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**RESOLUTON NO.: R-2026-082**

*Providing funds to CEZ, Inc. for support of The Station at Congaree Pointe*

WHEREAS, the state of South Carolina allocated Four million and 00/100 ($4,000,000) Dollars to the City of Columbia to improve Bluff Rd / Atlas Rd area, and;

WHEREAS, the funds are to be used to help develop a Quality of Life and Quality of Place Project that provides access to fresh food / health care / entrepreneurship development / socialization / Public safety, and;

WHEREAS, the CEZ, Inc. was established in 2008 and has assisted in the removal of blight, development of programs and projects in workforce development, small business development, business retention and expansion and affordable housing in all areas of Columbia, and;

WHEREAS, CEZ, Inc. supports the City's Compass Plan that envisions "basic commercial amenities that promote community livability and target areas lacking these amenities with City programs," and;

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia and Columbia Empowerment Zone, Inc. (CEZ, Inc.) recognizes that "gateway and corridor improvement projects present an opportunity to provide amenities that support multimodal transportation and livability, thereby having a tremendous impact on the economic viability of the corridors and surrounding neighborhoods", and;

WHEREAS, CEZ, Inc. has identified a 23-acre parcel of land located on Bluff Road Corridor and CEZ, Inc. has the property is suitable for The Station at Congaree Pointe, and;

WHEREAS, the City supports CEZ, Inc. in proceeding to develop The Station at Congaree Pointe wherein the City, will allocate funds received from the State of South Carolina for The Station at Congaree Pointe to CEZ, Inc. for development and construction activities funded via the state allocation, NOW THEREFORE;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbia, this 20th day of October, 2026 that the City Manager is hereby authorized on a form approved by the City Attorney between the City and CEZ, Inc., that commits the City to provide CEZ, Inc. the funds allocated by the State of South Carolina for The Station at Congaree Pointe which shall be used for project development activities.

Requested by:

Jeff Palen, Assistant City Manager

Mayor



Approved by:

City Manager

Approved as to form:

City Attorney

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Introduced: 10/20/2026
Final Reading: 10/20/2026