pugh.

Council closed the Public Hearing at 4:47 p.m.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to accept the Community Development DRAFT 2016 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) for submission to the Department of Housing and Urban Development by September 29, 2017.

RESOLUTIONS

3. Resolution No.: R-2017-052 - Adopting a City Street and City Facilities Naming Policy - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2017-052 - Adopting a City Street and City Facilities Naming Policy.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 4:50 p.m. for the discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements pursuant to §30-4-70(a)(2) - Administrative Services Only Agreement with Cigna Health and Life Insurance Company.

Council adjourned the Executive Session at 5:58 p.m. to convene the Joint County/City Meeting.

The Joint County/City Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m. and City Council reconvened its meeting at 9:06 p.m.

4. Resolution No.: R-2017-098 - Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Letter of Intent and Administrative Services Only Agreement with Cigna Health and Life Insurance Company "CHLIC" for administration of the City of Columbia's employee health plan

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted five (5) to (1) to withdraw the City's Request for Proposals (RFP) and to start this process over. Voting aye were



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Mr. Rickenmann, Mr. Duvall, Ms. Devine, Mr. Davis, and Mayor Benjamin. Mr. McDowell voted nay.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Moore, CMC
City Clerk